



Pallbearers

Sam Trotman
Donavan Wright
Anthony Trotman

Sylvan Trotman
Deshaun Wright
Shawn Sealy

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Sylvia Anita Wilson wishes to express sincere gratitude for the love, prayers, and support shown during this time of bereavement.



Celebration of the Life of

Sylvia Anita Wilson

January 20, 1936



April 10, 2026

"May eternal rest be granted unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."



ST. KATHARINE DREXEL CHURCH

517 BLUE HILL AVE., BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02121

May 2, 2026

Visitation: 10:00 AM

Service: 11:00 AM

FATHER OSCAR PRATT, OFFICIATING

Life Reflections

Sylvia Anita Wilson, a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and cherished member of her community, passed away leaving behind a legacy of compassion, strength, and unwavering dedication to others.

Born on January 20, 1936, in St. Michael, Barbados, Sylvia was the beloved daughter of the late Stafford Goring and the late Ernesta Sealy. She spent her early years in Barbados, where she began her working life at the Port of Bridgetown (Deep Water Harbour), serving faithfully from 1962 until 1969.

In 1969, Sylvia migrated to Boston, Massachusetts, where she began building a life rooted in resilience and purpose. She worked as a nanny for two years before beginning what would become a remarkable 55-year career at Massachusetts General Hospital. Starting as a dietary aide, Sylvia's commitment, work ethic, and compassionate nature helped her rise to the role of Assistant Patient Services Manager.

Sylvia was known by colleagues and patients alike as someone who consistently went above and beyond. As one manager shared, *"Sylvia is always willing to come to the aid of others. She is a caring individual sensitive to the needs of others. She will always stop whatever she is doing to attend to the needs of patients, visitors, family members, and staff—always putting others before herself. She has always been a dedicated and loyal employee, and her dedication deserves to be recognized."*

Beyond her professional life, Sylvia was deeply committed to giving back. She supported numerous charitable organizations, including Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, the American Red Cross, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Salvation Army, St. Francis House, Pine Street Inn, Wounded Warrior Project, and Shriners Children's Boston.

Sylvia found joy in life's simple pleasures—listening to gospel music, watching her favorite television programs, spending time with family and friends, and traveling whenever she could. Her faith was also an important part of her life, and she was a member of St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Church.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Stafford Goring and Ernesta Sealy; her siblings, Raymond Winstone, Joyce Winstone, Linda Winstone, St. Elmo Brathwaite, Avenille Brathwaite, and Sonia Brathwaite; her nephews, Tyrone Winstone, Ray Winstone, and Shannon Garrett; and her niece, Marcia Sealy.

She is lovingly remembered by her daughters, Katherine Winstone and Veronica Trotman (husband Samuel Trotman); her grandchildren, Samuel "Sam," Shinnika, Sharifa, and Sylvan; and her great-grandchildren, Donovan, Deshaun, and Ryan.

She is also survived by her siblings: Henderson "Rudolph" Winstone, Anthony "Tony" Winstone (wife Nadine Winstone), Collette Brathwaite, and Carson Brathwaite. Sylvia leaves behind a large and loving extended family of nieces and nephews, including Enrico "Fela," Eusamar "Cheryl," Wendy, Jamal, John, Jason, Cheyanne, John Jr., Solange, Nicole, Shay, Kevin, Malik, Arlyah, Mia, Deja, Mekhi, Kyrie, Isabella, Na'riyah, Sarah, Tammy, Andrew, Makeba, Shameka, Fabian, Kymani, Kedar, Seynova, Nefertiti, and Nevaeh.

Sylvia Anita Wilson will be remembered as a woman of strength, kindness, and selflessness. Her life was a testament to service, love, and dedication, and her memory will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Order of Service

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting & Sprinkling with Holy Water
Placing of the Pall
Entrance Hymn – Amazing Grace
Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Psalms 139: 1-11 Read by: Jane Gaspard
Responsorial Psalm

SECOND READING

Revelations 21: 2-7 Read by: Vanessa Plumber

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL

John 14: 1-6 Read by: Cheryl Winstone

HOMILY

UNIVERSAL PRAYER - PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

MUSICAL REFLECTION

How Great Thou Art

Soloist: Alexis Bradshaw

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Altar and Offertory Hymn

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Hymn – I am the Bread of Life

Eulogy Presented by: Debra Olufemi

Words of Remembrance – (2 mins per person)

FINAL COMMENDATION

Closing Hymn - *When We All Get to Heaven*

Invitation to Prayer

Hymn of Farewell/Incense

Prayer of Commendation

RECESSIONAL

Recessional Hymn – I'll Fly Away

Interment

OAK LAWN CEMETERY

427 Cummins Hwy. Boston, MA 02130

Repast

Voltage Park Events Center

1260 River Street Hyde Park, MA 02136

Parking is available across the street