

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Claudette Deloris Duffus-Pearce
"Dell"

Sunrise: June 7, 1948 — Sunset: April 11, 2026

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Viewing: 9:00 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m. — 1:00 pm

Rhema Sanctuary of Praise
486 Howe Avenue, Bronx, NY 10473
Officiating Ministers: Pastor Phillip Wyllis
Pastor Paulette Randall

Order of Service

Processional.	Clergy & Family
Opening Remarks	Pastor Paulette Randall
Congregational Hymn.....	"In The Great Triumphant Morning"
Opening Prayer	Minister Jocelyn Alou
Old Testament Scripture: Job 14:1-10	Althia Rowe
Selection	Kirk Boothe (unofficial grandson)
New Testament Scripture: 1st Corinthians 15:50-58	Sister Wasani Veitch
The Obituary	Carol Duffus (niece)
Remembrance	Evang. Randagay Palmer
Congregational Hymn	"In The New Jerusalem"
Reflections	(Please limit to no more than 2 minutes)
Special Song	New Life Tabernacle Church Choir
The Sermon	Pastor Phillip Wyllis
Congregational Hymn	"I'll Fly Away"
Closing Prayer.....	Evang. Sharon Mendez
Final Instructions/Viewing	
Recessional	"I'm Going Up Yonder"

Pallbearers

Henry Duffus, Jr. — Kirk Boothe —
Selvin Duffus Cecil Newell —
Gregory Veitch

Interment

Dovecot Cemetery
St. Catherine, JA, W.I.

Eulogy for Claudette Deloris Duffus-Pearce

(Affectionately called: Mommy, Mommy Pearce, Missionary, Pearcy, Ms Dell, Ms Duffus, Mother Dell and last but by no means least - "touched by an Angel.")

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Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Today, we gather to honour the life of our beloved Claudette Deloris Duffus Pearce, born in the lush Lucky Hill, St. Mary, Jamaica. She was the cherished daughter of the late Poncheta Forbes Duffus and Lucien Duffus. Claudette was the fourth of five children — the only rose among her brothers. She grew into a woman of grace, resilience, and unwavering faith. Three of her brothers predeceased her.

She is survived by her daughter Andrea, her brother Henry (a.k.a Larry), and two paternal siblings, Lena Thompson (a.k.a. Auntie Peggy) and Howard Duffus (Branny), who predeceased. As well as an adopted sister, Ruth Grimes, several nieces, nephews and other relatives; her friends and local and international church family.

Claudette's childhood was shaped by a move to Kingston, where she received her formal education. She later pursued her passion for beauty culture at Leon's School of Beauty in Kingston.

Claudette's journey was marked by devotion to her family, her community, and her God. She was a devoted mother to her beloved daughter, Andrea Bryan. In the early 1970s, she migrated to Canada but soon returned home, unwilling to be away from Andrea for too long.

In 1975, she married Mr. Wilfred Pearce. She extended her love to stepdaughters Diane (Suzie) and Patrice, and she never ceased to nurture them with a mother's heart.

Claudette was a woman of many talents; her hands were never idle. She worked in diverse fields — teaching literacy to youth at risk at the Jamaica Movement for the Advancement of Literacy (JAMAL), serving in the political arena, and working at Bardowell Manufacturing Enterprise. Later, she became a self-employed entrepreneur.

In 1993, she migrated to the United States. She laboured faithfully, from the Bronx Zoo to healthcare. She was always industrious and independent. Even in retirement, she remained a woman of enterprise, embodying diligence and perseverance.

Above all, Claudette was a servant of the Lord, walking steadfastly in her faith in God. Her Christian journey began in Jamaica at Zion New Testament Church of God in Waterhouse to Boulevard New Temple Church of God (now known as Mount of God Tabernacle), where she was ordained as a Missionary under the late Bishop Clifton Nathaniel Nunes. She served faithfully as President of the Women’s Ministry, teaching life skills and became a spiritual advisor to many.

In New York, she worshipped at New Life Tabernacle Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic in the Bronx under Pastor Paulette Randall. There, she was embraced as “Mother Dell,” a spiritual advisor, prayer warrior, and beloved member of the community and spiritual advisor to many.

Her favorite charge was simple yet profound: “*Know God for yourself*”, and we would never disagree. This was her guiding truth, and she lived it with conviction.

Claudette has a vibrant spirit. She will be remembered for her resilience, generosity, and unwavering faith. She carried the warmth of Jamaica wherever she went, nurturing family ties across countries and generations. Her household grew beyond her biological children to include countless spiritual children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, all touched by her motherly care.

She loved and enjoyed good music — from the smooth rhythms of Alton Ellis’s “Get Ready, Come Do Rock Steady” to the Robert Robinson’s hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.”

She delighted in her morning coffee, cherished her independence, and had a great sense of humour. She was no stranger to simple pleasures; she laughed, loved, and truly lived life to the fullest. One of her favourite dishes was pork with the skin. True to her spirit, she enjoyed one of her favourite dishes — stewed peas with pig’s tail, just hours before her passing.

Mommy Pearce embodied the virtues of Proverbs 31: obedience to God’s commandments, wisdom, and compassion. She often urged others with her favourite charge: “*Know God for yourself*”. She taught obedience to God’s commandments, encouraged reliance on God’s guidance, and reminded us that true prosperity comes from faith and trust in Christ.

Missionary Pearce’s total independence was curtailed in late 2024. To God be the glory; her last moments were spent with her daughter at home, having a normal conversation. She transitioned peacefully, in her daughter’s embrace, leaving a legacy that will never fade.

Today, we mourn the loss of an earthly angel who nurtured her children, teaching us love, care, gratitude, and faith. Yet we also celebrate a life lived with purpose, service, and joy and rejoice assuredly that she has gone to her eternal reward.

“What will it be when we get over yonder and join the throng beyond the glassy sea? We’ll join our loved ones and crown Christ forever. O! this is just what heaven means to me.”

***Rest well, Mommy Pearce.
You will be missed but never forgotten.***



Thank You
FOR YOUR
**DEDICATION
& HARD WORK!**

we appreciate you

*Precious
Memories*

Remember Me

*Remember me with smiles not tears,
for all the joy through all the years.*

*Recall the closeness that was ours,
A love as "sweet" as fragrant flowers.*

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,

We'll see each other once again.

I am at peace... try to believe,

It was my time... I had to leave.

But "what a view" I have from here,

I see your face, I feel you near.

I follow you throughout the day,

You're not alone along the way.

And when God calls you...you will be,

Right by my side... right here with me.

Till then, I'll wait by heaven's door,

We'll be united... evermore.

Acknowledgements

The family of Sis. Claudette Duffus and the New Life Tabernacle Church family wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your prayers, presence, words of encouragement, visits, acts of kindness, and participation in this service. Your love and support have been invaluable. The Lord bless you all.

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."
Psalm 116:15*

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