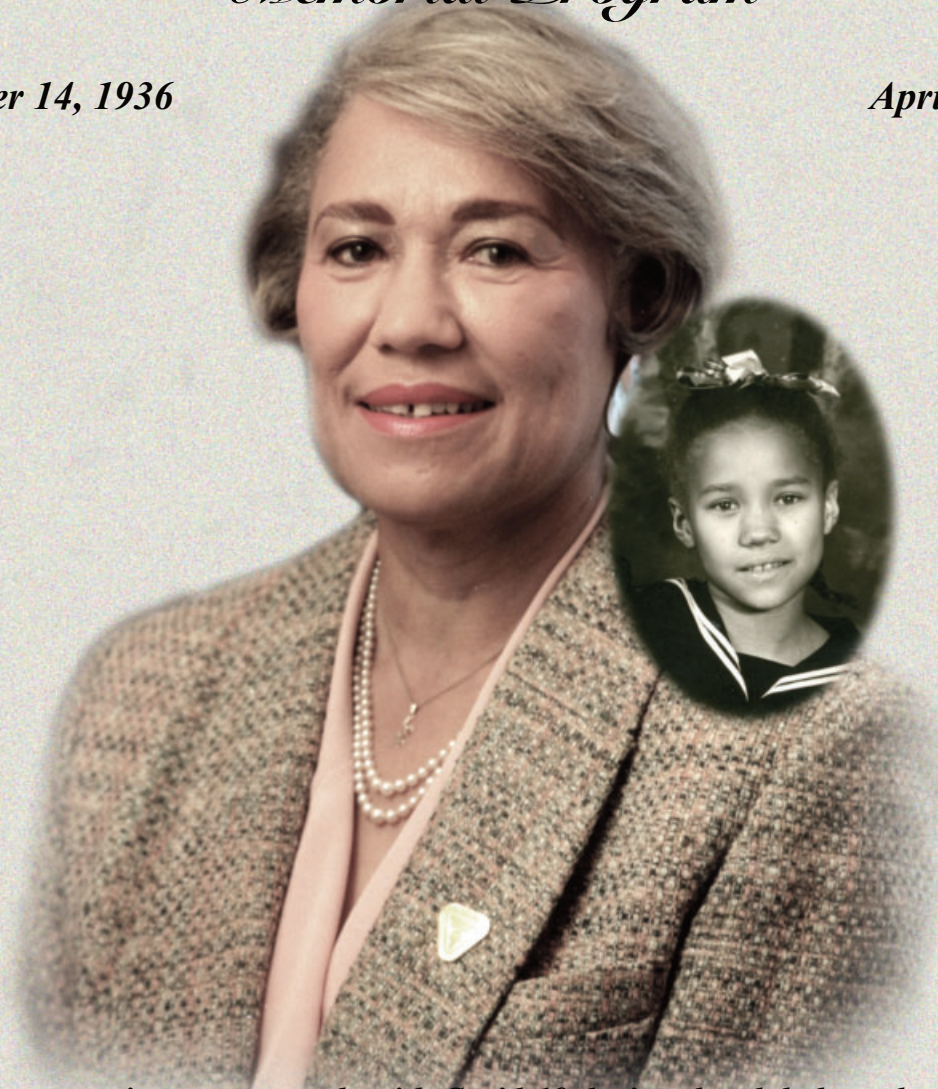


A Celebration of Life
Omega Cecile Logan Silva, M.D.

Memorial Program

December 14, 1936

April 2, 2020



As the country continues to struggle with Covid-19 during the global pandemic, and in light of the restrictions on large gatherings in Omega's beloved Washington, District of Columbia, the family has decided to forego a memorial service. However, to celebrate the exemplary life that was Omega's, we present this memorial program in her honor.

Omega was inurned on Friday, June 12, 2020,
at the Rock Creek Cemetery, 201 Allison Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20011,
before a small gathering of family and friends.

