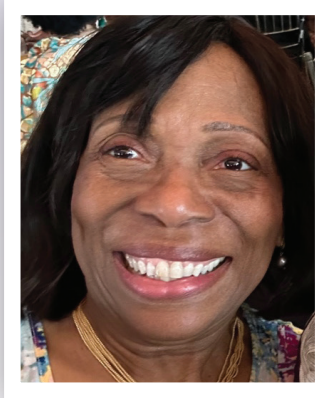


## Verna FitzPatrick



**Verna FitzPatrick** was born in Panama City to the late Harold and Alene Josephs. She obtained her BS in Medical Technology at Canal Zone College before moving to the United States in 1976 to obtain an MS in Public Health Administration from Russell Sage College. In 1980, she married her beloved late husband, Richard C. FitzPatrick, with whom she settled on Roosevelt Island to raise their two children, Robert and Elena. Verna began her career at the New York State Health Department. She later served in various capacities at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, St. Elizabeth Anne Nursing Home, and in 1995 she became the administrator of Northern Manhattan Rehabilitation and Nursing Facility. Verna worked there for 21 years before retiring in 2016. Since then she has maintained active membership in several organizations that strive to serve the community. She is currently, the Vice President of her professional organization, Black Long-Term Care Executives. In that role, she spearheads an internship program that equips New York City high school students from underrepresented groups with the skills needed for careers in healthcare. Verna is also President of the Brooklyn United Methodist Church Nursing Home Foundation, Senior Warden of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd on Roosevelt Island, Chair of the Coler Hospital Community Advisory Board, and member of the Imani Literary Group. In addition, she volunteers her time helping immigrants seeking asylum with the Asylum Support Clinic at Rutgers Presbyterian Church in Manhattan. Verna takes great joy in her children, five grandchildren, and her dog, Luna.

