



Ioana Battiste

November 6, 1953 - May 27, 2024

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of our beloved Ioana Battiste also known as Claire on Monday, May 27, 2024. Ioana was born to Una and Winston Barker on September 19, 1953, in Kingston, Jamaica.

In her adolescent years, Ioana was a vibrant youth with aspirations to help others. Faith, Family, and Community were the top 3 priorities in her life. At the age of 12, Ioana accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior. She attended Rodney Road Church of God as a youth. The lessons learned from church molded Ioana into a well-rounded individual at a young age. Her ambition, vision, and responsible manner was well ahead of her years. In terms of extracurricular activities, Ioana enjoyed everything ranging from school, singing, sewing, arts & craft, track & field, and praise and worship.

Ioana attended Saint Andrew Primary School and Trenchtown Comprehensive High School. Ioana excelled academically, demonstrating a natural talent for aiding and nurturing those facing difficulties. Ioana's first love was in education, she became a teacher shortly after college. Her passion for education ignited a deep commitment to empowering the youth within her community. Ultimately, she taught at Operation Friendship and Trafalgar Preparatory School. She was a school coordinator for sports day events for track and field, debate, swimming, dance, and soccer. After moving to the United States in the early 90's, she switched career paths to become a CNA.

To show her dedication to the field of Nursing, Ioana dedicated 20 years of her life to serve patients at The Mann House Assisted Living Facility. Ioana was trained and certified in CPR, medication administration, and she also ran a Georgia state approved Personal Care Home. Her nurturing spirit, devotion to helping others, and knack of providing the highest level of care to patients led to her being recognized by her peers. Extended beyond her professional life, as she embraced a culture of caring in her personal relationships as well. Ioana was a devoted daughter, mother, a loving sibling, and a loyal friend, always ready to lend a listening ear or offer a helping hand whenever someone needed it.

Ioana Battiste, whose vibrant spirit was a beacon of strength, tenacity, and faith to all who knew her. Ioana was not just a person but a force of nature, deeply rooted in spirituality and gifted with compassion and the voice of an angel. Her baptism in Jerusalem marked a pivotal moment in her journey, igniting a profound connection to her faith. Ioana's loyalty was unmatched, a constant source of motivation and inspiration to those around her, Ioana's courage and infectious humor lighting up even the darkest of days., She brought joy and warmth to every gathering, effortlessly navigating life's twists and turns with grace and resilience. Family meant everything to Ioana, and her unwavering support and encouragement touched the lives of all who crossed her path. With a heart as vast as her dreams, Ioana was a fearless advocate for her beliefs, leaving behind a legacy of love, faithfulness, charity, and visionary leadership that will forever endure in the hearts of those she touched. Ioana is a lover of mangoes and a renowned rum punch maker .

In addition to her late husband, Clarence Battiste, Ioana was predeceased by her sisters, Deloris Lindo, Josephine Barker and her daughter- Marlene Walters.

Ioana is survived by her parents: Una and Winston Barker; her sisters

Paulette Barker, Marie Barker; her brothers, Lenard Barker, Robert Barker, George Barker, and Carl Campbell; her children: Nicola Battiste-Harry, Natasha Shirley, Clarence Battiste, Suelan Battiste, Clinton Battiste; her stepchildren: Carlene Battiste-Downie, Simone Battiste, Charles Battiste; her close friends, Kiziah Dixon, Charles Panton, Marjorie Brown, and Fassnet Watson. She is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Peace Baptist Church
4000 Covington Hwy
Decatur, GA 30032

Celebration of Life

JUN 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Peace Baptist Church
4000 Covington Hwy
Decatur, GA 30032

Burial

JUN 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Hillandale Memorial Gardens
6201 Hillandale Dr
Lithonia, GA 30058-4759
(770) 981-1144

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Grandma, I miss you every day that goes by. I am extremely blessed to have had you as my grandmother. I will use everything you have installed in me every day. I appreciate the time and memories we have spent together. I am proud to say you inspired me to become a teacher! And I love you to pieces.

