



## Deborah Cerese O'Neal

April 6, 1955 - September 28, 2025

Deborah Cerese Green was born on April 6, 1955, to Sarah Rebecca Green and Willie Green. She was born and raised in the South Bronx, New York. She was the 5th child and baby girl of the family. She chose to be called by her middle name, "Cerese" because at the time there were so many Deborahs that lived in the neighborhood, but there was only one Cerese. Cerese was known for her beautiful smile and her bubbly personality.

Cerese and her family moved to Hempstead, Long Island, during her high school years. She graduated from Hempstead High School. After graduation, Cerese pursued a higher education by attending Nassau Community College, where she graduated with her associate's degree. Cerese worked at Gimbel's Department Store where her personality and sales skills shined. She used her keen administrative skills at several companies and businesses, including LabCorp, and The Hellen Keller School on Long Island.

Cerese loved the Lord with all her heart. She was the First Lady of a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she also served as the lead Sunday School teacher. She taught children of primary ages the blessed word of God.

Later, Cerese moved back to Long Island, New York, and served as the Prayer leader for her mother's church, The Good News Faith Tabernacle in Hempstead, New York. Many today still recall the powerful prayer nights that

she led by the Spirit of God. One notable scripture that Cerese taught was Matthew 6:25 - Matthew 7:11. Cerese told the prayer group to read this scripture 3 times a day like a prescription. Cerese expanded her role in the Good News Faith Tabernacle Church by serving as a Sunday School teacher. Once again sharing the good word of the gospel to the youngest church goers. Cerese helped with the Toys for Tots program, sponsored by the Marines, on Long Island. She also helped gather food for families that faced food insecurity on Long Island.

Cerese and her husband moved to Richmond, Virginia. She later moved to Florida, where she lived near her brothers, Raymond and Arnold.

Cerese was preceded in death by her mother, Pastor Sarah R. Thomas, her father, Reverend Willie Green and her daughter, Desiree Young.

Cerese leaves behind her husband, Dennis O'Neal; 4 brothers, Arnold Green (Noelia Green), Kevin Green (Mary Green), Raymond Kaufman (Sheila Kaufman), and Derek Thomas (Sharon Thomas); 2 sisters, Cheryl Green and Michelle McGee; and a host of nieces and nephews, Shawnee (Johnny), Jamel, Janean, Marlon, Ciara, Teracie, Diontre, Sumaia, Saniya; great nieces and nephews, Nisa, Symone, Josiah, Jeremiah, Sarah, DiAngelo, Levi, Noah, Mila, Jael, Joel and a host of other family members. She also leaves behind another mother figure, Ruby Pinckney.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Your Sanctuary Assisted Living, the staff and Ms. Marcia Miller for their dedicated care.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Your Sanctuary Assisted Living, LLC. Please contact the funeral home for further details. 407-373-0033.

For those that cannot attend, you can live stream at 7:00 pm: <https://faithassembly.org/live/>

# Cemetery Details

## Rose Hill Cemetery

1615 Old Boggy Creek Rd  
Kissimmee, FL 34741

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Faith Assembly of God  
9307 Curry Ford Road  
Orlando, FL 32825

## Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Good Life Funeral Home & Cremation created a Webcast in memory of Deborah Cerese O'Neal*



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**Good Life Funeral home & Cremation** - October 02, 2025 at 09:06 AM

BB

“ *I met Cerese when I moved to Virginia 20 years ago. She worked at Avis rent a car and I at Hertz. We became fast friends because I was from Jersey and she from New York. I loved and still do, her dearly. I became close to her and Dennis, my family loved her. I miss you, think of you always, Cerese! I will always keep you in my heart. Love and blessings to you in eternity.*

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**Barbara A Batson** - October 27, 2025 at 12:51 AM

YM

“ *Dear Pastor Cheryl and family, praying for each of you for strength and comfort during this difficult time. The beautiful memories of Cerese will always live in your hearts ❤️. May she rest in peace sorrouned by Gods love.*

*Yvonne Maria*

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**Yvonne Maria Mowatt** - October 16, 2025 at 07:31 PM

JT

“ My condolences, and prayers for the family of Cerese O'Neil ( sister Cerese) may you take comfort in knowing that she is with her Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ. Joan thompson, A member of the G.N.F.T.Church.

Joan Thompson - October 13, 2025 at 04:46 PM

FF

“ From Vargas- Hammett family. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Deborah Cerese O'Neal.



From Vargas- Hammett family. - October 11, 2025 at 10:03 PM

TA

“ The Pearls and team @ Your Sanctuary ALF purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Deborah Cerese O'Neal.



The Pearls and team @ Your Sanctuary ALF - October 03, 2025 at 09:14 PM

AT

“ To Cerese Family, I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Cerese in person but I do know her brother Ray who is my family, I just want to express my deepest sympathy to you all and as long as you all have those special memories of Cerese it's a blessing.



Arnita Tyler - October 02, 2025 at 08:36 AM