



## Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus

April 12, 1948 - May 18, 2021

Minalva Vernon-Yunus (Seata) as she was passionately called by her loved ones, was brought into this world on April 12th, 1948 to her parents Ferdinand and Dorothy Vernon in the district of Trelawney, Jamaica. She is the youngest sibling to her eldest brother Mortimer Campbell and was raised in the district of Tangle River with her 3 other siblings; Winston, Jacklyn and Ralston.

In 1968, Minalva at the age of 19, traveled to the United States, where in New York she began her adult life and went on to attain a multitude of lifetime achievements. Two of her biggest accomplishments were and continue to be her daughters, Dr. Donna and Dawn. She dedicated her life to raising her girls. She taught them to be well mannered, cultured, astute and educated.

In the 1980's, Minalva went on to pursue and master her knowledge in the field of healthcare. She graduated in 1991 with honors, obtaining her Bachelors of Science degree from Audrey Cohen College as a Social Worker. Later, she attended NYU in pursuit of her Masters degree. Minalva worked for NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation, where she was honored with awards for her empathetic care for her patients and their families. In 1997, at the early age of 49, she was privileged to retire gracefully after working for 25 years. Once retired, Minalva proudly devoted herself into the Christian faith and her family, all while traveling around the world.

As the Lord saw it fit, she was called to be with him on the 18th of May, 2021. She left to mourn her two daughters Dr. Donna and Dawn, one son-in law, Clive, three grandchildren, Cason, Conner and Madison, one sister, Jacklyn, 3 brothers, Mortimer, Winston and Ralston, nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.

Minalva was one of the strongest, most courageous, loving, and selfless women to ever walk this earth. Our family was blessed to have her as the Matriarch. Both immediate and extended family, would not be where they are today, had we not had Minalva's loyalty, tenacity, and dedication. Her independence and integrity has carried her through this world, allowing her to reach mountain peaks unattainable for many others. It is with her elegance and poise that she leaves behind a great legacy. She has instilled that her future generations contribute positive lasting impressions as she did. Her strong faith and love of God has allowed for her to rest peacefully. She is our family's eternal guardian angel and guiding light.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wake Memorial Park Cemetery

7002 Green Hope School Rd

Cary, NC 27519

(919) 465-0888

<https://www.wakememorialpark.com/>

# Tribute Wall

FC

“ *from Uncle Guy Campbell purchased the Roma Silver Banded Tear Bottle with FREE Matching Tray for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.*



from Uncle Guy Campbell - May 29, 2021 at 05:43 PM

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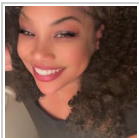
“ *Rest In Peace my cousin. I will forever cherish the fond memories I have of you.  
Love Sunshine*

Sunshine - May 29, 2021 at 01:32 PM

OV

“ *auntie Minalva. E. Vernon-Yunus your gone but not forgotten, you will always be in my heart I have lot's of memories you where kind loving and caring thank you for everything may your soul R.I.P love you aunt Cita. Daine Vernon*

Oneil Vernon - May 29, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *My auntie I will forever miss you we got so close in the end and I will miss you always calling me to make sure I was ok and I wish we would have taken those vacation we talk about together Thank you for all that you have done for me and my family you're an angel and you were blessed Rest In Peace queen love you forever*

Cadia Vern - May 29, 2021 at 09:02 AM



“ I am very sad at the loss of my beloved sister, she was the closest and most caring of my siblings. I will miss our long chats on the phone and reminding ourselves of the people and places of the past, she always kept me informed about our native homeland. Her memory remains with me forever. Miss you my dearest sister.  
Your Eldest Brother Guy

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**Guy Campbell** - May 29, 2021 at 08:33 AM



“ To Donna and Dawn's Mother and families, may you be comforted by the memories of your truly amazing Mother and Grandmother. I was fortunate to have met her as a friend of Donna. She was a kind person and very proud of her daughters. You could easily speak with her for hours. She raised two phenomenal women. May her legacy continue. You are at peace.

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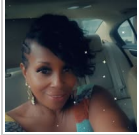
**Kamala A. Foster** - May 29, 2021 at 06:19 AM



“ May all the lives you have touched be better for having to have known you. Rest In Peace aunty! Happy home going, God bless!