Jayla Battiste - July 09, 2024 at 04:08 PM

DG

“ Natasha, you and your family are in my prayers. I share in the grief in the loss of your mom. Your mother made a positive impact while she was here on earth and she lives on through her family and those influenced by her goodness. May you feel comforted by friends and family during this difficult time. We are here for you.

Donna Grayson - June 14, 2024 at 02:00 PM

NA

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. God bless you and family.

Natasha - June 28, 2024 at 08:22 AM

VP

“ *Ioana Battiste was a great teacher with a great personality, her smile was infectious. I first met Ioana September 1985 at Trafalgar Preparatory School in Kingston, Jamaica. She was very instrumental in the lives and development and academic success of my two children. She impacted the lives of many not just in Jamaica but also in the USA. She was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She treasured and embraced every moment with them. Ioana was a woman of God, strong, determined, and fiercely independent. As we celebrate her life we know she's in a better place. I pray that God will draw the family closer together. Strength and comfort be their portion. We miss you Ioana but your loving memories lives on with us. Farewell my dear friend until we meet again. 🤔😊🙏*

Venis Patterson - June 14, 2024 at 03:23 AM

JP

I am glad I can say I knew Ms Batiste at Trafalgar Prep ,she obviously loved teaching and was a competent member of the Trafalgar staff.she was missed when she migrated to the USA,but obviously she found a good niche to utilize her God given skills. Her family have wonderful memories to sustain them, knowing she is resting peacefully now.

June Playfair - June 14, 2024 at 11:06 AM

CT

“ *Customs & Border Protection--Entry Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ioana Battiste.*

Customs & Border Protection--Entry Team - June 14, 2024 at 12:05 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Ioana Battiste.*



June 14, 2024 at 12:05 AM



“ *Mom, words can't express how much you will be missed. I'm glad that I had the opportunity to be by your side from my birth until your death. A piece of me is gone but God makes no mistakes. You are in a better place now.*

I'm glad that I was able to express my feelings and gratitude towards you while you were alive. I will continue to put God first, lead the family, and God-willing, fulfill the promises and goals that we set. You built a solid foundation in our lives and we will make sure that show the same love, care, and compassion that you've shown others.

Your last request is to make sure that "no man is left behind" we will make sure that everyone is pulled in, engaged, and supported by family. All immediate family members will know the Lord!

I love you! And thanks again for everything that you've instilled in me. I will continue to make you proud. Until we meet again, God bless you....in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

- Clarence Battiste

Clarence Battiste - June 12, 2024 at 07:32 AM

BT

“ *BS&A Software Project Management Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ioana Battiste.*

BS&A Software Project Management Team - June 11, 2024 at 11:49 AM

BT

“ *BS&A Software Project Management Team purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Ioana Battiste.*



BS&A Software Project Management Team - June 11, 2024 at 11:49 AM

NS

“ *Ioana Battiste*

He (God) has favored my siblings and I with loving, caring, sharing an inspiring mother. Mummy, you are always there for all who came to her with their troubles. Our home was open to everyone, you are most humble, compassionate, understanding, and family-orientated.

Mummy, you taught us love, patience and endurance, forgiveness, hope, joy, good work ethics, productivity men and women in society, how to be a Godly individuals. Sons, daughters, husbands,wife, fathers,mothers, brothers,sister and everything in life! You taught us how to pray and led by example, don't covet others and shows God's love despite hatred others have shown us.

I will always love you and will always remember you. I am forever grateful, thankful and indebted to you forever. Everything God have blessed me with in this life I was instrumental in it.

*All of your children call you blessed! Mummy and daddy we/I love you and until we see each other again be present with Christ Jesus
“ Sleep well !”*

Mummy, you are in deed a virtuous woman because you price is far above rubies.

Natasha K. Shirley - June 10, 2024 at 03:19 PM

MF

“ *Marjorie and family purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Ioana Battiste.*



Marjorie and family - June 06, 2024 at 01:39 PM



“ *White Mixed Half Casket Cover was purchased for the family of Ioana Battiste.* ”



June 05, 2024 at 01:54 PM