



## Opal Wendy Francis Swaby

November 10, 1971 - May 22, 2025

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Opal Wendy Francis Swaby of Brooklyn, NY, who departed this life on May 22, 2025, at the age of 53.

Opal was the beloved wife of Maurice Swaby, and a devoted and nurturing mother to Lincoln Powell, Andino Powell, Ryan Swaby, Maurice Swaby II and Desiree Ortiz. She was the cherished daughter of Evette Powell and the late Leroy Francis, and a proud, loving grandmother to Natalia Powell, Kaiden Jones, Maurice Swaby III, Ellani (Mememes) Swaby, and Katalina Swaby.

Opal's heart knew no boundaries. In addition to her biological and stepchildren, she lovingly embraced many young people as her own, offering them the same unwavering care, guidance, and affection of a mother. Among them are Errol, Cashief, Geoffrey, Kareem, Dondre, Jaimee and Faviola—each of whom she held close to her heart as her chosen children.

A caring and compassionate sister, Opal will be deeply missed by Dainton Thompson, Rondley Francis, Keisha Francis-Forester, Claudia Francis-Copeland, Omar Francis, and Mario Francis. She was also treasured by many aunts, uncles and cousins who held her dear.

Opal's warmth extended far beyond her immediate family. She had a gift for making others feel seen and loved, and she embraced countless friends as

though they were her own family. Her kindness, strength, and unwavering love touched the lives of all who knew her.

In honor of Opal's vibrant spirit and joyful legacy, the family kindly requests that all attending the service wear dress attire in blue or bright colors. Rather than mourning in sorrow, let us come together in love and light to celebrate the beautiful life that Opal lived — a life filled with grace, compassion, and unwavering kindness. Thank you for helping us honor her memory in a way that reflects her radiant soul.

Opal's legacy of love, generosity, and joy will live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Opal's memory to:

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

501 St. Jude Place

Memphis, TN 38105

<https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.  
1380 New York Avenue  
Huntington Station, NY 11746  
(631) 423-2185  
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

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JUN 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Going Home Service

JUN 15. 1:00 PM.

Bull Savannah Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Bull Savannah (JM)

## Burial

JUN 15.

Powell Family Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



“ A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. created a Webcast in memory of Opal Wendy Francis Swaby



A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2025 at 05:40 PM

BL

*We love you but Jesus loves you best RIP opal*

Betty longmore - June 03, 2025 at 06:11 PM

KW

*Rest in peace opal*

Karon Whittingham - June 03, 2025 at 06:15 PM



*R.I.P Opal you will be surely missed*

Ariel Lewis - June 03, 2025 at 06:41 PM

CF

*My dearest cousin. I am so saddened about your lost. I do remember your kind demeanor and beautiful smile. My deepest condolences is extended from my family to all of Opal's immediate and other family members who are grieving the lost of a beautiful soul who has taken an early rest.*

Carleen Francis-Anderson - June 03, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ *A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Opal Wendy Francis Swaby*



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**A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.** - June 03, 2025 at 04:22 PM



*My sincere condolences to Claudia and the rest of family,i know you all are hurting now, but take comfort in the arms of Jesus tears are a language he understands.🙏 from Donna.*

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**Donna Wright** - June 03, 2025 at 07:44 PM

SF

“ *Condolences Kisha and family. You are all in my prayers my friend. God's got you all! From the Freckletons*

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**Seon Freckleton** - June 03, 2025 at 07:57 PM

FM

“ *To Claudia and Family, please accept our sincere condolences. We know it's hard to loose a love one but I want to encourage you all to take comfort knowing that Opal is resting in the arms of her maker. Much love From Francine& Family*

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**Francine Morris** - June 03, 2025 at 07:24 PM

KM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Karen Mangal - June 03, 2025 at 01:07 AM

KW

“ Kathy Walsh lit a candle in memory of Opal  
Wendy Francis Swaby



Kathy walsh - June 03, 2025 at 12:54 AM

GB

*The first time I met you, was a few years ago, you were so kind and accommodating, you are gone too soon, SIP , God will take care of the rest.*

Georgia Barrett - June 03, 2025 at 05:04 PM

SK

*Sammy and Carol Kamara*

*There's no quick way through times like this. It takes however long it takes. But there are family and friends to lean on.*

*Maurice we met Opal through you and the precious love you both shared. Sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in the cherished memories, the laughter and special love and friendship you shared.*

*She lives on in the love she shared so easily with you and others. We're praying you and family.*

sammy and Carol Kamara - June 05, 2025 at 07:50 AM

PM

*Condolences to Maurice and family, I pray God give you strength at this very difficult time.*

**Pastor McKenzie** - June 05, 2025 at 08:07 AM

KM

“ *Karen Mangal lit a candle in memory of Opal Wendy Francis Swaby*



**Karen Mangal** - June 03, 2025 at 12:51 AM

KM

*Opal my friend you were a true one of a kind lady. It was my honor to know you. Our little group will never be the same but we know you are with us always. Rest in eternal peace and rise in everlasting glory. In Jesus name 🙏 love Karen.*