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**Hope Thompson** - May 29, 2021 at 12:15 AM



“ It's with great sadness to be writing this tribute to my beloved aunt. My aunt Minalva known to many as Aunt Ceta was a loving, caring, dedicated and most of all giving person. Growing up as a young girl, my fondness memories was my aunt visiting the family in Jamaica, her presence, warmth, smile and laughter was felt throughout each and every persons that she came in contact with. She was very reserved, loved her family and friends to the extreme, and she always make sure that she took care of everyone needs before hers. Auntie you will be greatly missed. I cherish our memories. Continue to watch over us. Love you my auntie 🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹

Juliette Weather - May 28, 2021 at 09:46 PM



🥹 she sure did cous.. always asking if everyone else was ok

Claudine Vern - May 29, 2021 at 08:07 AM



“ Carol Price xoxo purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.



Carol Price xoxo - May 28, 2021 at 02:48 PM



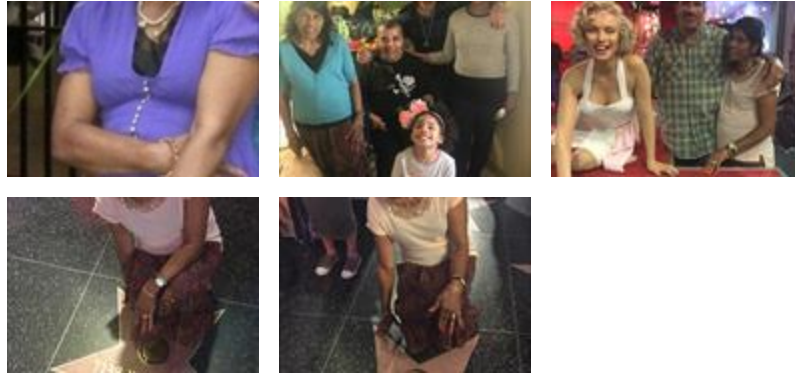
“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.



May 27, 2021 at 11:25 AM

RV

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Ralston Vernon - May 26, 2021 at 07:44 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.



May 26, 2021 at 04:02 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.



May 25, 2021 at 10:32 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.*



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May 25, 2021 at 07:09 PM



“ *There are some cherished moments which are worthwhile remembering , some of which sincerely shared with my sister and my parents. It started while I was a police officer in Jamaica when my sister Seata, as she was passionately called, returned on vacation with her baby girl Donna in the late 1970s - 1980s. Our parents were still alive then, and we did some fascinating things, like cook our traditional Jamaican food-most of which came from dad's farm, we would go shopping in Montego Bay Markets, drive to Negril Beaches, Bluefields, where we had to eat fish prepared in different ways to eat and enjoy, we also drove to several places of choices. In the USA, we visited Las Vegas, Drove over to Mexico, went to Hollywood Hall of Fame to look at the Stars, all of which was fun memories. When I was sick, and my daughter was in an accident, my sister flew across the country to help. This is a sister who is always seeking daily to find out if her brother is fine, and checking to see if I need something on an average every three days. Her loss has left an emptiness within my boy, and my heart, and I can remember telling her in my last conscious conversation to her, that when my mom died, I replaced her as my mother, although she was not old enough; she will be missed.*

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**Ralston Vernon** - May 25, 2021 at 04:21 PM

DV

“ I will treasure my memories with my Aunt. She had a fierce and strong minded presence, one in which I will never forget and I always respected. My last memories with my Aunt were during her time, across country in LA, to support my sister who was recovering from an accident. That trip’s purpose alone speaks volumes to her kindness and generosity. My dad has always spoken very highly of the love she wheeled to him, and I feel privileged and fortunate to have known her.

Love always,

Dana and the Jurado family

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Dana Vernon - May 25, 2021 at 01:54 PM

Andrea  
Vernon

“ You were such a beautiful and strong woman and I will never forget when you were there for me when I was severely injured. You were so gentle and kind and came to another state to take the time to care for me when I was at one of my lowest points. I will forever be grateful for what you’ve done for me. You have such a good heart and you will always be loved and remembered by myself and many others. Rest In peace Aunty and thank you for everything you’ve done for me.

Love always, Andrea

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Andrea Vernon - May 25, 2021 at 12:29 AM

KV

“ Loved always and forever in our hearts. You will be deeply missed. Rest peacefully Aunt Seata.

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Kimar Vernon-Jenkins - May 25, 2021 at 12:14 AM

KF

“ *Loved always and forever in our hearts. You will be deeply missed. Rest peacefully Aunta Seata.*

Kimar Vernon-Jenkins & Family - May 25, 2021 at 12:11 AM



Claudine Vern

“ *Claudine Vern purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.*



Claudine Vern - May 24, 2021 at 10:03 PM



Claudine Vern

“ *I'll never forget the many summers we spent together in Jamaica. You were so loving and kind. I remember clearly our time in country & in the city. There wasn't a time you came home & didn't come get us. I wouldn't be in here in the States if it weren't for you. I love you Aunty. You are resting now but your presence will always be with me. I am especially grateful for all the phone calls last year checking in on me and catching up. I'm so thankful that i was able to experience your sweet, kind and fun spirit. Rest now Aunty 🥰*

*Love Patrice Vernon*

Claudine Vern - May 24, 2021 at 09:54 PM

CC

“ *Carolyn Campbell-Swaby purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.*



Carolyn Campbell-Swaby - May 24, 2021 at 05:05 PM

LF

“ Love Chad Campbell & Family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.



