

Celebrating the Life of
Gloria Elizabeth Briggs

Sunrise
October 1, 1942

Sunset
November 22, 2020



Obituary

GOOD MORNING EVERYONE, MY NAME IS JOSEPHINE JAMES.

ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING TODAY.

WE LOVED OUR MOM AND WE ALWAYS WILL.

HER FAMILY WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN HER LIFE.

SHE WAS BORN IN A SMALL TOWN IN LUCEA, HANOVER IN JAMAICA ON OCTOBER 1ST, 1942. TO HER BELOVED PARENTS, ADMATHA AND STANLEY NEMBARD.

IN HER THIRTIES, SHE MOVED TO KINGSTON JAMAICA AFTER HAVING ME TO SEEK A BETTER OPPORTUNITY AT LIFE. SHE OWNED A SMALL SHOP WHERE SHE SOLD PRODUCTS AND GROCERIES (LITERALLY FROM A PIN TO AN ANCHOR).

SHE HAD THREE CHILDREN, MYSELF, CHARLENE DOUGLAS AND RISDEN BRYAN, IN THAT ORDER. IN LATER YEARS, SHE WAS GIFTED WITH HER FIRST GRANDCHILD, TIFFANY MCLEOD FOLLOWED BY KIMESHA SAVAGE, DEXTER JAMES JR AND SYDNEY JAMES CONSECUTIVELY. THEN CAME HER FIRST AND ONLY GREAT GRAND CHILD KAYLEI EDWARDS.

MY MOM WAS A STRONG SINGLE WOMAN WHO MADE SURE HER KIDS WERE FED AND TAKEN CARE OF AND I WHOLLY ADMIRER HER LOVE AND DEDICATION TOWARDS US.

SHE MIGRATED TO AMERICA IN 1990, AND TOOK RESIDENCE IN NEW JERSEY IN 1992. SHE MET ROBERT BRIGGS IN 1995 WHOM SHE LATER MARRIED AND LIVED WITH ON BROADWAY IN PATERSON, NEW JERSEY. SHE BEGAN ATTENDING THE FIRST 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN 1999.

AS HER LIFE PROCEEDED, SHE WAS OFFERED A JOB AT PREAKNESS HEALTH CARE AS A NURSE, WHERE SHE WORKED UNTIL SHE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH ALZHEIMERS IN 2014. HER CONDITION WORSENERED SO SHE WAS ADMITTED TO PREAKNESS WHERE SHE TOOK A TURN FOR THE WORSE AND DIED ON THE 22ND DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES NONE OF US WERE ABLE TO STAY AND LIVE WITH HER AND NOW THAT WE CAN IT IS TOO LATE.

MY MOM WAS A JOVIAL PERSON AND WAS THE BEST THERE WAS, I AM GRATEFUL TO HAVE MET AND HAD HER AS MY MOTHER.

GRIEF IS THE FINAL ACT OF LOVE AND SHE WILL FOREVER BE IN OUR HEARTS.

THANK YOU

Monday, December 7, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.

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Order of Service

Prelude Jim Reeves

Opening Sentence Pastor Richard Campbell

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading - Ecclesiastes 3:1-10 Josephine James

Scripture Reading - I Thessalonians 4:13-17 Duett Evering

A Poem from Her Grandchildren Sidney & Dexter James
Kimesha Savage

Eulogy Josephine James

Tributes

Musical Selection

Sermon Pastor Richard Campbell
First Seventh Day Adventist Church, Paterson, NJ

Prayer of Comfort Duett Evering

Benediction

Interment

Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

2 God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath His wings protecting hide you,
Daily manna still divide you,
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

3 God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His arms unfailing round you,
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

4 God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you,
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]



What A Friend We Have In Jesus

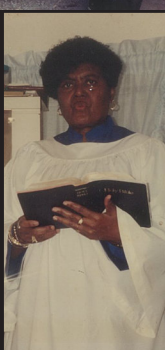
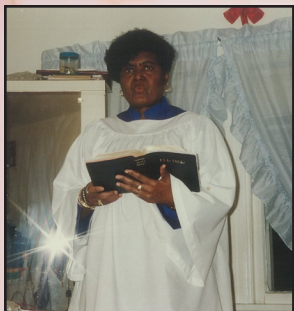
What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!

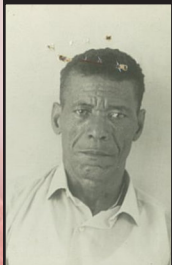
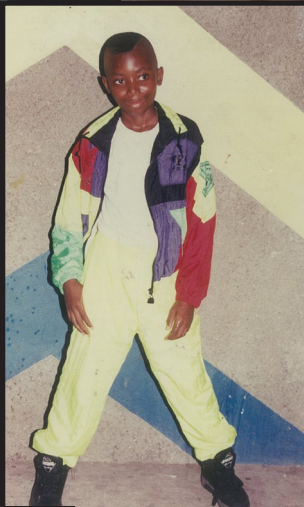
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge —
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.







When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you
And hold you near
And never, never be afraid to die
For I am waiting for you in the sky!
-Helen Steiner Rice*

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Gloria Elizabeth Briggs** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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