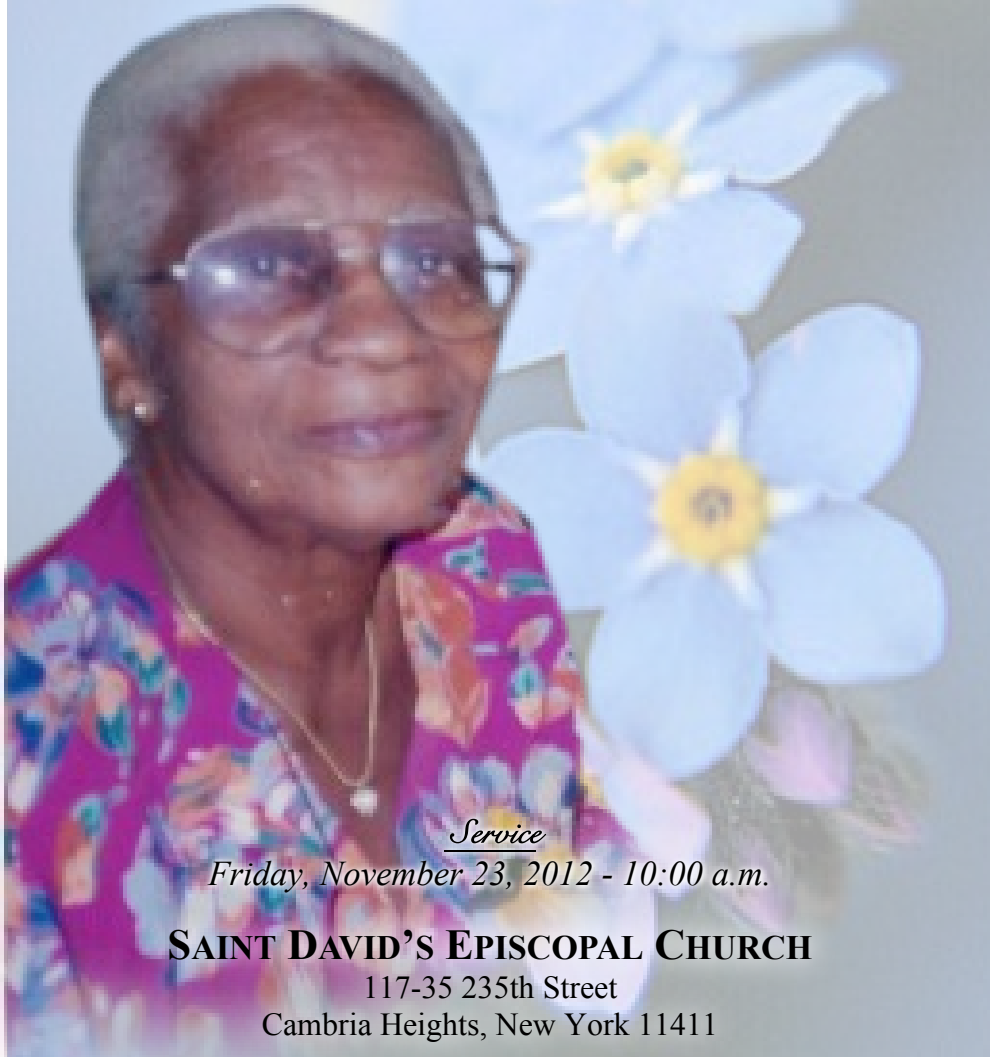


# *A Celebration of the Life of Gladys Adelia Elaine Parris*

*August 7, 1920 - November 16, 2012*



## *Service*

*Friday, November 23, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.*

**SAINT DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

117-35 235th Street

Cambria Heights, New York 11411

*The Very Reverend Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett, Rector and Dean  
Phyllis Fibleuil, Music Director/Organist*

## Obituary

**Gladys Adelia Elaine Parris nee Softleigh**, was the second of eight children born to the late Stanley Percival Softleigh and Reitha Mercina Softleigh on August 7, 1920. After completing her elementary education at Christ Church Anglican School at the age of sixteen, she embarked on her chosen career of dress making.

During this time she met and married the late John Edward Parris who predeceased her in 2004. This union bore three children, Lorna Vaughan; Owen Parris and Jennifer Grant. During the marriage, they owned and managed Parris Furniture Store. Gladys was an active member of the A.M.E. Zion Church in Georgetown, Guyana; she was the treasurer and also sang in the choir.

In 2006, Gladys migrated to the United States to live with her children.

Gladys leaves behind to mourn her three children, Lorna Vaughan, Owen Parris and Jennifer Grant; her sister, Evelyn Softleigh-Gibson of Florida; her brother, Cecil Softleigh of Guyana; son-in-law, John Vaughan; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Haynes-Parris; nine grandchildren, Sherron Bokonga, Sean Eadie, Nishell Grant, Sherwyn Parris, Althea Molo, Samantha Hyner, Shonnette Parris, Diane Parris and Dwight Parris; six great grandchildren, Elie Bokonga, Joshua Bokonga, Madison Hyder, Jeremee Molo, Jason Molo and Ayden Parris; nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends now sadly say farewell and wish her a peaceful rest.



# Order of Service

Tributes .....	Nishelle Grant
Obituary Reading .....	Nishelle Grant
Reception of the Body .....	Book of Common Prayer - page #466
Sentences	
Introit Hymn .....	“How Great Thou Art” Levas #60
Collect .....	Father Joshua M. Nisbett
First Lesson .....	Wisdom 3:1-5,9 Diane Parris
Psalms 23 .....	1982 Hymnal #663
Second Lesson .....	Revelation 21:2-7 Sherron Bokonga
Hymn .....	“Because He Lives” Levas #43
The Gospel .....	John 11:27
Homily .....	Father Joshua M. Nisbett
The Apostles Creed .....	Book of Common Prayer - page #496
Prayer of the People .....	Book of Common Prayer - page #497
Offertory Hymn .....	“Blessed Assurance” Levas #184
Eucharistic Prayer .....	Book of Common Prayer - page #361
Communion Hymns .....	“It Is Well With My Soul” Levas #188
Selection .....	Book of Common Prayer - page #499
Recessional Hymn .....	1982 Hymnal #208 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia”

## **Interment**

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

*Please join the family for a repast in the  
Undercroft of the church following the burial.*

# *To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me*

*Now I am gone, release me, let me go  
I have so many things to see and do  
You must not tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many years.  
I gave you love, you can only guess  
How much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you have shown  
But now it is time I travel alone  
So grieve for a while if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.  
It's only for a while that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll always be near  
And if you listen with your heart you'll hear  
All of my love around you soft and clear  
And then, you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say,  
"Welcome Home."*

*-Author unknown*

## **Pallbearers**

Owen Parris  
Harold Miller

Sherwyn Parris  
Deryck Griffith

John Vaughan  
Sean Eadie

## **Acknowledgements**

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