

Celebrating The Life of



Gloria Ricketts

January 15, 1945 - January 12, 2020

Service Information

Friday, January 31, 2020

Viewing - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Service - 7:00 p.m.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH OF GOD

3936 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, NY 10466

Bishop Designates Granville A. Senior, Officiating



Saturday, February 1, 2020

Devotion - 10:00 a.m.

Eternity Funeral Services, LLC

725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467



Order of Service

Organ Prelude & Processional

Opening Hymn..... "Blessed Assurance"

Invocation..... Elder Donald McHugh

Scripture Reading

*1st Corinthians 15: 51-58..... Sheldawn McFarquhar McOgg
(Granddaughter)*

Hymn..... "It is well with my Soul"

*Scripture Reading..... Revelation 21:1-4;
Gary Williams (Grandson)*

Selection..... Sister Krystal Brown

Obituary..... Isolyn Duncan

Tributes..... (Family & Friends)

Seymour McFarquhar (Son)

Angela Williams (Daughter)

Sister Yvonne Matthews (Mt. Olivet Apostolic, Maryland, USA)

Eulogy..... Bishop Designate Granville A. Senior

*Benediction..... John Masicot
(Minister, The Bronx Church of Christ)*

Final Viewing..... Eternity Funeral Service

Recessional Hymn..... "I'll Fly Away"

Interment

*Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York*

Obituary



Gloria Johnson Ricketts, affectionately known as Ms. G, was born on January 15, 1945 to Icilda Higgins and Wilton Johnson in Alva, St. Ann, Jamaica West Indies. She was one of ten children amongst her mother and father. She was raised by her grandmother Rebecca Johnson.

Gloria attended Alva primary school, she was a happy child growing up with her cousins in Alva. After the untimely passing of her grandmother, Gloria in her early teens left Alva to reside with her mother in St Andrew, Jamaica.

As a teenager, Gloria set out early to make a life on her own when she moved to Kingston. She lived with family while finding her footing working different jobs. Gloria gave birth to her first born Seymour aka Junior, an altered life journey but one that would not leave her deterred. Gloria with an ever enterprising spirit took on a variety of jobs to ensure Junior and soon to follow Gracie were never without. Living on her own in Kingston, Gloria made the executive decision to go into business for herself. Her first venture started with her buying and selling a variety of novelties and haberdasheries via car throughout the parishes of Kingston, St Ann, Montego Bay and anywhere her merchandise was needed. After a while, both business and family were thriving. A grocery shop was opened in Kingston first on Princess Street then on Luke Lane. During this time, she had three more addition to the family, Aldene (Little Miss), Errol and Nicola (Janet). Gloria was a well admired mother, provider and one who was known to work very hard to help her children, brothers, sisters, and anyone in need.

Family prospering and business flourishing, Gloria found love in her husband of 42 years, Gaston (Ned) Ricketts. They tied the knot on April 12, 1978. Their union produced a blended family of 10 children. She continued as a business woman until the family immigrated to New York in 1987. Here, Gloria worked with Gentiva and Best Care as a Home health aide assistant where she cared for sick people. She was loved by all her patients and their families; she treated them like family too. In 2012, Gloria gave her life to the Lord and became a member of the United Church of Jesus Christ.

Her talents went beyond being a caregiver and a businesswoman, she was also skilled in the Culinary Arts. She displayed her cooking, baking and decorating skills with Miss G's Jamaican rum cakes. She would bake rum cakes for all occasions allowing her talent to bless and nourish the lives of many people.

Gloria was considered the "second Mother" to many. She was truly a caring, loving, generous and God-fearing person. An extraordinary woman whose impact on this world will never be forgotten. She was the friend who listened, the shoulder to cry on and one whose advice you sought.

She took ill in September of 2018 and she fought her fight and was called home on January 12, 2020.

A life well lived and revered, Gloria leaves to mourn her husband Gaston(Ned), children Seymour(Junior), Angela (Gracie), Aldene (Little miss), Errol and Nicola (Janet) , 4 step children, 27 grand children, 14 great grand-children, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews , cousins, family and friends.

Tomorrow is a new day, Gloria's seat will be empty and she will beyond doubt be missed. May her soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine on her.

“Blessed Assurance”



Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]



“It Is Well With My Soul”



When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul!”

Refrain:

It is well with my soul!
It is well, it is well with my soul!

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live;
If dark hours about me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul. [Refrain]





Acknowledgement

*The family of **Gloria Ricketts** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*



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