

1 Corinthians 13:4,8 (NKJV)



Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy; love does not boast, is not proud; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not quick-tempered, is not easily provoked, does not think evil, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love, however, is eternal and will never fail.

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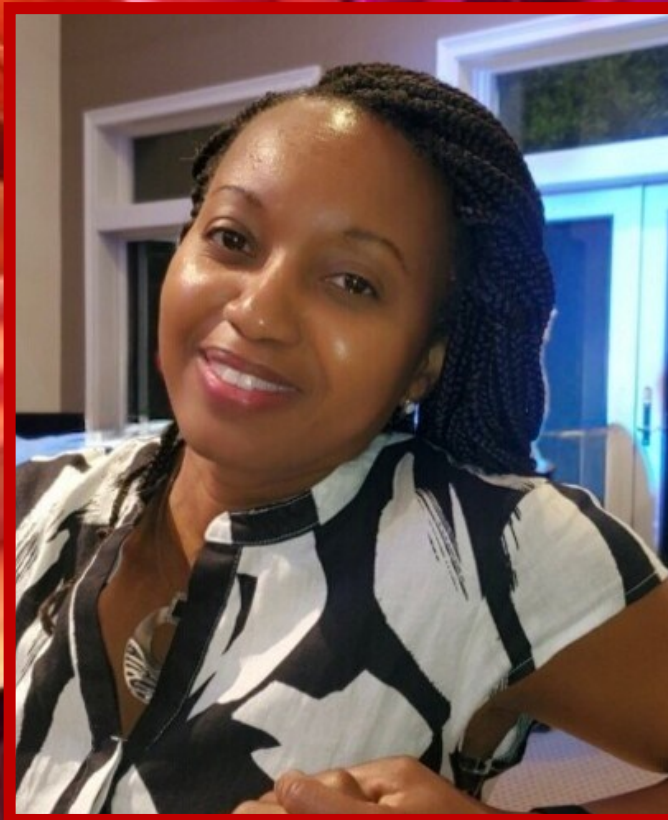
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Your kindness and love have truly uplifted our families.
With deepest appreciation and Friendship,
YVEL JOSEPH

Celebration of Life

Astrid St Gerard Joseph

October 22, 1971 ~ March 4, 2025



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2ND, 2025 at 11 AM

MORNING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH

1257 Blue Hill Ave. Mattapan, Massachusetts

Pastor Carl Behrmann, Officiating



Life Reflections



Celebrating a Remarkable Life
The great French poet Alphonse de Lamartine, in his poem Le Lac (The Lake), wrote:

"Men have no port, time has no shore, it flows, and we pass."

On October 22, 1971, Astrid St. Gerard Joseph "sailed" into the lives of Drs. Marie José and Serge St. Gerard. Born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, she was their second child and grew up with her older brother, Pascal. The family later migrated to Cambria Heights, Queens, New York, where Astrid began kindergarten. A few years later, their family grew to include Joanne. Astrid went on to graduate from Christ the King High School.

In 1990, she attended Northeastern University, where she earned a B.S. degree in Communication. During her sophomore year, she met Yvel Joseph, and a deep friendship blossomed between them. Over time, they realized they were soulmates. On May 30, 1999, they were married and built their life together in the Boston area, where they were blessed with two sons, Thadeus (2002) and Julian (2006).

In May 2019, Astrid earned a master's degree in health communications from Boston University. Her professional journey included roles at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where she dedicated 22 years as the Research Administrator for the Institutional Review Board (IRB). She would spend over 10 years as a team member and later as co-chair to the Martin Luther king, Jr. Ceremony honoring the BIDMC's YMCA Achievers.

Astrid's faith was the cornerstone of her life. Raised Catholic, she was later baptized in the Pentecostal church. She and Yvel later became active members of the Boston Temple SDA Church (BT) where they began their spiritual journey. Astrid's faith in God inspired her to treat others with compassion, love, kindness, and respect.

Beyond her professional and spiritual life, Astrid was an avid reader and a dedicated book club member where she enjoyed discussions and expanded her perspectives on many various topics, especially around social and community issues. She loved sports, and had a passion for the outdoors, enjoying hiking and biking. She participated in several Boston 5K and 10K races.

Astrid's greatest joy in life was her family and friends. She was deeply loving, kind, and thoughtful, always careful with her words and serving as a voice of reason. Though she seemed to be an introvert, her strength, warmth, and bright personality drew people to her.

On March 4, 2025, an unfortunate incident brought about her untimely passing. Yet, her influence and zest for life will sail on. Her legacy is a testament to a life well-lived, filled with love, service, and unwavering faith. She was a shining star, and she will be greatly missed.

Deepest condolences go to her beloved husband and partner, Yvel Joseph, and their sons, Thadeus and Julian. She is also survived by her brother Pascal (Trina), her sister Joanne (Thair), nephews Roman Lee, Naim and Amari as well as her great extended family and host of many friends.

Rest in peace, sweet Astrid, until we meet again on that beautiful heavenly shore, where we will never part again.

Order of Service



Organ Prelude

Assel Jean-Pierre

Musical Piece

"The Lord's Prayer"

Anthony Ashby

Processional

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Mark Arnold

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 25 KJV

Tanya Lewis & Riot St Gerard

EULOGY SECTIONS

PASTOR CARL BERHMANN

CHERISHED BEGINNING

Musical Selection

"Still I Rise"

Natanya Vanderlaan

Yolanda Adams

Testimonials

Dr. Henriot St Gerard

Pascal St Gerard

Joanne St Gerard-Joshua

CULTIVATING KNOWLEDGE

LISA LAGUERRE

Poem Reading

"Still I Rise"

Myrian Joseph

Maya Angelou

Musical Selection

"His Eye is on the Sparrow"

Marie Romulus

Testimonials

Dr. J. Keith Motley

CREATING FAMILY—BUILDING LEGACY

SANDRA HINDS

Testimonials

Ellise Lamotte

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

MARCIA A. FEARON

Music

Praise Team

Homily

Pastor Kenroy Malcolm

CHAMPIONING CHANGE

KATRINA HUFF-LARMOND

Poem Reading

"Stay the Course"

Anthony M. Williams

Robert Deimel

Song Selection

"I Can Only Imagine"

Angela Perry

Tamela Mann

Special Family Remarks

Julian M. Joseph

Closing Reflections

Claude Tolbert, III

Closing Prayer

Captain Shakai Drigo

Postlude

"Midnight Cry"

Anthony Ashby