Life

Is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the number of moments that take
our breath away. author unknown - author unknown

Obituary

Omega Cecile Logan Silva, M.D., died on Thursday, April 2, 2020. She was born in Washington, D.C., on December 14, 1936, to Mary Ruth Dickerson and Louis Jasper Logan, and was the oldest of four children. She was educated in the public schools of the District and graduated from Armstrong Technical High School in June, 1954.

At Howard University, she became a chemistry major intent on going to medical school. In the summer of 1958, she traveled to Zurich, Switzerland to study with Dr. Valdo Prelog who later received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry. Omega graduated from Howard in June 1958, Cum laude with honors in chemistry.

She began working as a chemist at the National Institutes of Health, Institute of Mental Health. After working at the NIH five years, she was accepted to the College of Medicine at HU and graduated in 1967.

Dr. Silva began her graduate medical education in 1967 with the first group of interns in internal medicine at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in D.C. She became a Fellow in Endocrinology in 1970, and started a research career in the VA's laboratory as the first African American woman Research Associate in the Department, advancing to also become the first African American Clinical Investigator doing work on the hormone calcitonin. Dr. Silva and her collaborators were the first to describe the production of calcitonin from small cell carcinoma of the lung in humans in 1974 published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. As the Assistant Chief of Endocrinology, she ran the Diabetic Clinic from 1977-1996. She was professor of Oncology at Howard University College of Medicine as well as a Professor Emeritus of Medicine at George Washington University. She retired from the VA in 1996.

Dr. Silva was a member of dozens of local and national committees and organizations. She served on six separate advisory groups for the NIH and was a consultant to the Food and Drug Administration's Immunology Section from 1981 to 1989. Dr. Silva also served on the board of directors for the Howard University Medical Alumni Association, the Howard University Board of Trustees, the National Association of Veterans Affairs Physicians, the American Medical Women's Association, the Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine and the National Research Center for Women and Families.

In 1983, she was elected president of the Howard University Medical Alumni, making her the first woman to hold that post. Dr. Silva was elevated to a Mastership by the American College of Physicians in 2003. She was a diplomat of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the Board of Endocrinology and Metabolism and presented scientific papers internationally and wrote and published extensively, mostly on endocrine topics. As a member of the AMWA since 1964, Dr. Silva served in many roles, including President of AMWA from 2000 to 2002.

Dr. Silva was honored by the National Center for Women and Families in 2010 with the Foremother Award which recognizes lifetime achievements. She was known as a long-standing advocate for universal health care and a committed supporter of the advancement of women in medicine.

She was a designer of clothes, hats and furniture and with her husband's help built a farmhouse Overlook Farm, in Haymarket Virginia, acting as the general contractor. She loved collecting mushroom, horse and giraffe figurines and loved calla lilies.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Harold Bryant Webb, whom she married in 1982, her daughter, Frances Cecile Silva Esq., son-in-law Edward Fitzgerald, her brothers Garland Logan and Kenzel Logan, and a host of relatives and friends.











Proverbs 3: 5-7

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy path.

In Appreciation

The family wishes to express sincere thanks, warm gratitude and deep appreciation for your prayers, telephone calls, visits, and many acts of kindness. Though we cannot gather, the family hopes that at your next celebratory gathering, you will raise a toast and smile in Omega's memory. Thank you all.

May God bless each of you.

Compensation

I'd like to think when life is done,
That I had filled a needed post
That here and there I'd paid my fare
With more than idle talk and boast;
That I had taken gifts divine,
The breath of life and womanhood fine,
And tried to use them now and then
In service of my fellow men.

I'd hate to think when life is through
That I had lived my round of years
A useless kind, that leaves behind
No record in this vale of tears,
That I had wasted all my days
By treading only selfish ways,
And that this world would be the same
If it had never known my name.

I'd like to think that here and there,
When I am gone, there shall remain
A happier spot that might have not
Existed had I toiled for gain,
That someone's cheery voice and smile
Shall prove that I had been worthwhile;
That I had paid with something fine
My debt to God for life divine.

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