



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern, and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

The Family

INNER BEAUTY IS EVERYTHING

People are like stained-glass windows. They sparkle and shine when the sun is out, but when the darkness sets in; their true beauty is revealed only if there is a light from within.

By Elizabeth Kubler Ross

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT

Carewell Cremations
2929 Eskridge Road, Suite N,
Fairfax, VA 22301

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Vello Martin

FEBRUARY 24, 1943 - JULY 21, 2025

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025, 11:00 AM

DUPONT PARK SDA CHURCH

3985 MASSACHUSETTS AVE. SE, WASHINGTON, DC 20019



OBITUARY

Vello Princess Martin was called home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on July 21, 2025. She was the beloved daughter of the late Luther Bell and Lula Mae Ross of Lake City, Florida.

Vello was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her journey on this earth was one marked by service to others, love, compassion, and unwavering faith in God. Her passing has left a void in the hearts of many.

Vello was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Lula Mae Ross, brothers Luther Ross Jr., Randolph Ross Sr., Henry Ross Sr., John Ross Sr., Samuel Dan Ross, Benjamin Ross, Paul Ross and sisters Rachel Danyl Ross Howard and Lula Mae Mills.

Vello is survived by her brother and sister-in-law Micheal and Brenda Ross Sr. and her brother Claude Ross, Sr. She leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews and cousins who join friends and family in celebrating her life and will miss her greatly.

After her graduation from Oakwood Academy in Huntsville, Alabama, Vello Princess Martin embarked on a life-long career of service to others by fulfilling her dream to become a nurse. She attended Georgetown University, Oakwood College and Walla Walla College becoming a registered nurse and was affiliated with several notable health care institutions and agencies through out her career.

Outside of her career, Vello found joy in traveling, cooking, gardening and music. She was a self-taught piano and guitar player who also enjoyed singing and the open road.

Those who knew her will remember Vello for her infectious smile, a heart of servitude, and a deep-rooted faith in Jesus.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Dr. William E. Joseph, Jr., Officiant
Lead Pastor
Dupont Park Seventh-day Adventist Church

Musical Prelude
Jason Craig

Congregational Hymn
Near the Cross Sherrie Green, Chorister

Prayer of Consolation
Pastor Joseph

Scripture Reading
Old Testament- Isaiah 41:10 Judy Johnson
New Testament-Rev. 21:1-7 Carla Mitchell

Song of Promise
Sherrie Green, Soloist *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Obituary-Read silently
Jason Craig, Pianist *How I Got Over*

Acknowledgements
Carol Watts

Reflections
James Thomas
Blossom Joy Robinson

Song of Hope
Sherrie Green, Soloist *If I Can Help Somebody*

Eulogy
Pastor Joseph

Benediction
Elder Dolores Miller

Recessional