



Mrs. Yvette C. Samuel

December 4, 2018

Mrs. Yvette Condacy Samuel, GCM, grew up in Clare Hall Village, Antigua. Her siblings lovingly remember her as the most quiet, reserved, modest, and studious of the Henry clan — she was frequently found in her favorite spot devouring a book. She had a quiet sense of humor and a love for languages strengthened during trips to Martinique and Guadeloupe, as well as time spent studying and working in France. She is a graduate of Caribbean Union College (now University of the Southern Caribbean) in Trinidad, and The University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, where she attained first class honors.

Quite fittingly, Mrs. Samuel started her career in Antigua teaching French, English, and Literature at the Clare Hall Secondary School, and in time, was promoted to Head of Department and subsequently, Deputy Principal. She then served as Deputy Principal and later Principal of the Antigua Girls' High School until her retirement in April 2018. Mrs. Samuel's career as an educator spanned over 35 years; she was well respected by students, teachers, and parents.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Samuel provided exemplary educational and civic-related counseling and leadership to those in her charge. She was the feature speaker at a number of graduation ceremonies for both academic institutions and private sector training organizations. She had an unwavering faith in God and was an active member of her church, serving as head Sabbath School Superintendent and leader of the Young Adult Women's Ministries department. Most recently, she served as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Antigua Seventh-Day Adventist Early Childhood Development Center.

At the 2010 Independence Day ceremony, Mrs. Samuel was appointed Grand Cross of the Most Illustrious Order of Merit (GCM) for service to Education in Antigua and Barbuda. In that same year, she received the Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow Award from the Rotary Club of Antigua for Service to Education and Humanity, the highest award by Rotary International. In 2017, she received the Leadership and Service Award for Outstanding Achievement in Public Service, Education and Community-based Services

for Antigua and Barbuda by the Antigua Girls' High School Alumni Association NY-USA Inc.

Mrs. Samuel passed away on December 4, 2018 in Houston, Texas, where she was undergoing medical treatment. She is survived by her husband Dr. Errol Samuel; her sons Dr. Errol Loïc Samuel and Mykel Samuel, MBA; her brothers Hollis, George, Clayton, and Phillip Henry; her sisters Gritley, Clarice, and Marian Henry; in-laws; nieces, nephews, and other family members and friends residing in Antigua and Barbuda and abroad.

Events

DEC **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Fondren Seventh-Day Adventist Church
7950 W Fuqua St., Missouri City, TX, US, 77489

Comments



“ I am sending condolence to the family of one of keenest students I have taught. Yvette was bright as well as charming and affable. I wish she had been allowed to stay longer but God knows best and from what I know she filled every moment of the time she was given with Love and Good deeds.

Velma Pollard

Retired lecturer UWI, Mona

Velma Pollard - December 18, 2018 at 10:58 PM



“ Thandi lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvette C. Samuel



Thandi - December 16, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ I have very fond memories of my dear friend Yvette.

We met at the University of the West Indies, Mona, twenty five years ago; immediately, we became kindred spirits. I looked up to her like a big sister.

She modelled and exemplified the modesty, elegance and graciousness of a lady. She had quiet confidence and spoke her truth quietly but clearly with a graceful authority.

She was passionate about language, especially French and was diligent and very organized professionally and personally.

She was also a woman of faith. I admired that about her. She was committed to her relationship with God. She was also an extremely passionate and dedicated educator who loved her students.

I remember once her attempt to teach me French; I sucked at it; we both knew it. But she was patient and encouraged my efforts. But not once was she scathing in her remarks. That was Yvette, generous in thought and deed.

I am sure many have similar experiences of this extraordinary quiet woman of strength.

Errol, Loic, Mykel and her siblings and other family can be encouraged by the realisation that she made an indelible contribution to the lives of many, even beyond what she herself would have been aware of.

In this time of grief and beyond, I encourage you to celebrate Yvette's life and how she lived and be thankful to God for a life well lived and for the many memories which you can all treasure.

I pray that all her family will experience divine comfort and also be strengthened and encouraged by the warmth of the wonderful memories of her life which they will always carry with them.

In loving memory of a wonderful mother, wife, sister and friend.

Sandra Robinson: Friend

Sandra Robinson - December 16, 2018 at 01:15 PM

 “ Sandra Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvette C. Samuel



Sandra Robinson - December 16, 2018 at 01:14 PM

 “ Life is not built on our expectations, but what we make of life as we take our journey along its path. May the family of Yvette find comfort in her memories as they say their earthly farewells. Hold unto the unchanging hands of God as He continues to give you the strength and comfort to go on despite the sadness.

She's only gone on ahead of you,
Not just left you behind.
Although you can't be with her right now,
She lives on in your heart and mind.

The day will come when you'll meet again
On Heaven's distant shore,
And the two of you will walk hand in hand
Together forever more. (Adapted)

From Rochelle Zachariah-Gore and family

Laurel Merchant
(Antigua)



Rochelle Zachariah-Gore - December 16, 2018 at 10:08 AM



“ My condolences to Mrs Yvette Samuels family may her soul rest in peace she was a very loving lady she love the Lord and her work going to miss her

Charmaine Rowe - December 15, 2018 at 06:09 PM



“ Yvette, my friend, was a decent, gracious, classy, professional woman who loved her family with passion and devotion. She was an intelligent and caring teacher who proved her nurturing touch by the way she mothered those girls at A.G.H.S. And for her love and genuine concern for them, they gave love and respect in return. Well done good and faithful servant! You played your part with distinction. May your soul rest in perpetual peace.
Until we meet again

Jacintha Agnes Pringle, Educator - December 15, 2018 at 10:10 AM



“ You will forever remain in our memories for you impressed your gracious spirit upon our hearts!



Cathy Chandler Daley - December 15, 2018 at 09:59 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Yvette C. Samuel.



December 15, 2018 at 09:14 AM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Yvette C. Samuel.



December 15, 2018 at 04:56 AM



“ Vivette Samuel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Yvette C. Samuel



Vivette Samuel - December 13, 2018 at 09:18 PM