

In Loving Memory of



Mary Helen Beatrice Harrigan

SUNRISE: November 12, 1953

SUNSET: September 10, 2026

Service

Thursday, October 1st 2026 – 11:30 a.m.

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Jay Gooding, Officiating

Min. Dhar Bryant, Organist

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional

Selection “Blessed Assurance,” Dhar Bryant

Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Psalms 23, Joshua Benjamin

New Testament..... John 14: 1-6, Briana Benjamin

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Jay Gooding

Selection..... “We’re Marching to Zion,” Dhar Bryant

Tributes..... (2 minutes please)

Obituary & Acknowledgements..... Pearl Benjamin

Selection..... “It Is Well With My Soul,” Dhar Bryant

Eulogy..... Rev. Jay Gooding

Committal & Benediction

Remarks by Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Obituary

Mary Helen Beatrice Harrigan was born on November 12, 1953 to Enid Swift and Cecil Harrigan in Swetes Village, Antigua. She attended Swetes Government School for her primary education, and was an active member of Cana Moravian Church in Swetes Village, Antigua.

As a young woman, Mary worked at the airport in Antigua. It was during this time that she met Paget Benjamin and gave birth to her first and only child, Thelbert Benjamin, in October of 1972. Between the late 1970s and early 1980s, Mary migrated to America. She settled in New York, where she worked in housekeeping and became an active, dedicated member of the United Moravian Church on 127th Street and Third Avenue in Harlem.

Mary enjoyed shopping and sending goods back to Antigua for her loved ones. She cherished the time spent with her life-long companion, William, and took immense pride in her family. Mary especially enjoyed spending time with her first grandchild, Jahasaki, taking him with her wherever she went.

Mary worked in housekeeping until the pandemic slowed her down. As a result, her health started to decline and she became forgetful. In her last year of life her granddaughter, Pearl Benjamin and her family became very active in helping Thelbert care for and support his mother until her creator called her home.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Enid Swift and Cecil Harrigan; her life-long companion, William; seven of her siblings: Bailey, Christybell, Janet, Louis, Olive, Ranchie, and Rodrick; and members of the Smith family: Florence, Leonard, and Sylvia.

Mary leaves behind a rich legacy of love. She is survived by: her only child Thelbert Benjamin, her four grandchildren; Jahasaki, Pearl, Briana, and Joshua, her five living siblings Briget, Ella, Mary, Morris and Novell, The Smith family- Aloma, Denfield, Dennis, Fitzroy, and Lesroy, her longtime best friend's Rosaline Williams (who is Thelbert's godmother) and Rosetta Car Spencer and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to name.

Mary will be missed by many for her quiet yet feisty personality, and the joy she brought to many.

The family wishes to express a very special thank you to Frankie, Erica, Missy, Kiana and Rosaline Williams, who were extremely supportive and present during Mary's final year of life. Your kindness and devotion will never be forgotten.

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

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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