

*Home-going Service
Celebrating the Life of*



Susan G. Armstrong

Sunrise: December 25, 1921

Sunset: June 3, 2015

Service

Thursday, June 11, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

165 W. 105th Street • New York, NY 10025

Rev. Alistair Drummond, Pastor

Rev. John David Warren, Pastor Emeritus

Mr. John Bowen, Minister of Music

Obituary

Susie (also known as Susan) Green Armstrong was the "seventh child born Christmas Day with a Veil over her face" to Irene Barrington and Atlas Green. She was born in Jacksonville, Florida, in Duvall County.

After losing her mother at the young age of seven years old, she was raised by distant cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, who were deacons in Jacksonville, Florida. She always wanted to be a writer. She started writing poetry at twelve years old. From then, she never ceased to write poetry. She attended Stanton High School in Jacksonville, Florida. When she was eighteen years old, she moved to Norfolk, Virginia, then to Baltimore, Maryland, then New York City. One of many of her famous phrases regarding living in New York was "I still had that southern hospitality when I got to New York, and New York was a tough place to live, so I had to get New York tough or go back to Florida. I GOT NEW YORK TOUGH." She would remain throughout the rest of her years in New York City.

She met and married Rolando Sabio. From that marriage, three children were born, Rigoberto Sabio, Antone Alecia Jacob (deceased), and Tanya Sabio. She met her second husband, Huntley A. Armstrong Jr. in the late 1970's and they got married in 1980 at West End Presbyterian Church where he soon joined and became a member then became a deacon. Both him and Susan remained members until their passing. One of the fondest memories for her granddaughter, Susan Andrea Culbreth was taking these long bus rides on the #7 bus. They would get on and never get off, going all the way to the bus depot waiting for the bus drivers to change and coming back. Now that was a trip!! And Andrea loved it!!!

Susan is survived by: her son, Rigoberto Sabio; her daughter, Tanya Sabio; her grandchildren, Susan Andrea Culbreth, Mercilovidas Sabio, Zavier Sabio, Kavion Sabio, Ijha Jacob, Tamisha Sabio-Hall, Rolando Sabio and N'Dia Sabio; her great-grandchildren, Keyah Shalee Hall, Michael Hall, Elijah Hall, Sean Farrish, Cedric Culbreth Jr. and Christopher Culbreth; and her great, great-grandson, Aaron Anthony Culbreth. She is also survived by many other relatives and many friends who cherish her memory. She is preceded in death by her parents, Irene Barrington and Atlas Green, Sr., her six siblings, Atlas Jr., Yancey, Estel (born July 4th), Samuel, James, and the youngest son, Daniel Green who was seven years older than her. She is also preceded in death by her first husband, Rolando Sabio, her second husband of thirty-one years, Huntley A. Armstrong, Jr., her daughter, Antone Alecia Jacob and her grandson, Michael Anthony Sabio.

Order of Service

*Officiating Ministers, Rev. Alistair Drummond,
Pastor Erich Rausch, Guest Accompanist and Pianist*

Prelude

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn 276.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer

Scripture Selections.....Isaiah 40, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 1

Musical Selection.....“Walk With Me Jesus”
Margaret Young

Obituary Reading

Poem.....Ijha Jacob

Words of Remembrance

Poem.....Rigoberto Sabio

Musical Selection.....“The Center Of My Joy”
Deacon William Cummings, New Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Gospel Reading.....John 14 (selected verses)

Sermon

Musical Selection“Musap and Pop-pop”
Kavion Sabio Guitar Instrumental

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn 341.....“Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine!”

Benediction

Postlude

Entombment
Trinity Mausoleum • New York, New York

Burial at Trinity Cemetery immediately following the service

Repat here at West End Presbyterian Church after the Burial. All are welcome.

Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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