



*In Loving Memory of*

*Gloria Louise Best*

January 5th 1926-April 29th 2020

**Entombment**

Woodlawn Cemetery

May 21st 2020

## *Obituary*

Gloria Louise Williams was born on January 5, 1926 at City Hospital on what is now known as Roosevelt Island in New York City to James Edmond Williams from Barbuda, a carpenter by trade and Victoria OShaughnessy Williams from Antigua BWI. She was the sixth of seven children. Ceon, Bert, Madeline, Edmond, Alvin and the youngest, Carla lived with their parents James and Victoria on Sugar Hill, on 147th Street in Harlem New York before moving to 997 Union ave. in the Bronx, New York where Gloria attended primary school. She was a graduate of Morris High School in 1944.

Her parents were founders and ministers EL Bethel Pentecostal Church which was not far from where they lived on Intervale Ave. in the Bronx. The family was raised in the belief that the Holy Spirit was to always play a part in their lives.

In 1946, Gloria married Evan Emanuel Best, born in St. Thomas V.I. and raised in New York City. Evan was a sergeant in the U.S. Army, 369th infantry division. After being discharged from the service, he became a subway conductor for the N.Y.C. Transit System and later he worked as an automobile mechanic. Gloria and Evan had four children, Adrian, Anthony, Arnold and André. They lived in the Patterson Houses in the Bronx. Some years later, they would separate leaving Gloria to raise her four boys on her own but she was not alone. She still had the Holy Spirit by her side and in keeping with her faith and lots of prayer, she made sure her children were well fed, clothed and always attended Sunday School.

A few years went by until Gloria finally landed a job at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Social Security Payment Center in Queens, N.Y. where she became the department supervisor. She eventually moved to Flushing Queens where she became a member of the Free Gospel Assembly of God lead by Pastor Modestino DiSiena aka Pastor Tino where Gloria served as deaconess in the church. She prepared the church bulletin and the child daycare center until she no longer was physically able but, she never stopped sharing her love for the Gospel of Jesus.

She loved her family and friends. She always had a great laugh and wise cracks (a Williams family trait). She was blunt with truth especially with her children but the most important thing in her life was the love she had for the word of God and the love of Jesus. On many occasions she would say, "You better get to know Jesus" or she would ask, "Do you know Jesus?" She even had a chance to see her son, André preach his first sermon at the Holy Nation Church in Flushing, N.Y.

Gloria must have felt a change in her health coming when she began putting her belongings in plastic bags and giving them away. She kept saying, "I'm getting out of here". In 2011, She was diagnosed with early onset Dementia which eventually took her from this life to life eternal. Even through the mental challenge in which she was engaged, her love for the Lord would shine through. She had at home attending aids with whom before leaving the house, Gloria would summon them over saying, " Before you go, come pray with me".

Gloria Best is survived by her sons, Adrian, Anthony, Arnold and André, their wives Ahmondylla, Patricia, Antonetta and Janice, grandchildren Dunia Best Sinnreich, Khalid, Ahmed, Cherrisse, Malik, Akil and Sukenya Best, Amishah Bell and Nicol Nigro and their spouses Aram, Raquel, Michelle, Mandi and Steve. She also leaves behind twelve great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins of the Williams and Best family.

# Order of Service

Officiator ..... Pastor Tino DiSiena  
Free Gospel Assembly of God, Queens, New York

Prayer of Invocation ..... Pastor Andre' E. Best  
Shofar Ministry of God, Richmond, VA

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament - Psalms 23 ..... Maleek Best

New Testament - 1Thessalonians 4:13-17 ..... Sukenya Best

Invitation for Words of Expression ..... Bahati Adrian Best

Reflections ..... Audience

The Silent Reading of the Obituary ..... By All

Acknowledgement ..... Card Readings

The Eulogy ..... Pastor Tino DiSiena

Prayer of Consolation ..... Bishop Janice L. Best  
New Covenant Fellowship Family Worship Centership  
Richmond, VA

Committal ..... Pastor Andre' E. Best

The Recessional ..... Pallbearer

Entombment ..... Woodlawn Cemetery

Prayer ..... Bishop Janice L. Best

# 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 wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to each of you every act of love and kindness shown during our hours of sorrow.

My God Bless each of you.



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