



*Celebrating the Life of*

**DR. CORA ANN PRESLEY**

**APRIL 14, 1951 - SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

*'There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in our hearts.'*

*- Mahatma Gandhi*

## REMEMBRANCES

From Friends and Colleague  
In Celebration of A Life So Beautifully Lived!

I am extremely sorry to hear of Cora's passing. She was a dear friend; we became acquainted while serving on Amistad's Board. She was a kind, thoughtful person, whose intellect was second to none. She was an accomplished scholar who imparted her knowledge and wisdom to anyone and everyone who came into contact with her. She truly was one of the finest people I ever met. I am going to miss her.

- Ronald L. Wilson, Attorney at Law

She toiled mightily during her life for social justice. She was one of God's warriors. May she now rest in peace.

- Christine Gallant

She enriched my intellectual life and I treasured our friendship.

- Marsha Houston

She was so special to me, and my life was made rich by having her in it.

- Martha Sullivan

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## A TRIBUTE TO DR. CORA ANN PRESLEY

Her Vibrant Memory Lives on as A Gentle Spirit with The Earth

By Frances Presley Rice

*"What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, For all that we love deeply becomes a part of us." - Helen Keller*

Upon seeing Cora as a baby, brought home by our mother from the hospital, my first thought was oh, what a beautiful, serene spirit.

She often told me how wonderful it was that I taught her all of the letters of the alphabet, and how to write her name and count to 100 before she was five years old. I opined that it was not any special talent I had, but her innate intellect that made it possible.

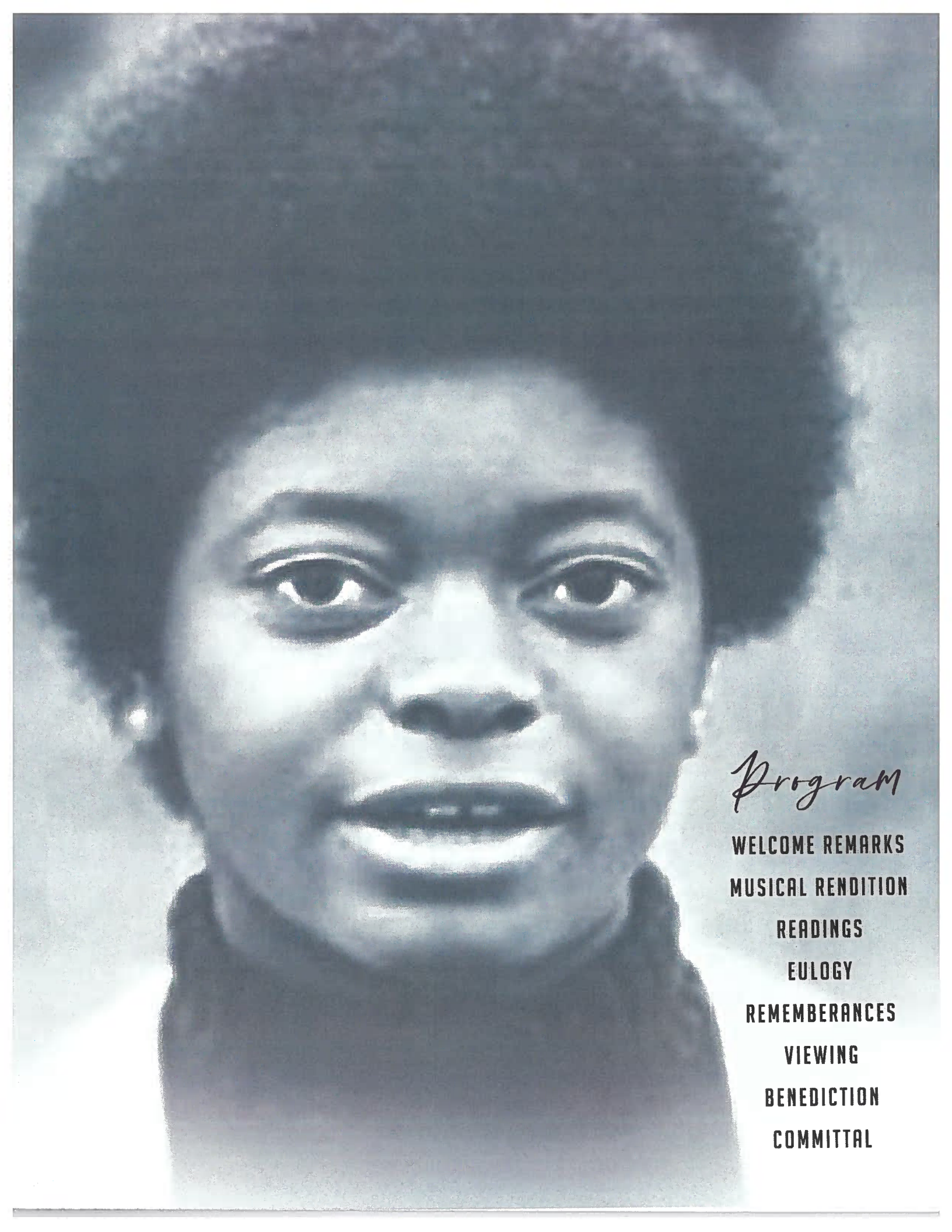
It was her angelic demeanor, empathy, patience, and deeply loving acceptance of all who came to know her that made her the perfect sister, relative, friend, and colleague. I'll remember always her bright smile and kind soul. Her spirit was an inspiration.

My sister, Cora, was, indeed, a gift from the heavens.

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I met Cora more than 30 years ago when she joined the Board of Directors of Amistad Research Center. We became friends and each other's confidants on Amistad business. Cora had a brilliant mind, she was a true scholar and master of African and African American history. Cora gave me a signed copy of her book, *Kikuyu Women, the Mau Mau Rebellion and Social Change in Kenya*, which I will cherish. She was so proud of her scholarship on the role of the women involved in Kenya's revolution.

- Andrea Green Jefferson, Ed.D



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CORA AT STANFORD BACHELOR DEGREE GRADUATION



CORA, MOTHER LUCY AND FOUR SIBLINGS-MID TO LATE 1970S



CORA AT A HISTORY CONFERENCE



CORA AND MOTHER LUCY AT MILTON ACADEMY FOR GIRLS

## **PALLBEARERS**

Family and Friends

## **FLOWER BEARERS**

Family and Friends

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The family of Dr. Cora Ann Presley gratefully acknowledges your many acts of kindness during the passing of our loved one. Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and support during this difficult time. May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

You might consider making a tax-deductible contribution in Cora's memory to the Amistad Research Center or the Georgia Retired Educators Foundation (GRE). Donations to the GRE go to: GRE Foundation, Dr. William Gardner, 11 Springer Way, Rocky Face, GA 30740. Please include your name and address, the local unit (Gwinnett County REA), and Cora's name (Dr. Cora Ann Presley).

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