

In Loving Memory of



“Forever in Our Heart”

Florence A. Gidarie

December 3, 1926 - July 7, 2014

Service

Friday, July 18, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

St. Bernards/ St. Stanislaus RCC

368 Sumner Avenue

Plainfield, New Jersey 07060

Obituary

Florence Agatha Gidarie was born on December 3, 1926 on the beautiful island of Jamaica in the parish of Kingston, to Thomas Dewar and Theresa Wray... that is the reason she enjoyed a little scotch whiskey and was never without a bottle of rum.

Florence was the eldest of three children. She attended St. Benedict's Elementary School and St. George's Girls' School in Kingston, Jamaica. Thereafter, she completed an apprenticeship in Dressmaking and Designing from S&M School of Dressmaking.

In September 1953, a few months before turning twenty-seven, Florence married her darling Joseph, a bartender. She was destined to maintain associations with liquor. They raised their only daughter, Cecelia.

Florence worked at Issa's on King St. in the heart of downtown Kingston, as a dressmaker. She specialized in children's dresses. With an entrepreneurial spirit, she designed and sewed various garments for sale out of her home: undergarments such as brassieres and crinolines, curtains, bedding, dresses, shirts, and more. Florence even sewed her daughter's prom gown years later. Her last job in Jamaica was at Kent Pharmacy in Harbour View Shopping Center as a supervisor, responsible for payroll and human resources.

Florence left Jamaica in November 1968 to pursue better opportunities in the United States. After staying with a cousin in New York, she moved to an apartment in Plainfield, New

Jersey. Her husband and daughter joined her in 1970. Cecelia completed two years of high school and then went back to Jamaica. She returned frequently and eventually settled in New Jersey eight years later with her own family.

Florence worked at Burroughs Corporations for a decade and during that time bought the house where she remained for the rest of her life. She continued sewing for herself and others, as that was her calling. She also became a certified nursing assistant and took care of countless people. She was actively involved at her beloved church, St. Bernard's in Plainfield. She served as a Eucharistic Minister, where she distributed the Eucharist to the sick and elderly at a nursing home and hospital once a week for over twenty years. Florence was also a member of the choir and Rosary Society. She attended church every Sunday, rain or shine, until she became ill.

Florence loved to travel, as evidenced by the numerous magnets on her refrigerator she collected over the years. She also reflected on the nostalgic days growing up and working in Jamaica, and would often recite:

*Land of my birth, I pledge to be
Loyal and faithful, true to thee*

Florence was a strong, independent spirit with a jovial sense of humor. She had a sharp wit, a giving nature, and a deep love for her friends and family.

She will be lovingly missed by her daughter, Cecelia Ashman; sister, Maisie Dewar; brother, Roy Dewar; granddaughter, Nicole Ashman; grandson, Richard Ashman; granddaughter-in-law, Odessa Ashman; godson, Michael Burrowes and wife; and a host of cousins, other family members and dear friends.

Order of Service

Entrance..... The Strife Is O'er (#272)

Blessing and Placing of the Pall

Opening Prayer

Scripture Readings

The Old Testament: The Book of Isaiah

Michael Burrowes- Godson

Responsorial : Shepherd Me O God (#441)

The New Testament: The Book of Revelation

Odessa Ashman - Granddaughter-in-law

Homily

Universal Prayer Father Frank Rose

Presentation of the Gifts Richard Ashman - Grandson

Rain Down (#423) Nicole Ashman - Granddaughter

Communion..... Gift of Finest Wheat (#388)

MediationAve Maria

Eulogy Mr. Wilbert Smikle

Recessional “On Eagle’s Wings”

Interment

St. Gertrude Cemetery
Colonia, New Jersey

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement. May God Bless and Keep You!

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. A feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure choice wines.

On this mountain He will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; He will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces. The reproach of His people He will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken.

On that day it will be said: “Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord



A Reading from the Book of Revelation

I, John, heard a voice from heaven say, “Write this down: Blessed are those who have died, who died in the Lord from now on.” “Yes”, said the spirit, “let them find rest from their labors, for their good works accompany them.

The Word of the Lord





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

Pallbearers

Family and friends

Richard Ashman	Michael Burrowes
Bertram Ashman	Kevin Smith
Paul Ashman	Paul Brown

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