



Rosebell Francis Washington

April 14, 2023

Rosebell Francis Washington was born in Roatan, Honduras on September 17, 1922 to the late Martha Johnson and Charles Francis. Little did they know that one day she would be a blessing to so many. Rosebell migrated to New Orleans in 1960. She was employed by Edgar and Marion Bright as a domestic worker. She was preceded in death by her husband George Washington and her son Roderick Francis. Rosebell was loved by so many people. She was affectionately referred to as “Mami” by family, friends and neighbors. Rosebell was a delight to all with whom she came in contact. Her favorite pastimes were cooking, baking lemon meringue pies, and carrot cakes. Her recipes were sought after by all who had the pleasure of partaking in one of her favorite meals. Rosebell loved life, family and a good laugh. She had a subtle sense of humor that she expressed naturally and loved to share a good joke. (Some of her jokes were not so clean). Rosebell also enjoyed watching television and dancing to her favorite Caribbean music. She was a member of Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church, but was no longer able to attend church services due to her failing health. Rosebell enjoyed having company over, but after a few minutes she was ready for them to leave. She enjoyed taking trips to South Carolina to spend time with her grandson Abraham and his wife Liz. Rosebell was always willing to share what little she had with anyone in need, be they family, friend or stranger. Her home became known as a safe haven to those in need of temporary lodging.

Rosebell leaves to cherish her memory six (6) children: Norman, Dolan,

Jasmin, Cleo, Roy, and Martha; 27 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren, 20 great-great grandchildren, her loving and devoted son-in law Randy, her adopted daughters Grace, and Veronica, and two godchildren.

Relatives, and friends of the family are invited to a funeral service at Rising Star Baptist Church, 8817 Hickory Street New Orleans, LA 70118 on Friday, April 28, 2023 at 11:00 am. Visitation will begin at 10:00 am. Internment: Restlawn Cemetery.

Arrangements by D. W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Avenue New Orleans, LA 70125. Please visit www.rhodesfuneral.com to sign the online guestbook.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Park

4004 US hwy 90 W.
Avondale, LA 70094

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
8817 Hickory St.
New Orleans, LA 70118

Funeral

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Tribute Wall

TB

“ To the Bright Family kids, Rose was like our 2nd Mom. She taught us how to live life w love, kindness, loyalty, honesty, and joy. Her sense of humor was infectious and we loved being with her. She made me a 6 egg omelet and called me Mr Rough- we laughed about that for 50 yrs. She was Mrs Bright’s best friend and Manny loved being part of all of Rose’s family. Rose was one of a kind and all the Brights loved her. ❤️ Timothy

Timothy Bright - May 07, 2023 at 11:10 AM

TB

“ We’ll always remember and love Mami Rosebell even though she came to live briefly in my home in the state of Texas during and after the Katrina storm, it was the best blessing God could have bestowed upon my family. She was so full of wisdom, love and laughter! Praying for the entire family

Twanna Brown - April 28, 2023 at 11:22 PM

HB

“What can I say about my sweet Rosie? That she was fun and funny and happy and part of the family. When I walked in the room and inquired of her “What’s the news? She would answer “The monkeys got the blues”. Any time music or even the slightest beat came on, Rose could not help but wiggle her body and dance. Rose was strict about some things so she did not like me sitting on the kitchen counter. She would admire my body (although I was always on a diet) and tell me “what fine shape” I had and that she wished she could have those curves. For my part, I envied Rosie who was always so slim but because of her lack of body fat and being from Honduras, Rose was always cold in our house so even during the heat of summer she had to wear a sweater. Rose was a great cook. She introduced me to fried plantains, a particular favorite of hers for lunch. She made us rice pudding, and of course, Rose’s rice -- which none of us could master even though she showed us countless times. She introduced me to many of her jokes and phrases: “Fly in a bowl of milk, walking cinnamon, nicknamed my brother, Mr. Rough and teased him about eating a 6-egg omelet. I love my mamma, Manny, who employed Rosie but I feel especially lucky to have had Rosie as my other mamma. I called her Rose ba Bose and she called me Jalea de guayaba (I think it means guava jelly.). I will miss Rose ba Bose but feel honored and lucky and privileged to have known her, loved her, and been loved by her. I am also thankful for all of her family that I interacted with over the years. Rose made life so rich and now Heaven gets to have her joyous being.

Hollis Bright - April 27, 2023 at 07:34 PM

DF

“ Don Johnson and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Rosebell Francis Washington.



Don Johnson and Family - April 26, 2023 at 07:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rosebell Francis Washington.



April 22, 2023 at 01:59 PM

JD

“ My sincere and deepest sympathies to the entire family of Mrs. Rosebell, Grandma. I will always remember Grandma as a beautiful, precious, funny, loves to dance and have fun grandma. When she came to visit in Beaufort, she was my grandma too, and everyone's grandma. I first met Grandma when Liz, (Lizard) and I worked together, and she would visit with her grandson, Abraham, Liz, Abbey, and lil man Abraham. Grandma never met a stranger and loved everyone, and made all that wanted to be hers. She loved to dance and cut fool with us., just so fun and loving to be in her company. I know you will be missed Grandma, especially by Lizard and her family. You were something else, and it was a lovely pleasure in knowing you Grandma. You rest easy now. You are in heaven in that beautiful eternal home that was promised to you many, many years ago, resting at the feet of Jesus...

Janet Dyches-Harter - April 22, 2023 at 08:30 AM

AW

My deepest sympathy. Be off good courage and know that Mrs. Rosebell has gone to a land of pure delight where saints immortal reign. May you find comfort and peace...

A. W. Weathers - April 25, 2023 at 11:03 PM

ED

“*Rose, was the best and I have many memories. She loved to make fun of me for smushing down “all the damn pillows” she got mad at me when I was young for asking “what crud are we having for dinner “ she made the best “Roses rice” in the city and taught me how to use some oil to cook the peppers and then add the rice and wait wait and then add the water. Hard as I tried it was never as good. Fatter you got the better she liked you as you were looking fine. If you lost a tiny bit of weight she would say you’re too skinny! She loved life and always a joy to be around no matter what her age. I will miss her and think of her a lot!*”

Edgar - April 21, 2023 at 07:02 PM

CA

We will miss you sharon glennis verona our entire family

Campbellsharon26@gmail.com - April 25, 2023 at 12:50 PM

PM

“*Sending prayers and condolences to you and the family. Know that she’s now dancing in heaven with the angels.*”

Garry and Pat Mitchell

Patricia Mitchell - April 21, 2023 at 06:42 PM

JA

“ I did have the pleasure of hearing so much about your 'Mami' from Liz Brown, Abraham's wife, who was a coworker of mine in Beaufort SC. I also met her briefly when Liz brought her in our bank one time. Liz always looked forward to her visits. I know how much she was loved and appreciated, and she certainly did live life to the fullest. I am so sorry for your loss, but you will see her again in her glorified body. May her soul rest in peace.
Jane Langford

Jane - April 21, 2023 at 06:04 PM

JW

“ I met Miss Rosebell through my friend and sister Liz Brown. It is a connection I cherish. Miss Rosebell was a character and boy did she love to dance! I once bragged to her that I stayed up to see New Years in and she called me a wimp. Then she told me she had danced until 2am then went to breakfast with her family. She was 97 at the time. FULL OF LIFE until the very end. She will be missed.

Joyce Williams - April 21, 2023 at 04:36 PM