



Sylvena Richards

March 2, 1949 - January 4, 2026

Sylvena Agatha Sarju-Richards was born to the late Irene and Sarju on March 2, 1949 in St. Catherine, Jamaica. She was the youngest of ten, and on January 4, 2026 she dearly departed this life, joining eight of her nine siblings that preceded her. They live on by their next of kin, the last remaining, Beatrice Crawford.

Rooted in her broad Christian faith, Sylvena was a member of Innswoods Estate's McCook Anglican Church until migrating to the United States in 1980. After settling in Brooklyn, NY, she attended services at St. Mark's Catholic and St. Gregory's. However, she'd find a home in St. Gabriel's, where she became an active member of the sanctuary choir.

Sylvena loved nursing. She studied at Kingston School of Nursing in Jamaica. In 1984, she began her career at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York, NY. She commenced housekeeping while furthering her nursing training. She climbed the ladder in her field, becoming a CNA, then an ASN. At the tail end of her career, she was dedicated to providing oncology care until retirement.

Sylvena is survived by her husband, Israel Richards, and their children: Alvern, Victor, Wayne, Jacqueline, and Andrew; grandchildren: Merris, Ariel, Sheanka, Jasmine, Rajan, Andre, Shania, Jayvon, Christian, Victoria, and Jayanna; great grandchildren: Liam and Samia.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 17, 2025 in the Loganville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home with Pastor Timothy Starks officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Interment will be held at 1:00 PM at Gwinnett Memorial Park, 925 Hwy 29 S, Lawrenceville, GA.

Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 670 Tom Brewer Road, Loganville, GA 30052. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Gwinnett Memorial Park

925 U S Highway 29 South
Lawrenceville, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA 30052
(770) 466-1544

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Loganville
670 Tom Brewer Road
Loganville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sylvena Richards



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - January 12 at 04:21 PM

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“ Joyce Adams & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvena Richards.

Joyce Adams & Family - January 15 at 09:16 PM

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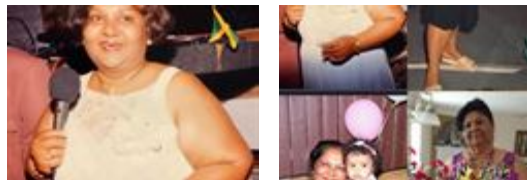
“ Joyce Adams & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sylvena Richards.



Joyce Adams & Family - January 15 at 09:16 PM



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