



Claudia Irma Shepherd

December 13, 1926 - October 15, 2014

Claudia Irma Shepherd, 87, of Orlando, passed away October 15, 2014. Claudia was born in Guyana, South America on December 13, 1926. She is survived by her son, Brian Shepherd; grandchildren, Brian G. Shepherd, Owen A. Jerriho, Alanna A. Jerriho; great-grandchildren, Kiana Jerriho, and Jaden Jerriho and a sister, Marina Kirton.

Tribute Wall

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“ Remembering Aunt Claudia

The hospitality and love for family that Aunt Claudia always showed were expressions of her faith. I will remember Aunt Claudia as part of a team with her sister Vera. They established a family home that became a warm and welcoming place, for visiting family and friends. Aunt Claudia spent her early years in Guyana as a teacher and raising her two kids Brian and Andrea. Her nephews recall delightful vacations in Bartica with her. In the late 60s she immigrated to the USA followed by her children, her mother Mater, and sister Vera. She took the opportunity to change careers, went to college and became a nurse in NY. On the lighter side she loved to cook and bake. She gave me my first cook book, with instructions not to panic, get the ingredients listed and follow the method. There was no need for me to learn how to make Black Cake since she always mailed us a pan for Christmas. In more recent years, our pleas for her not to ‘fuss and cook’ when we visited went unheeded, even when we resorted to just showing up unannounced.

After retirement ‘Team’ Claudia and Vera travelled to Europe, enjoyed senior trips to the casinos and making the long drive from Orlando to NY. Family trips were included to see their sick sister Vivian in Virginia. Aunt Claudia became a great grandmother of two, and the arrival of little Kiana brought much ‘joy and fun’ to the home.

Of even greater importance was her unwavering devotion and determination to care for Andrea, her daughter and her grandchildren in spite of her own health challenges and that of her sister, Vera’s. Our condolences go out to Aunt Marina, Brian, Unjai, Andre and Alanna. You have precious memories to cherish of your grandmother, Aunt Vera and your Mother and so do we. May their souls rest in peace.

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