

OBITUARIES

Cuban newspaper gave salsa singer's death scant attention

Associated Press

HAVANA — While the death of salsa singer Celia Cruz was reported prominently around the world, the news got scant and somewhat bitter treatment in official media in her homeland Thursday.

The Cuban Communist Party newspaper Granma reported her death in a tiny, two-paragraph story low on page 6 of Thursday's eight-page edition.

Cruz, also known as the "Queen of Salsa," died Wednesday from a brain tumor in her home at Fort Lee, N.J. just outside New York. She was 77.

Granma acknowledged Cruz as an "important Cuban performer who popularized our



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country's music in the United States."

But it went on to say that "during the last four decades, she [Cruz] was systematically active in campaigns against the Cuban revolution generated in the United States."

The treatment reflected Cruz's opposition to the government of Cuban President Fidel Castro. She left Cuba in 1960 because of political differences, and never returned.

Cruz's records and programs were not played on state-run television or radio stations in Cuba.

But her music still pleased crowds in Cuba. Three years ago, Cuban singer Isaac Delgado did a recording of a Cruz song, "El Carnaval," which became the country's No. 1 hit.

Cruz recorded more than 70 albums. She won best salsa album for "La Negra Tiene Tumbao" at last year's Latin Grammy Awards, and won the same award at this year's Grammys. Her other best-known recordings include "Yerberito Moderno" and "Que le Den Candela."

In the 1950s, Cruz became famous with the legendary Afro-Cuban group La Sonora Matancera. She left Cuba after its 1959 revolution for the United States in 1960.

Pallbearers
Family and Friends

Floral Bearers
Family and Friends



*Our visit here is but a pause
Along the path to Glory.
Our lives may seem unfinished. . .
An interrupted story.
Of our loved ones we may wonder
Just why they could not stay,
And visit here among us,
One more hour, one more day,
But the journey must continue
And so, along life's path we go,
To somewhere far more glorious
Then any place we know.
We're only here to visit
To pause and do our best;
But we'll meet again in Glory
Where the Lord will give us rest.
~ Author Unknown*



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Celebration of Life
for

Mr. Theo Curington

~Sunrise~
August 9, 1946

~Sunset~
April 14, 2008



Friday, April 18, 2008
5:00 p.m.

Bell-Yeager Freewill Baptist Church
128 East Cornwallis Road
Durham, North Carolina

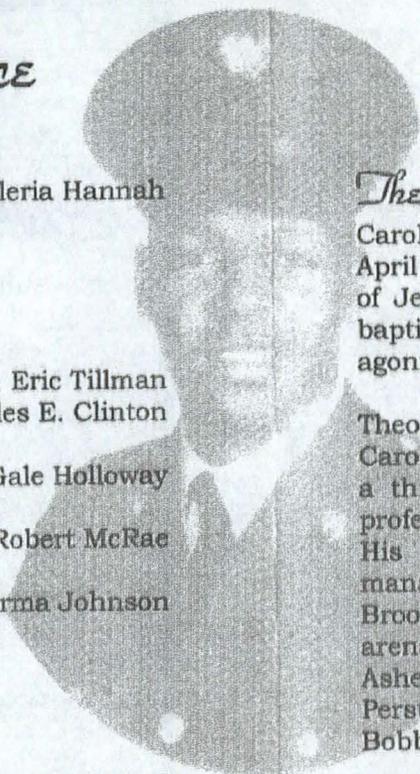
Dr. David H. Bell, Pastor
Eulogist

The Order of Service



- Organ Prelude.....Ms. Valeria Hannah
- Processional
- Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament.....Rev. Eric Tillman
 - New Testament.....Rev. Charles E. Clinton
- Prayer.....Rev. Gale Holloway
- Solo.....Mr. Robert McRae
- Acknowledgments.....Mother Norma Johnson
- The Obituary *(Please read silently)*
- Remarks *(Please limit to two minutes)*
- Solo.....Mr. Robert McRae
- The Eulogy.....Dr. David H. Bell
- Mortician's Brief
- Recessional
- Postlude

Interment
 Glennview Memorial Park
 2515 Apex Highway
 Durham, North Carolina



The Obituary



Theo Curington was born August 9, 1946 in Durham, North Carolina to the late Odther Curington and Evelyn Wilson. On April 4, 2008, Theo slipped into a peaceful sleep and into the arms of Jesus whom he found just a couple of weeks earlier when baptized by Dr. David H. Bell. He no longer has to suffer the agonizing pain of his affliction.

Theo attended public school in Durham and graduated from North Carolina Central University with a degree in History after serving a three-year tour of duty in Vietnam. Theo then began his professional career at Legal Aid before going into private business. His music business began with his brother, Bob, his road manager for their company, BBC Musical, which is now Ashley Brooks Music & Publishing Co., handling concert dates and large arena concerts in Gary, IN, Baltimore Coliseum, Virginia State, Asheville Civic Center and Durham County Stadium featuring the Persuaders, the OJ's, the Dramatics, Barry White, Richard Pryor, Bobby Womack, New Birth and the Isley Brothers.

Theo was preceded in death by his parents, Odther and Evelyn; his sister, Juanita Curington; Ed Lee Curington and Jimmy Curington.

Theo is survived by his son, Theo K. Curington; brothers: Bob Curington, Mike Curington and Lennie Curington and their siblings; and a sister, Patricia Kearse, of Daytona, FL.



*A precious one from us has gone,
 A voice we love is still.
 A place is vacant in our home,
 Which never can be filled.*

~ The Family

