

A Celebration of Life

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free!

I follow the plan God laid for me.

I saw His face, I heard His call,

I took His hand and left it all...

I could not stay another day,

To love, to laugh, to work or play;

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

And if my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss...

Ah yes, these things I, too, shall miss.

My life's been full, I've savoured much:

Good times, good friends,

a loved-one's touch

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief—

Don't shorten yours with undue grief.

Be not burdened with tears of sorrow,

Enjoy the sunshine of the morrow

Life Is But A Stopping Place

Life is but a stopping place,

a pause in what is to be,

a resting place along the

road to sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,

different paths along the way,

we all were meant

to learn some things,

but never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place

far greater than we know,

for some, the journey is quicker,

for some the journey is slow.

And when the journey finally ends,

we will claim a great reward,

and find an everlasting peace,

together with the Lord

Pallbearers

Fadil Hanley, Sr.

Fadil Hanley, Jr.

Kenmore Hanley, Sr.

Shane Murrell

Mychal Murrell

Justin Murrell

Acknowledgements

The Family of Vennetta Hanley wishes to express with sincere appreciation our gratitude to each of you for your prayers, thoughtfulness, many expressions of love, numerous acts of kindness, food, flowers, visits, calls, posts, texts, tweets and your presence here today. Your expressions of Christian Love will always be remembered in our hearts.

May God Bless and Keep you always!

The family wishes to thank Hope Hospice and U.S. Renal Quincy staff for care and comfort provided to our mom.

Repast

Please join us for a light lunch and refreshments after the service in the basement of the church.

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SUNRISE
APRIL 8, 1951

SUNSET
NOVEMBER 6, 2022



*Vennetta Francilla
Hanley*

Saturday, November 19, 2022

Faith Christian Church
301 Harvard Street
Dorchester, MA 02124

ORDER OF SERVICE

Venetta Francilla Hanley was born on April 8, 1951, in Newcastle parish on the beautiful island of Nevis, West Indies to Jose Wallace and Elaine Hanley. She departed this life in the early morning Sunday November 6, 2022, at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

Venetta spent most of her childhood and young adult years in Nevis, West Indies but later immigrated to St. Thomas U.S.V.I. in 1980. She moved her family to Boston in 1983 where she remained until her transition. She was preceded in death by her Grandmother Gertrude Hanley, her mother Elaine Hanley her father Jose Wallace, and her beloved sister Jennifer Hanley.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished by her children Lester, Tamara, and Fadil, Sr. Grandchildren Ashley, Fadil, Jr., Omari, Sydney, Aaryn-Alexis, and Nagasut. Great-grandbaby Eden. Beloved family members: Sisters Elza Woods of St. Thomas VI; Corine VanHolten of Long Island, NY; Charmaine VanHolten of Boston. Brothers Calvin Wilkinson-Wallace (sister-in-law Lavern Wilkinson) of Nevis, Michael Murrell, Sr. of Kansas, Keithley Murrell (sister in law Corine Murrell) and Kenmore Hanley of Boston, MA, Aunt Leontyne Belle of St. Thomas, VI a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and devoted friends.

Weeping may remain for a night but rejoicing comes in the morning
— Psalm: 30:5



Processional - Minister & Family

Selection - What a friend we have in Jesus (All)

Isaiah 40:18:31 - Tiffany Murrell

Selection - Blessed Assurance (All)

Obituary - Michael Murrell, Sr.

Reading - Fadil Hanley, Sr.

Psalm 23 - Charmaine VanHolten

Eulogy - Patrick Nesbitt

Selection - When we all get to Heaven (All)

Home Going Message - Pastor Brenda

Psalm 121 - Corine VanHolten