

In Thanksgiving for the Life of
Lorna Clotelle Welch

Sunrise

February 1, 1950

Sunset

April 27, 2011

Service

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

CUSHNIE-HOUSTON FUNERAL HOME

102 Sanford Street • East Orange, NJ 07018

Rev. Veronica P. Palmer, Presiding

The Obituary

“SHE IS NOT DEAD BUT SLEEPS”

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Lorna Clotelle Welch was born to Charles and Gloria Forde on the island of Barbados, West Indies on February 1, 1950.

She was educated at St. Matthias Girls School, majored in a secretarial course, and was employed by the Department of Education. She emigrated to the United States where she worked as a CNA for Comprehensive Home Care until she became too ill to work.

Lorna was a good, loving daughter who embraced the family and was always there for them. She helped raise some of her nieces and nephews.

She leaves to mourn her passing: two brothers, Colin and Charles; four sisters, Korene of Canada, Sandra, Shelia, and Chery, of the United States; her uncle, Randolph Welch of Barbados; and many relatives too numerous to mention.

The family offers their sincere thanks to all those who took time from their busy schedule to attend services.



Order of Worship

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE “*Steal Away to Jesus*” - William Farley Smith

WORD OF GRACE

GREETING

*OPENING HYMN “*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*”

PRAYER The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

O God, who gave us birth, you are ever more ready to hear than we are to pray. You know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Give to us now your grace, that as we shrink before the mystery of death, we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to die. And when our days here are accomplished, enable us to die as those who go forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you, and that nothing in life or in death will be able to separate us from your great love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN “*The Day Thou Gavest, Lord Is Ended*”

The day thou gavest, Lord is ended. The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended, Thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
So be it, Lord, thy throne shall never, Like earth’s proud empires pass away,
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever. Till all thy creatures own thy sway.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING *Psalm 23*

*HYMN “*Because He Lives*”

OBITUARY Forde

SOLO Cheryl King

POEM

TRIBUTES Sheila Scott, Sandra Reid & Sophia Welch

GOSPEL *John 14:1-3* The Word of God for the People of God!

SERMON Rev. Veronica P. Palmer

FAMILY TRIBUTE *Sleep On Beloved, Sleep and Take Your Rest*

Sleep on, beloved, sleep and take thy rest, Lay down thy head upon thy savior’s breast;

We love thee well but Jesus loves thee best; Good night, Good night, Good night.

Only “Good night” beloved, not “Farewell” A little while and all his saints shall dwell

In hallowed union, indivisible, Good night, good night, good night.

Until we meet again before his throne, Clothed in the spotless robes he gives his own

Until we know even as we are known, Good night, Good night, Good night. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Gloria Forde

*HYMN “*We’ll Understand It Better By and By*”

COMMENDATION

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of love, we thank you for all with which you have blessed us even to this day: for the gift of joy in days of health and strength and for the gifts of your abiding presence and promise in days of pain and grief. We praise you for home and friends, and for our baptism and place in your Church and for all who have lived and died. Above all else we thank you for Jesus, who knew our griefs, who died our death and rose for our sake, and who lives and prays for us.

*THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN “*In the Garden*”

A SERVICE OF COMMITTAL

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE “*Amazing Grace*”

Cremation

Rosemount Crematory • Newark, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Lorna C. Welch** would like to take this opportunity to extend their sincere appreciation for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to them during their time of bereavement. May God continue to bless and keep each of you in His loving Care.

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