



# Maria Elena Garrison

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**M**aria Elena Swayne de Garrison was born March 12, 1949, at Sibley Hospital in Washington, DC. She was the third of four daughters born to Darrell Vonray Swayne and Rosa Lara Swayne.

She grew up in Southeast Washington, DC, attending District of Columbia public schools eventually graduating in 1967 from Frank W. Ballou Senior High School. She was the Prom Queen that year. After graduating she went to work as a Student Aide for the District Public School System.

On December 16, 1967, she married Robert Henry Garrison III. To this union were born two children: a son, David, on October 12, 1968; and a daughter, Danielle, on January 17, 1973. In the summer of 1974 Maria and her family went to live in Lima, Peru, where Robert was assigned with the United States Information Agency. In 1975 the family moved to Asuncion, Paraguay, when Robert was assigned. In Paraguay Maria enjoyed cooking the local meals and learned to play a couple of tunes on the traditional Paraguayan Harp. In the summer of 1978 the family returned to Landover Hills, MD, and Maria began her Federal employment career with the United States Department of Agriculture. Within a year she transferred to the United States General Services Administration from which she would eventually retire in January 2009 as a GS-12 Financial Management Analyst.

Maria enjoyed playing cards, listening to music, cooking for family and friends, and traveling with her husband around the world – London, Madrid, Beirut, Tehran, Hong Kong, and Hawaii – during the summer of 1971.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; son, David (daughter-in-law Ginoris); daughter, Danielle (son-in-law Dwayne Henry); Grandson, Brandon; Granddaughters Jordan and Amari; Great Granddaughter Amyra Nicole; sisters Rosita, Miriam (brother-in-law Jerrel Catlett), Susanne (brother-in-law Michael Taylor); brother-in-law Ronald Garrison (sister-in-law Barbara); sister-in-law Robin Andrews; brother-in-law Roger Corley; first cousin Rainy (husband Nick Williams);



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first cousin Arnold Ruiz (wife Gloria); first cousins Jerry and Nelson Archuleta; uncle Harry Swayne (wife Karen); and a hosts of nephews and nieces. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Please share online condolences with the family at [www.loudounfuneralchapel.com](http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com)



# Tribute Wall

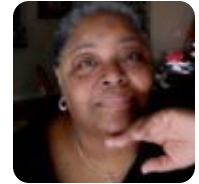
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**Mary E Holloway** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Today I found out that my friend and former co-worker had transitioned to her new home with Jesus, over a year ago! I am so sorry we lost contact with each other, but you were always on my mind and in my heart! Until we meet again...Mary



November 13 at 8:33 AM



**Ann Contee** posted:

Hello,I worked with Maria and her daughter at GSA Maria was my very good co-worker friend so was her daughter and I am so sorry to hear about nher death. Please take care of yourselves.Love Ann

May 9 at 4:38 AM



**Donna Stewart-Moore** posted:

My Dear Maria Words can not explain the sorrow felt at the learning of your passing. I will always remember as a Teenager how much fun we had singing with Felecia, Sybil, Pinky (Joyce Green) and my self. How you introduced me too your Mom's cooking 😊 You always had an infectious smile and laugh that warmed the heart ❤️ of anyone in the room. Although time and Distance played a role in the frequency of visits you were never forgotten. We used to sing a song titled "Going To The Chapel!" And the last line TOTALLY describes how you now have, "Gone To The Chapel of Love!" ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ ❤️ "And the Greatest of these is LOVE! May you be in Eternal Rest and may God's LOVE envelope your Family! Love ❤️ Peace 😊 And Prayers Donna Marie Stewart-Moore A Friend from Childhood

May 5 at 11:29 AM



**Lesley Knox** posted:

Bob, David, Lupe. I will always remember with love the fun we had over the years playing Bid Whist, eating crabs, having cookouts and generally enjoying life. Maria was always a sweet, gentle, beautiful spirit to me.... Its hard to believe that she's gone, but her spirit endures for all those who love her.I grieve with you and pray for you at this difficult timeLesley Knox

May 4 at 6:44 PM



## Media

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Mary Holloway Former GSA Employee



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