



Ashbell Victoria Saunders

July 10, 1929 - December 30, 2021

Ashbelle Victoria Saunders (nee Maloney), age 92 of Kendall Park, N.J. passed away on December 30, 2021. She was born in Spring Hill, Portland, Jamaica to Samuel and Mary Maloney. In Jamaica, she attended Birnamwood School and St. Monica's College. In 1954, she was accepted into nursing school at National Temperance Hospital in London, England. After graduating as a state registered nurse there, Ashbelle entered midwifery school at West Essex Hospital in London and became a certified midwife. In 1956, at the West Indian Student Center in London, Ashbelle met Shelton Steven Saunders who she married two years later. Their marriage produced four children. Ashbelle and Shelton lived in England for eighteen years as she furthered her nursing career while working in several hospitals in Greater London. In 1972, Ashbelle and Shelton moved their family to Kingston, Jamaica in order to help care for her father. While in Jamaica, Ashbelle worked at University Hospital of the West Indies in Kingston. The Saunders family became residents of the United States in November of 1979. In the United States, Ashbelle worked as a nurse in several hospitals in New York including Saint Luke's Hospital, Lincoln Hospital and Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Ashbelle is survived by three of their four children: Steven with his wife Lisa, Jacqueline and Yvonne; one sister Norma Claire; two brothers Orville Clive with his wife Pat and Donald with his wife Diana; seven grandchildren: Michelle, Grace, Michael, Christopher, David, Cierra and Jaden; and loving cousins, nieces and nephews. Ashbelle is predeceased by her parents Samuel and Mary, her husband Shelton, her daughter Carol and four sisters Pauline, Irlene (Lynn), Merle and Sylvia. Ashbelle was a devoted wife and mother who loved being surrounded by family, sharing family history, telling jokes, singing hymns, listening to Big Band & Jamaican Mento music, dancing, journaling, playing the piano, making desserts and baking. Visitation, Friday, January 14, 2022, 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Saturday, January 15, 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM followed by Funeral Service at Christ Episcopal Church at 10:00 AM and Interment at Rosedale Cemetery, Montclair, NJ.

Funeral Service will be LIVESTREAM from the Church at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 15 on Van Tassel Funeral Home FACEBOOK page. If you miss the Service, you can watch at a later time on Van Tassel Funeral Home Media channel on YouTube.

In lieu of flowers, please consider sending a donation to Christ Church:
<https://christchurchepiscopal.org/>

Per family request anyone attending services must wear a mask.

Cemetery Details

Rosedale Cemetery & Crematory

408 Orange Road
Montclair, NJ 07042

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
<https://www.vantasselfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

JAN 15. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Van Tassel Funeral Home
337 Belleville Avenue
Bloomfield, NJ 07003
(973) 743-1234 or (973) 743-1761
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Funeral Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church
74 Park Ave
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ashbell Victoria Saunders.



January 14, 2022 at 11:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ashbell Victoria Saunders.



January 14, 2022 at 08:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ashbell Victoria Saunders.



January 10, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ashbell Victoria Saunders.



January 09, 2022 at 09:26 PM

NC

“ From sister Norma Claire,
I have always regarded my sister Belle as my second mother. I can never forget how very caring she was to me when, at the age of 12 years I was quite ill and had to be absent from school for a long time. Also, when I first came to England she made me very comfortable in her home where I lived until the day I got married. She was a truly loving sister and she loved the Lord. She will be sadly missed and may her soul rest in peace.

*Sleep on beloved, sleep and take your rest
Lay down your head upon the Saviour's breast
We love you so much but Jesus loves you best
Goodnight, goodnight goodnight.*

Norma Claire - January 08, 2022 at 07:52 AM

KA

“ Gentle Auntie Belle, my other mum - it's Kaye here. Throughout my childhood you had a special place in my heart. I remember you singing softly, i recall when you dried my tears and always showed me love. I remember you as a nurse and the 'swish' of your white tights and white shoes when you strolled up to me. Later you welcomed my husband Lloyd: at our wedding- we loved your beaming smile! I miss your hugs aunty. My mummy really looked up to you as our role model. Life will never be the same now that an angel like you has flown. Auntie Belle heaven has her angel back now! Please keep watching over us all. Love you always, from your neice Kaye and Lloyd

Kaye - January 07, 2022 at 07:12 PM

KT

“ I remember Mrs Saunders being such a kind gentle soul when I would visit her and Mr Saunders home in NJ several years ago. Jackie would sometimes take me for a short visit; she lived a very goood life with a beautiful family; she will be missed; Sending my love to Jackie and all the family and my deepest condolences; much love to you all !!

Keysha Turner - January 07, 2022 at 05:12 PM

AP

“ Anoma, Jane, Janelle, and Patricia purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Ashbell Victoria Saunders.



Anoma, Jane, Janelle, and Patricia - January 05, 2022 at 09:30 AM

JA

“ *Aunty Belle was a lovely joyous human being. Such a beautiful soul. She really knew how to enjoy a joke. She'd laugh until she cried. Her laugh was distinctive. I can hear it now. I am pleased she was my Godmother and aunt.*

I remember when you visited my home in the UK and really liked my net curtains. You wanted the same curtains to take back to the US.

Rest in perfect peace in the blossom of the almighty aunty. You have left us but will never be forgotten. Love you always. Niece and Goddaughter Jennifer

Jennifer Adame - January 04, 2022 at 07:24 PM