



## Marjorie Solomon

June 10, 1923 - September 4, 2017

"You are cut from fine cloth". These are the words Marjorie would often use to describe how she felt about her children; and, as young children, we were less impressed with what she said, and more amazed with the manner in which it was sometimes spoken- a heavy, Caribbean accent.

We were both awe-stricken and amused by this woman's uncanny ability to speak in what seemed a "foreign tongue", and being children, this "talent" only served to heighten our sense of curiosity about who she "really" was.

Born in New York City on June 10, 1923, to immigrant parents, Fredericka Cochrane of Roseau, Dominica and Joseph Glegg of Jamaica British West Indies, Marjorie Ursula Glegg would be the couple's only child. She quickly became the "darling" of her grandmother, Ella Cochrane, who instilled the importance of strong family traditions and the cultural customs and practices of Dominica that would for Marjorie, become her lifelong inheritance.

At age four (4), her mother Fredericka suddenly passed on, and she was left in Ella's charge. She was educated in New York Public Schools; attending Harriet Beecher Stowe Junior High School in Harlem and later Julia Richmond High School for Nursing, a profession for which she was very passionate.

At age fourteen (14), her grandmother, Ella died, but not without leaving Marjorie with an "oral history", photos, and documentation of her family

heritage dating generations before so she would never forget where she came from.

For the next several years, Marjorie would find herself cared for by distant 'relatives' and friends while completing high school; and, later found employment in the New York City hospital system while she continued her nursing studies. During this time period, she became pregnant and gave birth to her first daughter, Carolyn.

Several years later, her love of dancing led her to the “world’s finest ballroom”, The Savoy Ballroom in Harlem, New York where on one fateful evening she met Thomas Lewis, a widower and single parent, who she described as "a great dancer" and who swept her off her feet. After a brief courtship, the two were married and added five more children to their family, Tommy, Patricia, Winifred, Barbara, and Michael. They divorced after 10 years of marriage.

She later met and married Kenneth Solomon, a former military veteran that served honorably in World War II, and they had one daughter, Elaine. Her nursing skills and passion for care-giving served her well as both a mother and a wife and she remained married to Kenny until his untimely death .

Later in life, Marjorie dedicated her time to the things and people she loved the most.

She enjoyed reading, discussing world events, spending time and sharing her family history with her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, bestowing endless amounts of knowledge and wisdom (even in some cases when you didn't want it or understand it at that moment in time), and finally most memorable, her crocheting.

Marjorie would spend countless hours lovingly crocheting unique pieces of garments, that would include, hats, scarves, blankets, etc. as a sense of

peace and relaxation, and would gift them to her loved ones. From her earliest memorable words, her historical lessons, and her one of a kind crocheted fabrics, she wanted her family to always know and cherish that “You are cut from fine cloth”, and each of us is a fine thread in the fabric of our rich ancestral history.

Marjorie was deeply loved by her children Tommy, Carolyn, Patricia, Winifred, Barbara, Michael, and Elaine; grandchildren (17), great grandchildren (31), sons in law, extended family and friends.

Marjorie’s love and audacious spirit will be remembered always and her legacy will live on in the hearts and memories of her loved ones.

Thank you Mommy.

Rest in Peace Mommy, Nana...

Funeral Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 11AM Visitation Monday 10am-8pm.

Burial at Long Island National Cemetery, Farmington, NY 11735

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **11.** 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

SEP **12.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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