

## **Marie Rosemond Joseph, Co-Founder and Former President of Haitian Nurses Association died**

On Tuesday, October 11, 2005, Mrs. Marie Rosemond Joseph died of cancer at Boston Medical Center, East Newton Campus. She was 62.

Born on September 30, 1943 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Mrs. Joseph studied nursing at “L’Ecole des Infirmieres” also known as “Ecole Simone Ovide Duvalier” in the Haitian capital. Upon graduation in 1967, she came to the United States to pursue her nursing education. In 1977, she received an Applied Science degree in Nursing at New York Community College, New York, and then moved to Boston, Massachusetts. In 1986 the University of Massachusetts awarded, Marie Rosemond a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Mrs. Joseph co-founded the Haitian Nurses Association (HNA) in 1997 and was its president for 10 years. She received a Masters of Education in Management from Cambridge College in 1989.

Mrs. Joseph worked as head nurse at Mattapan Chronicle Hospital from 1977 to 1982. She was the informal charge nurse of telemetry unit at Boston City Hospital from 1984 to 1997. She was the staff- nurse emergency radiology at Boston Medical Center, and spent a year at Milton Health Care as staff development coordinator infection control nurse and as a Nursing supervisor.

Marie Rosemond was so passionate about the nursing profession that she always wanted to initiate young Haitian women into the profession. She served as a clinical instructor at Roxbury Community College from 1987 to 2004 and at Bunker Hill Community College around 1997.

In her quest to promote and assist in nursing education in Haiti, in May 2005 Mrs. Marie Rosemond Joseph and her sister Gilda Jean-Louis established the Elise Joseph Foundation, a non-profit organization named in honor of her mother. The foundation also seek to provide for those in need of nursing assistance in Haiti.

Marie Rosemond Joseph’s family would like to continue her legacy of educating and assisting those in need in Haiti. If you would like to support the foundation, please send donations to:

Gilda Jean-Louis

The Elsie Joseph Foundation

5922 Master Street

Philadelphia, PA 19151