



Mavis Maud Fox

June 1, 1932 - December 3, 2021

It was Wednesday June 1st, 1932 that our beloved Matriarch Mavis Maud Fox (Watson - Reid) was born to the late Esther Theresa and Ernest George Reid in Kingston, Jamaica West Indies. She was the youngest of seven children who have all preceded her in death.

Mavis spent her childhood and went to school in Jamaica. It was July 24th, 1952, that Mavis would marry her childhood sweetheart Herbert George Watson, who was a soldier from the Jamaica Battalion Regiment.

Over the years they would produce three children. Being a housewife, she would spend her time caring for her family while slowly mastering her skill in sewing. Her skill improved so much that she became a designer of hats and beautiful dresses. She worked for a major manufacturer in Jamaica, and it was there that she met two women who would continue to be a part of her life's journey. One was Rita, who later became her sister-in-law and Rhoda Clarke, who now currently resides in Canada.

Mavis loved travel and adventure and always strived to excel in everything she thought would benefit herself and family. In 1962, she made her first trip to the U.S. and stayed a few months. After securing that her family needs were stable in Jamaica, she returned to the U.S. a few years later and started a new career which led to the opportunity to prepare for the arrival of her family.

She had a loving and kind heart; therefore, it was no surprise when she decided to use her caring hands to comfort children. This choice spanned throughout the rest of her life, beginning in the Pediatric Department at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in N.Y.C. and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie N.Y. This pride and love of taking care of children continued when she moved to Georgia over 35 years ago. She became the family and village nurse, grandma, teacher and everybody's friend. There was always a buzz of energy, laughter and excitement that followed her wherever she went. She always had an ear to lend to anyone who was broken or just wanted to be heard. Her modest home was home to her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended families, and anyone who just wanted a place to rest. This home matured into an oasis for the needy and deprived. Her kitchen was always inviting with the aroma of everyone's favourite dish. If you are hungry or sick be assured that Mavis is cooking something healthy and enjoyable for you. Outside, her garden is filled with herbs, fruit, vegetables, and an assortment of beautiful plants. She was blessed with hands to heal and nourish everything she touched.

Mavis never missed an opportunity to travel to new and adventurous places; her bag was always ready; from touring Europe with her besties to spontaneously hopping in the car with a loved one to go wherever they were going. With her you can be certain that your journey will be filled with laughter and fun.

Famed for her accounting skills and record keeping, Mavis organized and managed the largest partner (susu) in her Lithonia neighbourhood for decades. This allowed financial stability to many, especially to those who had recently migrated to Atlanta. She was sharp, witty and cunning as a fox.

She was a devout Christian and a dedicated member of Assembly of God

Tabernacle Church in Georgia. She rotated in the Childcare area but would spread her wings wherever she was needed.

It is impossible to remark on all the feats this amazing woman possessed. However, some of her qualities remain with the multitude of people whose lives she touched. The biggest testimony of her life was evident, while toward her last lap, the village of people whom she had helped came by to pay tribute and respect to her.

Her final days were spent in peace and reflection in the comfort of her home surrounded by family and loved ones.

It was Friday Dec 3rd, 2021 that Mavis went home to our Heavenly Father. Loved ones who cleared the path for Mavis are her parents, her siblings: (Joseph, Bertram, Reginald, Beatrice, Alexander, Leonard), family members and lifelong friends. Loved ones who will continue to cherish her memories are her children: Michael Watson (Marcia), Marjorie Joy Reid, Shawn Dawson; grandchildren: Orande Richards, Amare Watson, Seyoum Watson, Meshack Watson, Kamilah Watson, Ayana Wellington, Zahra Haytasingh (Nigel), Najja Wellington (Krystal), Jamel Watson, Asia Baysah (Ansu), Qwaneesha Townsend, Irieana Dawson; 20 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandson and a village of extended families and friends

Cemetery Details

Eternal Hills Memorial Gardens

3700 Stone Mountain Hwy
Snellville, GA 30039

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 16. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B. Levett and Sons - Gwinnett Chapel
914 Scenic Hwy
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

Celebration of Life

DEC 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Tabernacle Assembly of God
1580 Agape Way
Decatur, GA

Tribute Wall

HO

“ *She helped me sooooo much with the decline of my family member and her friend. She was truly a wonderful person.*

Hopey - December 17, 2021 at 01:02 PM

JO

Thank you for your sentiments of kindness and pleasant reflections. She remains an inspiration to all who knew her. Michael, Joy, Gaye

Joy - January 17, 2022 at 04:47 PM

DL

“ *To Mrs. Mavis family God gave your family a special angel. Mrs. Mavis and our family met 34 years ago as neighbors. We could not have ask for a better neighbor. The love and friendship that she shared to all who knew her was genuine. We will miss seeing her planting her plants and flowers, sharing her plants and flowers, going to the mail box, and most of all sharing words of wisdom. She will be missed. Mr. Calvin's Family- The Lunsford's*

Davina Lunsford - December 16, 2021 at 05:11 PM

SG

From- The Canadian's Family/ Friends: Rhoda, Sybil, Sonia, Tony, Dawn and Beverley

Our Condolence to Joy, Michael, Gay and Family on the passing of Mavis, she was a phenomenal woman, we are taking comfort in knowing that she is resting free from pain and sickness. We are praying for a peaceful day one in which we seek to understand you more as we grieve the passing of Mavis give unto the family the peace that passes all understanding and healing and that everything will go according to your will.

Sonia SONIA Gillespie - December 17, 2021 at 07:00 AM

CB

“ *Carrie B lit a candle in memory of Mavis
Maud Fox*



Carrie B - December 16, 2021 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Mikey, Joy, Gaye,
Deepest condolences to you and the family. Your mother (father and
grandmother) played such a huge role in my life that, for all intents
and purposes, we're Family – so I began referring to her as Aunt
Mavis – yet another of her numerous adoptees! We shared many
long conversations, reminiscing about the old days growing up in
Jamaica, and trading lots of gardening tips and techniques – in fact,
truth be known, back in the '70s had it not been for her teaching me
to boil water ... do laundry ...shop for groceries – I'm sure I wouldn't
have survived living abroad away from home and my Mama! I will
treasure our years together and will always remember her wonderful
and infectious laughter. May her loving soul rest in perfect and
perpetual peace.
With love, Carrie*

Carrie B - December 16, 2021 at 02:09 PM