

Celebrating The Life of



Missionary Cyloia Mineroa Biel

Sunrise: November 3, 1943

Sunset: March 11, 2018

Service

Monday, March 19, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

GREATER REFUGE TEMPLE

2081 Adam C. Powell Blvd. • New York, NY

Bishop Charles E. Wright, Sr., Pastor

Bishop William Wilkins, Jr., Assistant Pastor

Obituary

Revelation 14:13

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:

Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.

Missionary Sylvia Minerva Biel was born in La Romana, Dominican Republic on November 3, 1943. She was the youngest of eight siblings born to Alrica and Wilfred Wigley and the mother of two sons, the late Willy L. Biel and Ernest Biel.

Missionary Biel's childhood was filled with love and joy. Although she was the youngest, she was the wisest. Her gentle wisdom and guidance has led her family through difficult challenges and great triumphs.

Missionary Biel migrated to New York in 1965. She worked for the New York City Department of Education from 1982 until her retirement in 2005. She started as a school cook and eventually became the Supervisor/Nutritionist of that department. Throughout her thirty-three year career, she happily served generations of school children a delicious meal with a kind smile and encouraging words.

Missionary Biel received an Associate degree from the College of New Rochelle in 1984. In March 1987, she received her Personal Care Certificate. In 1990, Missionary Biel received her Associates degree in Nutritional Sciences from LaGuardia Community College. Missionary Biel also attended the Church of Christ Bible Institute and received a Bachelor of Religious Education (B.R.E.) in 2001 and a Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) in 2005.

Missionary Biel was baptized in Jesus name in 1991, and she received the precious gift of the Holy Spirit that same year. In 1994, Missionary Biel joined the group of Refuge Temple volunteers who visited and prayed for the patients at Montefiore Hospital on Saturdays. Every first Sunday, she would escort patients to the chapel for worship service. Missionary Biel frequently visited the homeless shelters, sick and shut-in and provided special care for saints who were critically ill. In 1995, she began to work in the Six O'Clock Prayer Room tarrying with souls with the late Mother Marian Hall.

Missionary Biel received her Social Missionary license in August 1995. She was elevated to become a Senior Missionary in August 2003 and was appointed Senior Missionary Vice President in the same year. She served as Vice President to Missionary Groups 4 and 8 for fifteen years.

Missionary Biel's first Missionary trip was to the Dominican Republic with Mother Dorothy Anderson, Mother of the Caribbean. She was identified as the person to work with Mother Anderson in the Dominican Republic because she had relatives there and spoke fluent Spanish. After that first trip, Missionary Biel began to work with the Leeward Islands Diocese during the tenure of Apostle James I. Clark, Jr. as Director of the Caribbean. Missionary Biel was appointed Interpreter by the Diocese. As Interpreter for the Diocese, Missionary Biel translated the sermons, teachings and entire services both in Spanish and English for the visiting delegates and the local congregation. In fact, she served as Interpreter for Bishop Davis on her last Missionary trip to the Pastors' Conference in the Dominican Republic in January 2018. For over twenty years, she served faithfully and diligently under the leadership of the first Diocesan Bishop Henry Anderson followed by Apostle Samuel R. Peters, Sr. and currently Bishop Reginald J. Davis, Sr., Director of the Caribbean. It was an awesome experience to observe Missionary Biel as she kept pace with the preachers and translated the message to the congregation. Missionary Biel also helped to send barrels of food, clothing and necessities to the missions in the Dominican Republic.

Missionary Biel was a very humble, loving, caring and dedicated servant of God. 'I can't' was never part of her vocabulary regarding her service to the Lord and His people. She selflessly gave of her time, her labor, her prayers and even her vehicle to bless, encourage and make the saints comfortable. Missionary Biel's favorite scripture was Proverbs 3:5-6, and her favorite song was "Surely Goodness and Mercy".

She leaves to mourn her loss: son, Ernest Biel; brother, William Wigley; sister, Noemi Mercedes Diaz; grandchildren, Renee ("Pumpkin") Biel, Terrance ("Pie") Biel, Daniel Biel, Jason Biel and Christopher ("Little Pie") Kirkland; a host of nieces and nephews; and her Church family.

Lovingly Submitted,

The Family

Order of Service

Processional.....	Clergy and Family
Congregational Selection.....	"When We All Get To Heaven"
Prayer Of Comfort.....	Elder Charles Council
Scripture Readings	
Old Testament (Psalm 34:1-10).....	Bro. Brian Hills
New Testament (John 14:1-6).....	Elder James Brown
Selection.....	Mass Choir
Reflections.....	Mother Dorothy Anderson Missionary Lucille Fore Missionary Gwen Gainer
Solo.....	Missionary Cynthia Robinson
Cards and Condolences.....	Sis. Gloria Phipps
Obituary.....	Missionary Gladys Leonard
Selection.....	Mass Choir
Reflections.....	Apostle James I. Clark, Jr. Bishop Reginald Davis Dist. Eld. Jhogelsen Contreras Bro. Christopher Connelly
Selection.....	Mass Choir
Tribute To Missionary Biel.....	Mother Faye M. Wright
A Mother's Love.....	Mr. Ernest Biel, Son
A Grandmother's Love.....	Renee (Nee) Biel Terrance Biel Christopher Kirkland
Solo.....	Sis. Zenobia Dewley
Eulogy.....	Bishop Charles Wright
Final Viewing and Benediction	

Interment

Rosehill Cemetery
Linden, New Jersey

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.

Acknowledgement

The Family of **Missionary Sylvia Minerva Biel** would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone that has supported us during this time of bereavement. We ask you continued prayers for our family. May God bless each and everyone.

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