



## Ms. Geraldine Clara Thomas

November 4, 1934 - June 29, 2023

To view the funeral via livestream : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1tLadYa2cc0>

Geraldine C. Thomas

Geraldine Clara Thomas (lovingly known as Gerry or Ms. Gerry) transitioned peacefully to her final resting place at her home in Washington, DC on the morning of June 29, 2023.

Gerry was born on November 4, 1934, in Scarborough, Tobago to parents, Elton Thomas and Christina Hills. She is the eldest of 8 siblings: Lawrence (D), Dalton (D), Kathleen, Lenora, Charles, Rubena, and Reggie (James). Gerry graduated from Bishops High School in Tobago and went on to further her studies at nursing school in Trinidad. She began her nursing career at Port-of-Spain General Hospital. Her marriage to Sydney Thomas (D) on December 26, 1960, yielded two daughters, Hazel-Ann & Denise Alison (D).

After migrating to the United States, Gerry and her family lived in Springfield, IL, Buffalo, NY, Los Angeles, CA, and most recently, Washington DC. Gerry retired from Georgetown University Hospital in 1999 after 25 years of service. Prior to that she worked at Centinela Valley Hospital in Los Angeles, CA.

Gerry loved traveling and dancing! She was known for cooking her delectable Trinidadian dishes, such as her stew duck and pelau; her “7-UP cake” was a staple at all family and work get-togethers! Her organizational skills and ability to “run the show” was legendary!

Her primary care doctor and nephrologist still talk about how much Gerry helped them and each incoming class of wide-eyed, nervous residents at Georgetown Hospital.

Apart from her parents, Gerry was preceded in death by her husband Sydney, her daughter Denise, her brothers, Lawrence, and Dalton; her aunts Ida, Elizabeth, and Ivy; cousin Eurina and nephews, Kurt Jr and Kurt III. Gerry’s memory will be mourned by daughter, Hazel, cherished grandson Jean-Marc Denis, surviving siblings, Kathy, Lenora, Charles, Ruby and Reggie, and a host of nieces and nephews that include (but are not limited to) Donald, Aethnea, Carla, Claude, Karen, Marlon, Jalisa to name a few. First cousins Dave, Brian, & Peter Hills, Sandra Welch, Sandra Oduro; In-laws, Earl, Lynda, Ann, Bernadette and Lystra. A host of friends, co-workers, devoted aides (Mulu and Leah) are among those cherishing her memory also

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **22**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Johnson & Jenkins Funeral Home  
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## Funeral Service w/ Livestream

JUL **22**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Johnson & Jenkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ms. Geraldine Clara Thomas



Johnson & Jenkins Funeral Home - July 20, 2023 at 09:32 AM

SW

“ Sandra Betty & William Welch purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Geraldine Clara Thomas.



Sandra Betty & William Welch - July 22, 2023 at 10:56 AM

RR

“ Gerry's willingness to engage, her natural tendency to tell a story and simultaneously teach and inspire, the practical perspectives that circulated the annals of her brain that she resolutely shared, and her playful yet deliberately meaningful ability to capture my attention - whether chatting over the phone or sitting across from each other...is what I'll miss the most. Yeah...sitting across from each other and absorbing wisdom that liberates a spirit is what I'll miss the most. Thank u Mrs. Gerry! (Chris Redwood - CM)

R Chris Redwood - July 22, 2023 at 09:12 AM

AN

“ I am indeed saddened by the passing of aunty Geraldine. I remember visiting my aunt in Washington and going shopping with her at Giant Supermarket, Wheaton Plaza, and riding the trains and buses with her. I'll miss the omelettes and 7UP cakes she made and gave me to bring back to Tobago. When I graduated from the Police Academy in 1992, aunty Geraldine was excited, she visited me in Trinidad and we celebrated my accomplishments by dining at Singhos Restaurant, Long Circular Mall Trinidad. Those are wonderful memories that I'll forever cherish. Though we are miles away...we send our love, thoughts, and prayers with the rest of the family. Rest In Eternal Peace aunty Geraldine! With love from Andy, Nora, and Nicole

Andy - July 21, 2023 at 11:07 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Ms. Geraldine Clara Thomas.



