



Mrs. Marie Francis

April 8, 1937 - October 30, 2020

We come together today to rejoice and celebrate the life of one of God's most beautiful creations - Marie Francis. Marie was born on April 8, 1937, in Vaiden, Mississippi to the union of Henry and Elma Anderson Hughes Smith. She was the third of nine children. Marie was adopted and raised by her aunt Naomi and uncle J .W. McChristian in Memphis, Tennessee and received her formal education there. Marie had accepted Christ as an adult and realized that He was and ALWAYS is in control! On a visit to Indianapolis, Indiana to visit her mother Elma and her siblings, she met Harvey W. Francis, Jr. and began a world wind courtship! After Harvey asked Naomi and Elma for her hand, they were united in holy matrimony in 1955, in Waukegan, Illinois. She and Harvey immediately relocated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This union was blessed with three beautiful daughters - Sheri, Rita, and Renee.

Marie always worked hard at whatever she did. She was employed as a seamstress for many years at Mickey's Linen and loved her job. She was cold with a needle and thread!! She retired early to care for her adult daughters who were ill. Marie worked tirelessly to take care of her girls going back and forth between their homes to take care of them until God took them home. In her leisure, Marie loved gardening, cooking, shopping,

fishing, watching her stories and spending time with her family. She loved spending time with her girls and grand girls!' Marie was a Breast Cancer survivor and was an advocate for Breast Cancer as well as Multiple Sclerosis as they were both health disparities that she and her girls faced.

Marie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt. She was a nurturer, she was a natural giver. She took care of people; that was just in her. Marie was Fiesty, she was Fiercely loyal to her family and FAMILY was the most important thing to her. She did NOT PLAY when it came to her family and she was so proud that she was very close with siblings.

On October 30, 2020, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy came and claimed Marie from Columbia St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She was loved by all that came in contact her, but God loved her best!!!

Marie was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Elma Anderson Hughes Smith, and Naomi and J.W. McChristian; sister, Wilhelmina Hughes; brother, Vincent Hughes; sister Maechelle Hughes; three daughters, Sheri, Rita and Renee; and her husband of 60 years, Harvey W. Francis, Jr.

Marie leaves to cherish her memory and legacy: her "Three Maries" - her granddaughters, NaMia Marie, Ciandria Marie, and Nicole Marie Francis; her "Lil' Bit" - great-granddaughter, Alayah Renee Cross; all of Milwaukee, WI; one brother, Marvin Smith; four sisters, Nira (Nelson) McCloud, Gloria Hughes, Carolyn Ntukogu all of Indianapolis, IN, and Brenda Brown of Nashville, TN; and a host of nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends who celebrate the strong woman she was!!

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **9**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Service

NOV **10**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Marie Francis.*



November 11, 2020 at 09:58 PM



“ *Cynthia Soward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Francis*



Cynthia Soward - November 10, 2020 at 01:22 PM



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Ciandria Francis - November 09, 2020 at 07:26 PM



“ *Denice D Moore Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Marie Francis*



Denice d moore Walker - November 07, 2020 at 06:16 AM



My condolences to the Francis Family 🙏🙏🙏

Denice d moore Walker - November 07, 2020 at 06:21 AM