**Karen Mangal** - June 03, 2025 at 01:00 AM

VS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Vanessa Smythe** - June 02, 2025 at 08:34 PM

VS

*This picture was taken one month ago on your veranda. Unbelievable love you sis SIP*

**Vanessa Smythe** - June 02, 2025 at 08:43 PM

AS

“ *Cousin in law the news caught me off guard has I was looking forward our upcoming dinner date. Rest well. You will be missed.*

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**Annastacia Swaby** - May 30, 2025 at 02:20 PM

RB

“ *Such a sweet lady, we will miss you and your lovely smile. Rest well in God's embrace 🙏 love Bob*

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**Robert Boschi** - May 30, 2025 at 12:01 PM

DW

“ *My memory of Opal was on 1st meeting her, she was genuine, friendly & she displayed a caring spirit & positive attitude including a great smile. You will be missed but never forgotten - Rest In Love!*

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**Donald Walker** - May 30, 2025 at 10:46 AM

AA

“ A cherished memory of my cousin, Opal, includes spending time together at our late grandparents house during the summer in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. These were days filled with laughter and sitting at Mama’s feet listening to stories.

*As we got older our life choices separated us and our interactions became infrequent. Nonetheless, whenever we reconnected it was like we just saw each other.*

*When Opal committed her life to the Lord as a Seventh-Day Adventist, our bond became tighter. We encouraged each other on our lengthy phone calls and text messages, with the last being on May 9th.*

*As we mourn the passing of Opal, we hold fast to the blessed hope, knowing that one day Jesus will come again to reunite us with Opal and those who fell asleep in Christ.*

*Andrea Ashman (Ann)*

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**Andrea Ashman** - May 28, 2025 at 09:16 PM

PR

“ Pamela Morgan R sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal Wendy Francis Swaby



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**Pamela Morgan r** - May 28, 2025 at 12:03 PM

VM

“ Victoria McLeod purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Opal Wendy Francis Swaby.



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**Victoria McLeod** - May 27, 2025 at 04:23 PM

LW

“ Laurna Wint sent a virtual gift in memory of Opal Wendy Francis Swaby



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**Laurna Wint** - May 26, 2025 at 05:13 PM

LW

"OPAL" is a Gem-a semi-precious stone that comes in many shimmering pieces and translucent colors.  
The spiritual meaning according to Google us faithfulness and confidence .

*I happened to be one of Opal's Employer for over 25 years and found her to be a GEM.*

*It's no surprise she was given the name OPAL.*

*Don't want to "paint the Lilly white" but I join in expressing similar sentiments as were previously mentioned ...CARING..THOUGHTFUL ..COMPASSIONATE..RESILIENT....DEPENDABLE...DETERMINED... KIND and FAMILY ORIENTED...*

*Sincerest condolences to her family and friends especially my GODSON Lincoln ( LJ)*

*YOUR LIFE WAS A BLESSING..YOUR NEMORY A TREASURE.*

*THOSE WHO TOUCHED OUR HEART WITH LOVE  
STAY IN OUR LIFE FOREVER*

*REST IN PEACE OPAL*

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**Laurna Wint** - May 26, 2025 at 07:27 PM

NS

“ I worked with Opal at Junction Pharmacy for many years. She was a lovable person, very kind and always looking out for others, especially her family. She will be missed by all. Her last trip to Jamaica she stopped at the Pharmacy to make a purchase, when leaving she gave me a big hug. Boy it still don't feel real. R.I.P my friend.



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**Nicole Swaby-Facey** - May 26, 2025 at 07:29 AM

CA

*Opal was always a sweetheart.Rest well baby girl*

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**Cathy** - May 26, 2025 at 04:53 PM

TB

“ My first private job opal gave it to me in 2022 , Opal was there for me when my brother died she stand by me like a Rock ,never knew that Wednesday evening would have been the last time hearing her voice ... Love you forever Opal

Thashma Bryson - May 25, 2025 at 09:58 PM

MB

Opal the memories we share are only memories now ; but they will be cherished as long as I have a breath. I will never forget your years at the pharmacy ,in Junction especially fond memories of the times when my daughter Annekay was sick :and on our several trips from Dr Thames when I came to fill prescription . Your encouragement when sometimes I was at my lowest points ,or just the look on my face conveyed what I was feeling . Your encouragement and advise , your infectious laughter . Your warmth your hugs meant so much and I am so glad I always made you know you were so appreciated . You were a one of a kind human beings . You are gone but you will never be forgotten : and your great memories will stay you alive in the hearts of those who love you and those you love memories of joy and laughter and a genuine desire to make this place a better place than you found it . We cannot Lord thy purpose see but all is well that's done by thee. “ Rip dear Opal and may light perpetual shine upon you “Until that day when our eyes behold that city Until the day He calls us home . 🙏🙏

Mary BurtonForbes - May 29, 2025 at 03:35 PM

LD

“ Opal took care of my father with the utmost respect, compassion, and love. My sister and I will be always eternally grateful to her. She took care of all of us. I hope my mom and dad meet up with her up there and thank her. Love you Opal 💕💕