July 21, 2023 at 03:34 PM



“ Ms. Gerry you will be greatly missed. I have enjoyed listening to the stories of you over the years. In many ways you reminded me of my own mom. I know you had one daughter but you also had many adopted daughters ... continue to rest in perfect peace ... Love Tillies & Earnest ❤️

Tillies Kornegay Alozie - July 19, 2023 at 03:06 PM

LB

*Ms.Hazel , Please accept my heartfelt condolences an in addition May Ms. G , Rest in eternal peace and may both you and JM be comforted in The Lord 🙏*

Lydia Baidoe - July 19, 2023 at 03:10 PM



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July 19, 2023 at 11:00 AM

DE

“ *It was with great sadness that I was informed of your passing. Thank you so much for being a mum to me from the first day Hazel introduced me to you. Each time I was in your presence by FaceTime, you made me feel loved and embraced. Your smile and wit will forever stay with me. Rest in peace dear mum, I will forever cherish the memory of how your face lit up each time we spoke. I know you are happy and free and smiling down on us from heaven. I promised you a dance, but it never came to pass due to your sudden departure. I will make sure to have that dance with your daughter very soon. May your gentle soul repose in perfect peace.*

*Desmond*

Desmond - July 19, 2023 at 10:29 AM

TT

“ My friend Gerry was a precious gift from God for half a century. She was an absolute joy while living next door in DC; frequent 2 hour chitchatting across the seas; fun visiting Tobago and USVI. I'm grateful for cherished memories and extend prayerful support to Hazel & family.

Theresa O. Thomas

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**Theresa Thomas** - July 18, 2023 at 11:16 PM

KA

“ Hi Hazel

On behalf of mom (Auntie Kathy), myself and the family, we all send our heartfelt condolences to you and Jean Marc during this difficult time. I'm going to miss Auntie Gerry because she loved her some Karen. I would do anything for her and she would give me a big smile when she sees me. Going to miss her smile and her big hugs. Especially going to miss her 7up cakes, gholosh and potato salad. I know she's resting now and will forever be missed. We will always cherish her memories. Praying for strength and healing. Love you..Karen

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**Karen Adams** - July 16, 2023 at 12:50 PM

VF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Hazel, Jean-Marc and the entire Thomas family during this difficult time. Mama Gerry was so special, and I am happy to have met her. I know they are celebrating in heaven as they welcome the newest angel. God bless. Velda and Stan

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**Velda Fleming** - July 16, 2023 at 07:47 AM

SM

“ I met Ms. Gerry not long ago, she was spunky and had a great sense of humor short visits but a lasting impression. ❤️



Stephanie Mann - July 15, 2023 at 10:34 AM

TB

“ I met Mrs Thomas in the building that we lived at and she has been like a mother to me I would always remember the little conversations we had about her daughters and her sister who lives in Tobago how she grew up the good old days as we would say , around carnival time I remember she came to my apartment and we viewed our king and queen of carnival and had some good laughs,when I needed a motherly advice she would be there to give me her advice as any mother would, she saw my kids from baby to present and was always happy to witness there accomplishments Ms Thomas i cannot express how your presence will be missed may your spirit sore love you always Terryann, Leon ,Safiya and Marvin.

TERRYANN BROWNE - July 14, 2023 at 11:46 AM

AD

I extend heartfelt condolences to Hazel and the Thomas family. May she Sleep In Eternal Peace 🙏. Unfortunately I never met Mrs Thomas but I have been friends of Hazel for over 40 years and knew Denise quite well and judging by the children she raised she was an incredible role model.  
I wish her much blessings as she ascends to her heavenly home. 🙏🙏

Allister Demas - July 15, 2023 at 10:59 PM

AY

Rest in eternal peace aunty Gerry, condolences to Hazel and the rest of the family.

Aethnea Yearwood - July 22, 2023 at 02:01 PM