

Don't

Don't spend too much time in mourning,
Tears are for the sad;
I left to be with Jesus
And this should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours in grieving,
No need to feel distress;
I'm tired of life's frustrations
And had to get some rest.
Don't puzzle yourself with questions
Or try to reason why
Life here for me was ended,
It came my time to die.
Don't lose the love I gave you
Feed it with your care;
Grow it with devotion
And spread it everywhere.
Don't fret because my leaving
Came in such a way;
We'll have another meeting
In God's eternal day.

Acknowledgement

The family of Claris May Ricketts acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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In Loving Memory of Claris May Ricketts



Sunrise

June 6, 1926

Sunset

December 26, 2009

Service

Thursday, January 14, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Ray Delgado, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Claris May Ricketts was born on June 6, 1926 to the late Richard and Katherine (Hibbert) Merchant in Manchester, Jamaica West Indies. Claris was the last of seven children born to her parents.

Claris attended school in Manchester. At the age of thirty-two she married the late Edward Nathaniel Ricketts. From this union six children were born. Claris and Nathaniel left Jamaica and moved to England early in their marriage. In the late 1970s they migrated to the United States and settled in Paterson, NJ.

Claris worked as a Nurses' Aide at North Jersey Training School in Totowa, NJ until she retired. While in retirement, Claris enjoyed traveling to visit her family and friends in Jamaica.

Claris departed this life on Saturday, December 26, 2009.

She is survived by: five sons, Trevor, Evan, Barrington, Devon and Colin Ricketts; two brothers, Alfred and Donald Morgan; fourteen grandchildren, Christopher, Mark, Warren, Dominique, Shauna, Darren, Ramir, Nyah, Justin, Nikola, Michael, Marlan and Shawn Ricketts, Jerrell Thompson; seventeen great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Murdock Ricketts; devoted friends, Oliver Goldsmith and Pam; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Hymn

Scripture Reading

Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

*Acknowledgements
and Reflections of Life*

Remarks

Solo

"Precious Lord" - Jahrell Thompson

Eulogy

Pastor Ray Delgado
Assembly of God • Teaneck, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Cross Keys Cemetery
Manchester, Jamaica W.I.