

*In Loving Memory  
of  
Daphne  
Mae  
Staff*

*Sunrise  
October 19, 1927*

*Sunset  
October 11, 2019*

*Service*

**Friday, October 18, 2019**

*Viewing: 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*Service: 7:00 p.m.*

**BRONX BETHANY CHURCH OF NAZARENE**

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**Rev. Althea Taylor**

**Rev. Carlene Joy Reynolds**

**Rev. Haughton Brown**

**Arlene Nembhard, Organist**



## *Order of Service*

*Organ Prelude*.....*Arlene Nembhard*

*Processional*

*Opening Sentences*

*Prayer*.....*Rev. Haughton Brown*

*Congregational Hymn*.....“*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

*Scripture Readings*

*Old Testament*.....*Psalm 121 - Kristen Daley (granddaughter)*

*New Testament*.....*Revelation 21:1-7 Merrick Staff (grandson)*

*Praise and Worship*.....“*Agnus Dei*”

*Tributes*.....*Angelica Louissant (granddaughter)*

*Trey-Michael Reid (grandson)*

*Neville Reid (nephew)*

*Congregational Hymn #33*....“*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*” ~ *Diane Jordon*

*Obituary Reading*.....*Deborah Staff (daughter-in-law)*

*Selection*.....“*It Is Well with My Soul*” ~ *Sharon Francis*

*Sermon*.....*Rev Althea Taylor*

*Selection*.....“*Total Praise*” ~ *BBCN Mass Choir*

*Prayer of Comfort*.....*Rev. Carlene Joy Reynolds*

*Benediction & Recessional*

*Interment*

*Family Plot*

*Jamaica, WI*

## Obituary

**Daphne Mae Staff** was born on October 19, 1927 to Sara Taylor and Emil Johnson in Banks District, Vere Clarendon, Jamaica. She was the 3rd child of 8 children and the first daughter. After completing her primary school education, Daphne went to trade school and became a professional seamstress. Daphne enjoyed a 43-year long career as an excellent seamstress, known for making expertly tailored men's suits, women's formal wear and she was a young entrepreneur, owner of her own dress shop in Clarendon.

Daphne married Keith Staff on December 30, 1956 and together they raised 3 children, Audrey, Trevor, and Evette. Daphne emigrated to England in 1959 and ultimately to the United States in 1981. Daphne was diagnosed with a brain tumor in 1987. She faced this challenge with faith and determination and her family is grateful they were blessed with an additional 32 years to create many more memories.

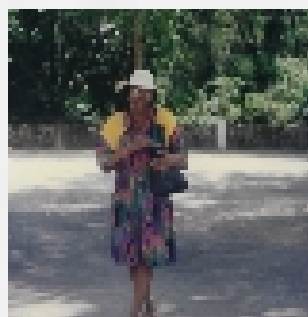
Daphne, "Aunt Sweetie" as she was affectionately called by her friends and family, was known for her quick wit, playful nature, and compassionate heart. Her passion was people. She was an adopted grandmother and aunt to many. She loved conversation and fondly cared about knowing who you were and how she could help you if needed. "Aunt Sweetie" loved to make people laugh. She could tell the best jokes - without effort, loved to playfully tickle (which she often like to do to her grown son), and she was never shy about giving a joke on herself. Daphne enjoyed watching game shows, and often enthusiastically participated from her armchair at the head of the dinning room table. "Wheel of Fortune", "Jeopardy", and "The Price is Right" were her favorites.

Daphne lived a faith-filled life. She was baptized and accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior as a young woman, and reconfirmed as a born-again believer, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of her life while having a conversation with her son about 5 years ago about her faith.

On Friday, October 11, 2019, Daphne Mae Staff, loving mother of three, grandmother of four, and great-grandmother of three, entered eternal life at the age of 91.

Daphne is preceded in death by her father, Emil, her mother, Sara, 6 siblings – Vernal, Alvin, Errol, John, Eric, and Hilma, and her eldest daughter, Audrey. She is survived by her husband, Keith; two sisters, Cisllyn Senior and Ruby Johnson; two children, Trevor and Evette; one daughter-in-law, Deborah; four grandchildren, Angelica Louissant (husband, Abner Louissant, Jr.), Kristen Daley (husband, Alvin Daley), Merrick Staff, and Trey-Michael Reid; three great-grand children, Abigail Louissant, Noah and Emanuella Daley, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and family, too many to list, but not forgotten.

**"Aunt Sweetie, Rejoice in Heaven with the Lord. We will see you again."**







# *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

*Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me Home*

*When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near  
When my light is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me Home*

*When the darkness appears and the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me Home*





## *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*“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.*

*“Great is Thy faithfulness!”*

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!*

*Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.*

*(Refrain)*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!*





*Acknowledgement*

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*



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