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Love Chad Campbell & Family. - May 24, 2021 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ I will always remember the wonderful Oxtail Dishes you cooked for me. You always treated me like a son of yours. I remember all of the times being in your home and feeling warm welcomed as member of your family. I always received a good laugh and enjoyed every moment we have spoken. Your spirit is strong and you will be missed dearly. May your soul rest in peace and spirit live on. Love Chad Campbell

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Chad Campbell - May 24, 2021 at 02:05 PM

DY

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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Dawn Yunus - May 24, 2021 at 08:48 AM

BV

“ *My dear Sister-In -Law .There is never a day that goes by and I don't think of you, yet, I never get to say goodbye and tell you how much I loved and appreciated all the things you did for my family and I. You were a loving, caring, and compassionate person, who always have time to listened. As I reflected on the fond memories we shared over the years, our visit to Mexico, Hollywood Tour, Las Vegas, I feel very grateful and blessed.You are Surely an Angel up above, and your Memories will forever be in my heart.*



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**Blossom Vernon** - May 24, 2021 at 01:09 AM

CC

“ *I met Mrs Minalva in the 90s when I met Donna. Being friends, I would occasionally visit her home. She was a very good, and caring person. Always had encouraging words for me. She adores her girls, Donna and little Dawn, as I would refer to her as. She was very proud of her girls and their accomplishments. She is now one of God's Angels. May her Soul Rest In Peace. My family's deepest condolences to your family. Her memories will live on forever. To Donna and Dawn, your Mom's goodness, caring and wisdom will live on like a legacy of love that will always be with you. May that love surround you now and always. Grace and Peace*



*Carolyn Campbell-Swaby and Family.*

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**Carolyn Campbell-Swaby** - May 23, 2021 at 10:59 PM

DY

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Dawn Yunus** - May 23, 2021 at 02:32 PM

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“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



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**Dawn Yunus** - May 23, 2021 at 02:25 PM

WF

“ *The staff of Wake Funeral and Cremation Services extend their condolences to the family of Minalva Vernon-Yunus.*

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**Wake Funeral** - May 23, 2021 at 10:55 AM

AA

“ I remember when hanging out with Donna Ms Vernon dwelled on how important education is, it is no wonder both her girls excelled amazingly in the Medical Professional field. Donna And Dawny I know that mom is extremely proud of you both as we All are. You have been blessed to have had the opportunity and time spent with mom on earth. Jehovah God has planned it all up to this very moment in your lives. You all have established amazing wonderful memories that you all can reflect on and hold true and dear. May those moments comfort you and keep you close to mom. May our Heavenly Father continuously Bless you And your Families with his Grace, mercy and Love during this trial and tribulation. My deepest Sympathy Love you both Aida, Glen and Family. 🙏❤️

Aida Aleyne-Small - May 22, 2021 at 09:38 PM

VC

“ Vicky Chin-Young purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Minalva E. Vernon-Yunus.

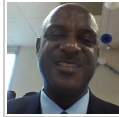


Vicky Chin-Young - May 22, 2021 at 06:47 PM

VC

“ Minalva was truly a sweet, kind and gentle woman. I know her as "Dawn's mom", well as she would call her " Dawny ". I grew up with Dawn so Minalva was like a second mom growing up. I would have frequent sleepovers at Dawn's house and Minalva would treat me as her own. As kids we would often go to the mall, movies, dinner etc together and I just remember her being very sweet and with a kind spirit. She was very patient with Dawn and we all know that is a challenge. She will certainly be missed but her gentleness and warmth will never be forgotten. Love and Peace. Vicky Chin-Young

victoria chin-young - May 22, 2021 at 06:40 PM



*Minalva oc Janet was a good friend, like a sister from another mother. She was an embodiment of love , very kind this she would cook and feed everyone, was so kind and cheerful. She was very patient and a very good conversationalist. These qualities are why she will be missed by myself and family. Sleep on Janet. Philip Woolery.*

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**Philip Woolery** - May 28, 2021 at 06:04 AM



*Love always Janet*

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**Philip Woolery** - May 28, 2021 at 06:06 AM



*R.I.P. Sister*

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**ALBERT VERNON** - May 29, 2021 at 11:10 AM