



## Joyce R Hamilton

June 29, 1940 - December 21, 2009

Joyce Rebecca Hamilton was born on June 29th 1940 in St. Margaret's Village, Claxton Bay, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies. She died December 21st 2009 at The Methodist Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

Joyce was born to Cornelius and Luna Charles who are deceased. She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne, three sisters, Ms. Veronica Doldron, Mrs. Pearl Dunbar, and Ms. Merle Charles; her brother-in-law Lawrence Dunbar; loving aunt to nieces and nephews which include Carla, Kevin, Lorraine, Derek, Tracye and Stacye and numerous grand nieces, nephews and one great-grand niece. Notables include cousins Dr. Lawrence Weekes, Frederica Weekes and numerous others; also Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Ferdinand who is a long time family friend and Godmother to her daughter Suzanne. Joyce received her early education at Pointe-A Pierre Government school in Trinidad, then continued her education in business where she was employed with Texaco Company at the Hollerith Department. With the strong desire to exceed in life, she decided to pursue an education in Nursing. She was accepted at St. Crispin's Hospital in Northampton, England where she graduated with honors in Psychiatric Nursing.

Joyce met and married her lifetime sweetheart Abel Hamilton in 1965 in Bedford, England while she was pursuing her nursing career. Abel and Joyce decided to return to the United States where they started a family and became loving parents to Suzanne Hamilton. Her drive to encourage and motivate others was demonstrated by example when she decided to return to school to

obtain a higher education. She matriculated in the Masters Program at the University of Texas and completed her Masters Degree in General Nursing. She practiced nursing in the State of Texas for many years, while functioning as a dedicated wife and mother. She excelled in her profession to a management level position in the nursing field.

Joyce retired from Nursing at the age 62. She dedicated her time in studying politics, and engaged in charitable work via the Internet. She was passionate about the rights of others and showed particular interest in St. Jude's Children's Hospital. She donated thousands of dollars to further the research of cancer in young children. She was very patriotic and you will see artifacts around her home that reflect her love for this country.

Joyce enjoyed a robust discussion about life and had a great sense of West Indian humor. She was a self-starter and lived life her own way. Her family, friends and everyone who knew her intimately will miss her very much. She left the world a better place for having been here.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Mrs. Hamilton was the night Nursing Supervisor at Lutheran General Hospital back in the 1980's.  
I was one of the R.N.'s taking call for the Surgery Recovery Room.  
It was one of her jobs to call us in for emergency cases. I can hear that voice today.*

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**Becky Bolling** - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *My condolences to Veronica and her family at this very difficult time.*

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**Bernadette Duke** - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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**Bernadette Duke** - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Dearest Veronica and family,*

*Although words cannot begin to ease the sorrow of your loss.  
Please know that you are in the prayers of so many who care.*

*Our Prayers are with you.  
From the Allen and Griffith family.*

*In His arms there is strenght*

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**Shoni Allen** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family. May her soul rest in peace.*

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**sandra bagot** - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *Our hearts go out to you in your time of sorrow. May God dry your tears and give you the strength to carry on.*

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**Deborah A. Duke** - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Please accept our heartfelt sympathy on the passing of Joyce..*

*Our thoughts are with you Pearl and your family.*

*Claudette, Janelle & Janine Richardson  
Relative of The Dunbars*

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**Claudette Richardson** - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *When you lose someone you LOVE, it seems that time stands still.*

*Unfortunately, we did not have the privilege of knowing Joyce but, having Pearl as a Sister-In Law and knowing Veronica and Merle as we do... We can only imagine what a delight it would h*

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**Leslie & Gail Dunbar** - December 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM

UW

“ My cousin Joycie was one of the earliest people I admired. She had grace and style and a quiet demeanour that concealed the resolve she must have had to demonstrate from an early age, when she lost her mother, my own mother's beloved sister, and had to s

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**Urania Joy Weekes** - December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Gone but will not be forgotten. Joyce, even though we had not seen or spoken in over 60 yrs, you were always spoken off, and the pain I felt when I heard of your passing was very hard. My children knew you even though they had not seen or spoken to you. M

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**Linda Durham-Porter** - December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ The passing of my cousin, JOYCE, is a tremendous loss. My heart goes out especially to her daughter, Suzanne, her sisters, Veronica, Pearl and Merle, along with the members of their respective families. I have very fond and pleasant memories of Joyce whi

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**Frederica Weekes Griffith** - December 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LR

“ My family and I deeply regret the passing of Joyce Hamilton and the pains of such loss brought upon the entire Hamilton's family including Susan, daughter, and relatives including her siblings, Veronica, Pearl and Merle, and also nephew, Kevin.

We were

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**Linda Rollins** - December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“*Joyce was a wonderful neighbor and very good to our child. We'll miss her. Our deepest sympathies to her family and friends.*”

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**The Walkers** - December 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“*My deepest, heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Take care.*”

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**Michael Dunbar** - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“*To Joyce Rebecca Hamilton  
You have been much more than a cousin to me... You have been a great freind. I have always seen you as an elegant, stately, Regal lady, who inspite of tremendous adversity and against great odds was able to conquer whatever obst*”

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**Laurence J. S. Weekes** - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LT

“*thank you Joyce for your kindness and hospitality*”

*love linda*

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**linda tigner-weekes** - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“*Our deepest condolence to everyone auntie joyce will be missed I only have 3 aunts who Besides my mom help to shape me into the woman I am now may the lord bless and keep us in this time of mourning.*”

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**Carla Williams** - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *My Dear Joyce,*

*You left us so suddenly, your thoughts unknown.  
You left us memories, we are proud to own.  
Our LOVE for YOU will forever be  
in our hearts.  
You will be greatly missed.*

*Your Loving Sister Pearl & Brother-in-Law Lawrence.*

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**Lawrence & Pearl Dunbar** - December 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VD

“ *Eternal rest be granted to you my sister. O Lord let perpetual light  
shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Joyce I will love you  
always, you will remain in my heart forever. REST IN PEACE.  
Love always Veronica.*

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**Veronica Doldron** - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Rest in peace sweet sister. You left me to mourn, and as I continue to  
love you in this world I hope to see you in another life. Words  
cannot describe my loss. Although you are gone, you will live in my  
heart forever as my oldest sister.*

*Love Merle*

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**Merle Charles** - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ I would like to celebrate your life and all of your achievements. I will strive harder to push myself as you have done throughout your life. You will be missed dearly but not forgotten. Love Kevin Duke Nephew.

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**Kevin Duke** - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ When we lose someone we love, it seems that time stands still. My heart goes out to my mother Merle Charles, Aunty Pearl and Aunty Veronica. Aunty Joyce was one of a kind and she is now in a place where no pain can bestow her. We will all miss you Aunty J

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**Lorraine Williams** - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ My deepest sympathies to the entire family and love ones, particularly to Susan, daughter, and Veronica, Pearl and Merle, sisters. I truly understand your loss, but God's will must be done. Joyce was strong and steadfast in her beliefs and relentless in

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**Keith Duke** - December 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM