



Fay Patricia (Hornett) Naylor

December 16, 1929 - March 15, 2020

Tribute

NAYLOR, Fay Patricia (née Hornett) (age 90), formally of Silver Spring, Maryland, died on March 15, 2020. She was born on December 16, 1929 in Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies. She was the only daughter of Edmund Augustus Hornett and Una Cynthia (née Adams) Hornett. She had 3 brothers—Trevor Adam Hornett, Dennis Edmund Hornett, and Owen “Bobby” Roosevelt Hornett. Because their father worked on the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay from the late 1920s into the early 1940s, Fay, Trevor, and Dennis spent much of their early years in Cuba. She liked to tell the story of how her first language was Spanish. Once she started school, she spent the majority of her childhood in Jamaica. Due to her father’s position at Frome, she enjoyed holidays and summers in Westmoreland. She loved spending time with family there, including the freedom of riding her bicycle from Frome to Savanna-la-Mar for fun activities with friends. She enjoyed school and cherished her family and close friends. She had loving friendships with a number of other women that endured for over 70 years. While in school, she was a dedicated student, and she appreciated learning about different subjects (particularly Literature and Spanish). She also enjoyed playing “netball” (similar to basketball). She attended the prestigious Wolmer’s Girls School for secondary school in Kingston, Jamaica, and she often recalled that she was an exceptional Prefect at Wolmer’s. She graduated from Wolmer’s in December 1947.

She met Cecil Naylor at a Christmas party in 1955. At that party, he boldly told a friend he was going to marry her. Even though she was already in a relationship with a suitor who was in London at that time, Cecil's months of intense courting convinced her to change her mind. By April 1956, they were engaged, and they were married on November 17, 1956. Before she got married she completed a number of secretarial and transcription classes. After she married Cecil, she continued working as a civil servant in the Income Tax Department on East Street in Kingston. She was employed there for twenty-seven years. She began as a junior stenographer in 1950, and after several promotions, her final position was Secretary to the Commissioner of Income Tax (1959-1977). She excelled in her professional career, and she also developed close friendships there that lasted entire

life times.

As an adult, she visited the United States multiple times on her own as well as in the company of family and friends. She immigrated to the United States (Miami, Florida) with her family in 1977. Soon after arriving in the U.S., she started working as a secretary at the Metro-Dade Transportation Administration in Miami. She worked for the Metro-Dade Transportation Administration for twenty-two years. Here, too, she was promoted over time, with her final position as Secretary to the Deputy Executive Director and Deputy Director for Finance. When she retired in 1989, she and Cecil moved to Kissimmee, Florida. In June of 2010, both moved to Silver Spring, Maryland (where their daughter Kathryn resides).

She lived an amazing, full, loving, and lively 90 years. She extended love, laughter, and incredible Jamaican meals to all who entered her home, and many family and friends visited over and over and over again for some of her tasty saltfish fritters, delicious stew peas, delectable roast pork, and (over the holidays) her famous Jamaican Christmas pudding. After moving to Silver Spring, she continued to love, support, and take care of Cecil faithfully and tirelessly as he struggled during his final years with Alzheimer's disease. After Cecil passed in 2017, she remained steadfast to enjoying life to the maximum. In Fay's final years, she relished telling stories of the past, continued to sustain her long-time friendships, extended lovingkindness to family members and friends, and even took multiple trips to Jamaica with family members. She had a wonderful time visiting friends during her final trip to Jamaica in January 2020 as part of her 90th birthday celebration. Even then, she did not use a cane or a walker of any kind, and she lived independently until the 2 weeks before her passing. After she fell and broke her hip in early March 2020, she refused to live anything other than what she considered a full life.

She was a loyal and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother as well as a woman who was deeply committed to loving and supporting her family and friends. Her vivacious laughter had a life of its own that brought her, and everyone who loved her, immense joy.

Survivors include brother Trevor in Orlando, Florida, son Stuart (Lorraine) in Honolulu, Hawaii, daughter Kathryn (Jidi) in Mount Rainier, Maryland, daughter Celia in New York, New York, grand-daughters Ayanbi and Lolo, nieces Denise (Willie), Debbie (Dennis), and Sharon, nephews Bruce (June), Michael (Madgreen), Brian, Dimitri (Michelle), Jeffrey and Damian as well as many other relatives and friends. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, funeral arrangements will be announced at a later date and will be entrusted to Hubbard Funeral Home, 4107 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21229.

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“ A Memorial Tree was ordered in memory of Fay Patricia Naylor by Spencer Ballard. Plant a TreeWith most sincere condolences to Fay’s family and with tremendous gratitude for the opportunity to have shared many years of friendship with Fay.Spencer Ballard

Spencer Ballard - November 25, 2020 at 12:33 PM



“ RIP Aunt Fay, i will miss our conversations on the phone, this was just shocking to find out so recently. The only good part of all this is that you will be reunited with Uncle Cecil and the rest of family in heaven. Condolences to Kathy, Celia and Stuart and their families from this branch of the Naylor family.

Bobby Naylor - June 26, 2020 at 11:21 PM



“ Though Fay and I, for many years now, lived in different countries – she in the United States and I in Jamaica, we never lost contact with each other. She was just a phone call away and never failed to visit me when she came home to Jamaica. Her visits were always full of great reminiscences and good, hearty laughter, as we both enjoyed a good laugh. She was such a pleasant and kind person and when she extended herself to others, she did it without an expectation of fanfare. I will miss my big cousin. May her soul rest in peace. My condolences and love to Kathy, Celia and Stuart. I pray that God will give you the comfort and peace that you will need in the days ahead.

Sheila - April 22, 2020 at 11:11 AM