



*In  
Loving  
Memory*

*Carmen M. Stewart*

*1938 - 2000*

*~ Saturday, August 19, 2000 ~*

**Bellerose Assembly of God**  
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## *Carmen Millicent Stewart*

**Carmen Millicent Stewart**, wife, mother, grandmother, accomplished nurse, and devout member of Bellerose Assembly of God in Queens, New York, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, August 15, 2000.

Carmen was born in Kingston, Jamaica W.I., the second of four children born to Muriel Lawrence. Described by friends and family as a reserved and dignified child, Carmen demonstrated at an early age a unique religious conviction that was to guide, shape and sustain her throughout her life.

Carmen dedicated her life to the Lord and began serving Him at Life Tabernacle in Jamaica, W.I. It was there that she met Patrick Samuel Stewart who would later become her husband. She attended St. Francis Roman Catholic School, where she excelled in her studies. Thereafter, she attended and graduated from Walgrove College, a level of accomplishment to which few Jamaican women of that era could lay claim. After college, Carmen worked with the Department of Treasury in Jamaica until the opportunity arose for her to migrate to the United states in 1966.

In New York, Carmen continued her friendship with Patrick Stewart and their mutual respect, shared religious devotion, and lifelong friendship blossomed into a loving relationship. On August 10, 1968, Carmen and Patrick were married. The following year, the couple welcomed their first child, Colleen Patricia. Their second daughter, Paulette Anita arrived in 1971.

While her daughters were enrolled in preschool, Carmen herself

enrolled in the Borough of Manhattan Community College, where she studied nursing. Four months before she was set to graduate, she gave birth to her third child, a long-awaited son, Samuel Patrick, born on January 29, 1975. Later that year, she completed her studies and started her career in nursing.

Carmen spent most of her nursing career at the Dry Harbor Nursing Home in Queens, New York, where her family had settled. She and her husband, who is an accomplished accountant and college instructor, were able to successfully balance their respective careers and child rearing by never wavering from their core belief in God. It was Carmen's loving persistence that taught her children to diligently serve the Lord and to excel in all endeavors that propelled them to their personal and professional successes.

One of Carmen's proudest moments was when she witnessed the marriage of her son, Samuel, to Karen Thomas in July 1995. From that union, the Stewart's were blessed with three grandsons- Jasahn, Isaiah and Josiah.

On August 15, 2000, just five days after her 32<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary, Carmen Millicent Stewart went to be home with the Lord at the age of 61. She is survived by her loving husband, her three children, her daughter-in-law, her three grandsons, her mother Muriel Lawrence, her brother, Edgerton Lawrence, her sisters, Beverly Miller and Jonett Watson; many nieces, nephews, and other family members.

To: Carmen (My Sweets)

*I thank God upon every remembrance of you because you made our marriage so beautiful. We often talked how difficult it was to separate from each other and so we only separated from each other when it could not be avoided.*

*Obviously with your departure, I miss you very much. Nevertheless, I am so happy for you, dear. Right now you are with the One who you love so dearly and who has given you the comfort and rest I was trying to give you and much more.*

*I will endeavor to continue doing the things you would want me to do. I will live each day with the hope and assurance that we are going to be together again. When we do, you won't have any desire to slip away from me again because we will ever be with the Lord.*

*Love and 32 kisses,  
Patrick (Your Daddy)*



Mummy,

Your time here on earth was truly a blessing to us, Your dedication and commitment to God, and to your family, shaped and molded us into what we have become, as well as the future successes we will enjoy. We thank you for all the kind words, as well as the stern ones. And we know that your love and kindness will always be upon us throughout our lives. We love you and miss you, and we thank God for your time here with us.

'Til we see each other again....Bye Mummy.

Colleen, Paulette and Samuel



Grandma,

Thanks for taking care of us so well. We wish we had more time to spend with you but we'll always remember that you love us very much., My Mommy and Daddy tell us that you are having a good time now so we are not worried about you. See, all of our prayers did come true. You are feeling better. We love you and miss you. Bye.

Jasahn, Isaiah, and Josiah, and little baby in Mommy's tummy too.



# Order Of Service

Organ Instrumental ..... Gregory M. Royals

Prelude ..... Carmen's Favorite Song  
"Beulah Land"

Opening Scriptures

Old Testament .....Psalm 46 ..... Hyacinthe McKenzie

New Testament .....Revelation 21 ..... Mary Anderson

Pastoral Prayer ..... Rev. Johnny G. Ford

Obituary ..... Rev. Johnny G. Ford

Congregational Hymn ..... "Blessed Assurance"  
Luis Figueroa  
Gregory M. Royals

## **Remarks from Family & Friends**

Jasahn Stewart ..... Grandson

Rev. Audley Robinson ..... Friend of Family

Bishop Shammah Mar Joshua Womack ..... Friend of Family

Tribute from Family Members ..... Read by Dr. Duane P. Durst

Solo ..... "Amazing Grace"  
Asaph Womack

Message ..... Dr. Duane P. Durst

Closing Prayer ..... Dr. Duane P. Durst

Recessional Hymn ..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"  
Gregory M. Royals

*Interment*

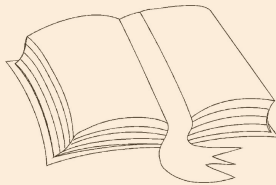
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Nassau Knolls Cemetery  
500 Port Washington Boulevard  
Port Washington, New York*

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

*2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and  
though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;*

*3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the  
mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.*

***Psalm 46:1-3***



# Acknowledgement

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