

Celebrating
The **Life of**

Ruby Elsie Gill

September 20, 1935 - April 22, 2021



Service Information

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

Viewing: 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Service: 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021

Devotion 10:00 AM

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC

725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467

Pastor Margaret Forrester, Speaker

United Church of God | 4444 White Plains Road | Bronx NY 10470

Minister Michael Peters, Moderator

Interment

Mount Hope Cemetery
Hastings-On-Hudson, NY

Paul Bearers

Stephen Gill

Stephen Gill, Jr.

Aaron D. S. Hunter

Matthew Isaacs

Joshua Isaacs

Order of Service

Invocation	Minister Michael Peters
Hymn	“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Reading of the New Testament	
1 Corinthians 15: 50 – 58.....	Simone Gill
Reading of Old Testament	
Psalm 91.....	Stephen Gill Jr.
Remarks	Lucelle Isaacs Thring Friends & Family
Hymn	“Blessed Assurance”
Obituary	Summer Gill
Sermonic Selection	Min Kevin Wade
Sermon.....	Pastor Margaret Forrester
Prayer of Comfort	Pastor Margaret Forrester
Benediction and Prayer.....	Minister Michael Peters
Final Viewing.....	Eternity Funeral Services Directors
Recessional.....	“Going Up Yonder”



Obituary

Born Ruby Elsie Thring on 9/20/35 to the late Henry Arthur and Alice Mary Young Thring in Nongoma, South

Africa (Natal) and returned to her creator on Thursday, 4/22/21 at 3 PM after an illness related to her heart and lack of blood flow. Ruby was the sister to Alice, late Ronald (Ikie), Nelson, Nancy, Jimmy, Hilton and Kenneth. She was raised in Zululand, SA and later moved to the city of Durban with her sister Nancy where she worked as a seamstress and also where she met and married the late Larry Stephen Evered Gill, a United States Merchant Marine who migrated from Trinidad and Tobago, WI. They lived in Italy and London before sailing to the US aboard the Queen Mary. The Bronx, New York became home for her and her children. Ruby was a loving non-judgmental, kind, generous, humble and slow to anger human being. She was a true warrior who accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior and was baptized in the name of the Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. She trusted in the Lord in every aspect of her life and served HIM faithfully to the very end.

Ruby was proud of her South African roots and would rave to all of the beauty and majesty of her homeland. She would

Often say “ Hey, you have never seen a sunset until you’ve seen a South African sunset.” The same could be said of the beauty of the glorious hills, mountains, and beaches. Ruby equally loved the United States of America and spoke often of the opportunities this country afforded her to raise her family. She loved New York City and enjoyed sitting out on her balcony looking at the distant view of the Manhattan skyline and flow of Hudson River below.

She was a beloved daughter, sister, cousin, auntie, mommy, granny and friend. Great memories she has made for us all. A great cook who loved to see her family and friends enjoy her many meals and recipes she perfected over the years. She always gave with no regrets in life. Ruby gave unconditionally and never expected anything in return. She always said if you are going to talk about it, don’t do it. Do it in love.

A true tea lover and great conversationalist she was. Ruby was a gifted seamstress who taught as a Trades Instructor

for the Women's House of Detention (Rose M. Singer Building) on Rikers Island for 25 years. She was known as "Mama Gill" by her peers as well as inmates at Rikers because of her nurturing ways. Ruby was a hard and dedicated worker and she very seldom took any days off from work. This is a trait that she passed onto her family.

Ruby lived and traveled to many parts of the world. She lived for the Lord and her children who were her friends. Ruby is the loving mother to late Lucrecia Sherlina Mitchell and now leaves behind her children, Alistair, Althea, Vanessa, Stephen, Grandchildren Anisha, Albert, Jr (Samina Blackmon), Aaron, Simone, Summer and Stephen, Jr., Daughter-in-law Sabrina, Son-in-laws Michael and Albert Sr., Sister Alice of Durban, SA, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and countless friendships throughout Australia, Germany, Lisbon/Portugal, Mozambique, London/England, South Africa, Swaziland and the United States.

Ruby Elsie Gill – Indlovukazi – a term the great Zulu King, Shaka Zulu affectionately and reverently called his mom. The title is reserved for a female monarch, and is equivalent to a "Queen Mother." Indlovukazi you can now rest with no more pain nor worry. You are united with your loving family in paradise resting in the Most High's loving care. Until we all meet again.....

Ruby's family would like to thank all of her health care providers, The Kings Harbor Multi-care Center that cared for her effortlessly during her illness for the last few months, as well as those who held her up in their prayers.

Submitted with eternal love.....

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His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely,
And long for Heav'n and home,
When Jesus is my portion?

My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

Refrain

*I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,*

*For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.*

Let not your heart be troubled,
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

[Refrain]

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

[Refrain]



Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, 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 bless'd,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
[Refrain]

Going Up Yonder

If you want to know
Where I'm going?
Where I'm going, soon

If anybody ask you
Where I'm going
Where I'm going soon

Refrain:

I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
I'm goin' up yonder
To be with my Lord

I can take the pain
The heartaches they bring
The comfort in knowing
I'll soon be gone

As God gives me grace
I'll run this race
Until I see my Savior
Face to face

[Refrain]x2



Acknowledgement

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