Lynne DeRosa - May 25, 2025 at 09:34 PM

RB

*We had a long talk a few weeks ago on the Veranda in Bull Sav, now you're gone, beautiful soul, beautiful lady that has done so much for so many. My condolences to LJ, Dane ur mom and the rest of the family, especially LJ who has lost so much so young...RIP Opal, you will be missed 🥺💔*

roger bent - May 26, 2025 at 07:50 AM

SN

*RIP Opal hope light continues to shine up you in heaven, gone but not forgotten.. may God gives your families the strength day by day 🙏🙏*

Susanne Newell - May 26, 2025 at 12:33 PM

AC

“ *My classmate from Bull Savannah Primary school, I will cherish our memories. The last time I saw you we talked for almost an hour, just reminiscing about old days and life. I'm still in shock you are no longer with us in body but you are here in spirit. Rest in eternal peace my friend. Love, Avalon*

Avalon Carless - May 25, 2025 at 04:25 PM

CB

*My dear classmate from Junction secondary class of 89 may your soul RIP sympathy to your family and friends at this time*

CYNTHIA MICHELLE BROMFIELD - May 25, 2025 at 07:42 PM

LI

“ Opal, you were a sister inlaw like none other, from the first day we laid eyes on each other the connection started. Like I told you, even though you could have been my child, you became my listening ears, & I yours. You cared for me in ways that not another person have ever cared, Una ,you, and I promised to take another trip after having such a blast. Like the night we left, bro and went night shopping hanging out with sellers, that night laughed so much. Sis, I could go on forever ,but let me say good bye for now, you will always be in my heart, until my time comes to leave this earth, 💔

Lorna Smith sister inlaw - May 25, 2025 at 11:05 AM

L(

Opal, you were a devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother and the list goes on. Too many people to mention. You were loved and because of your nurturing spirit people always gravitated to you. When we had conversations you would talk endlessly. You were a fantastic Orator. Family your loss is so profound and you will be sadly missed. Lincoln will make you the proudest Son. Sleep on and take your rest. Good night, Good night. Love you. 🙏❤️🌸🌺🌻🌼

Lois Schloss- Williams (Chummy) - May 25, 2025 at 04:03 PM

LW

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REST IN ETERNAL PEACE OPAL 🙏💜

Laurna Wint - May 26, 2025 at 05:07 PM

JB

*My dear Sister-In-Law Opal, I cannot believe you are no longer here with us, from the first time I met you I knew you were a special person. You were a caring person who always wanted to do for others, always asking if I'm ok. It was just two weeks ago I thought about you and sent you a message 🥹 Opal sleep in peace, till we meet again love always 😊❤️*

Jennifer Battett - May 31, 2025 at 06:13 PM

RS

*Sharon Walker*

*Now a Jewel in the Masters crown Opal you left this earth without a frown. Warm and loving, tender and kind thinking of your grace only a few come to mind. I was blessed to cross paths with you and therefore find comfort knowing that you are now in God's sweet rest. Rest !*

Rev. Sharon - June 03, 2025 at 10:15 AM

UM

“*Opal this one is a very hard one I still think I am dreaming!! Your smile tell it all! Your heart is always of pure love to everyone continue smiling my love*



Una Mitchell - May 25, 2025 at 08:04 AM

KH

“ I remember the first time we met Opal and what a wonderful sense of humor she had. Her smile would touch your heart. So glad we had the opportunity to become friends. Holding on to the wonderful memories until we meet again



Karen Hanson-Wilson - May 24, 2025 at 11:34 PM

PW

Claudia I'm Wishing for you and your family comfort and peace during this difficult time, may the memories of Opal live on in your hearts 🙏



Pauline J Willis - June 03, 2025 at 10:27 PM

KS

“ My sweet sweet cousin, my sister my friend. How do I go on without you here. I miss your presence, I miss your smile, your laughter. I miss you so much. We have so much to continue doing . O Mighty God give me strength, give my family strength and my LJ., he needs you more now than ever. God only you know why.. Pal, life will never be the same without you here. O Lord God how do we carry on. RIP Pal until



Kereen Sinclair - May 24, 2025 at 10:41 AM

DG

*Oh my dear friend, I miss you, I miss you I miss the talk. the laugh, the smile just about every thing. I have learn so much from you you were a genuine friend from way back when. Miss you, miss you*

**Deann Griffiths** - May 24, 2025 at 02:33 PM

DK

*My condolences to the entire family and her husband Maurice who finally found his soulmate and the happiness she brought to their home..May the memories created is this live union live on forever*

**Denise king** - May 25, 2025 at 10:58 AM

WH

*My heart is broken , Opal my classmate and a good friend .. we are class of 1989 Junction Secondary and we still friends living in Brooklyn NY .. we talk all the time and met couple times , she's was a king and loving friend I'm here listening to her VN and videos she sent me .. my condolences to her family RIP my friend Opal 🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹🥹*

**wendy Holness-Brown** - May 25, 2025 at 04:36 PM

KW

*O LORD MY DEAR FRIEND OPAL. YOU WHERE SUCH A NICE HUMBLE SOUL.*

**Karon Whittingham** - June 03, 2025 at 02:30 PM