

I Have A Place In Heaven

Please don't sing sad songs for me,
Forget your grief and fears,
For I am in a perfect place,
Away from pain and tears...
I'm far away from hunger;
And hurt and want and pride.
I have a place in heaven,
With the Master at my side.
My life on earth was very good,
As earthly lives can go,
But Paradise is so much more
Than anyone can know...
My heart is filled with happiness
And sweet rejoicing, too.
To walk with God is perfect peace,
A joy forever new.

Pallbearers

Henry Brown • Atiba Griffiths • Gregory Brown
Ransford Quarrie • Carl Edwards • Dervin Walker

Our Sincerest Thanks

Words are inadequate to express our sincere appreciation to our family, friends and co-workers for your prayers, acts of love and presence during our bereavement. Your support has been a tremendous source of strength and comfort to us. As we find healing and comfort in the Holy Spirit's tender embrace, we pray that God bless you and always keep you in his loving care.

With Love, The Family

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
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In Loving Memory of
Karen "Desrine" Griffiths

Sunrise
October 10, 1964

Sunset
September 4, 2021



Memorial Service

Friday, September 17, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

First Holiness Church

9 Saddle Road • Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927

Rev. Rohan Walker, Officiating



Dedicated To
Karen "Desrine" Griffiths
From The Family

We will forever miss you!
We kept hoping and believing,
so your passing was a shock,
We desperately look forward to the
resurrection day when we shall meet again.

You touched so many lives,
Your presence will live with us forever,
We will forever miss you!
You were the bond that held us together,
You never stopped dishing out the good in you,
Your hospitality was unmatched,
Your humility was amazing,
You had a big heart filled with love and compassion,
You were a mother to many, not only to your children.

We will never be the same without you!
We do not know how we are going to move on without you,
It will take only the grace of God.

We know that you are in God's bosom,
But we can't get used to not having you around,
Our only comfort is that we know that we will see you again
on the great Resurrection Day.

Let us live for Christ so that on the great
Resurrection Day we will unite again
with our Sister in Christ.



PRECIOUS MOMENTS



Musical Prelude

Processional

Call to Worship Pastor Rohan Walker

Opening Hymn.....#154 “I Will Make the Darkness Light”

Opening Prayer Elder Vincent Walker

Solo Lakheescia Harrison-Vick

First Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23 – Gregory Brown

Solo Michael Gilbert

Second Scripture Lesson: 1st Thessolonians 4:13-18 – Dain Christie

Musical Selection..... The First Holiness Church

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Robert Rogers

Tributes Sister Ann Marie Quarrie
Alex Markowits
Christina Everett

Acknowledgements..... Genevieve Maduabum

Eulogy Dionne Kitchen

Solo Lakheescia Harrison-Vick

Sermon Pastor Rohan Walker

Prayer for The Family

Benediction Pastor Rohan Walker

Final Directions..... Rowe Funeral Home

Recessional

Interment
Evergreen Cemetery
Morristown, New Jersey

ORDER OF SERVICE

Karen Delmarie Griffiths, affectionately known as Desrine, blessed us with her entrance into this world on October 10, 1964, and broke our hearts when she suddenly left us to be with the Lord on September 4, 2021. Predeceased by her parent's Acentha and Cyril, she was the third of six children. Karen migrated to the United States from Trelawny, Jamaica in April 1983. Morristown, New Jersey became her new home. Karen graduated from Morristown High School and attended County College of Morris.

Karen's early career started at Bradlees Department Store, Morristown Medical Center and Morris Hills Rehab Center. Karen had a heart of gold. As a result of her experience serving and taking care of others, she started her Spring Hills career in Morristown in 1989 as the smiling and warm welcoming receptionist. Karen was very hard working and had strong work ethics. Karen loved her job and her co-workers and, as such, enjoyed going to work every day. Her commitment, loyalty, extensive knowledge, and leadership ultimately led to her rise to Executive Director of the Morristown Spring Hills community. During her tenure there, she received multiple awards.

Karen met the love of her life, Athol "Busha" Griffiths, whom she married on March 26, 1993. She was a loving and dedicated wife to her beloved "Papi". They were inseparable. Her love for her husband knew no boundaries. Karen was a loving, supportive, and caring mother to Dain, Atiba and Andrew. She was always ready to sacrifice her own needs for the good of her children and grandchildren. As a grandmother, she is fondly remembered as kind, funny, and fun to be around.

Karen enjoyed spending quality time with her family; she was very protective of them. As an aunt, Aunty Karen was extremely kind and enjoyed shopping for her nieces and nephews. She was very close to them and met them at their level. They knew they could talk to her about anything and, as

young adults go, she had the luxury of being able to call or text them whenever she wanted and would get a response. Karen has many cousins, but Dionne and Delroy Kitchen had a special place in her heart. They grew up together and were more like brother and sister than cousins.

In 2005, Sis. Karen accepted Christ as her personal Lord and Savior and united with The First Holiness Church. She actively served as the Treasurer and a member of the church choir. Her faith was strong, and she lived her life showing love and respect to all.

Karen was loving and helpful to everyone. You could call on her at any time and she was ready and willing to help. She was always the one to make you laugh and enjoyed a good laugh herself. To meet and know her was to love her. She was an independent woman, authentic and would always speak her mind. Karen loved to cook and dance. Her oxtail and rice and peas were world class and second to none. When it came to her dancing ability, Karen got a double portion of rhythm and oftentimes was willing to teach her moves to those less fortunate.

Karen, we all love you, but God loves you more. We are sure that the good Lord has recalled you for another mission. Though our Lord's decision cannot be questioned, your departure from this life creates a void no one else can fill. Thankfully, we can share in the cherished memories she left with her husband, Athol, children Dain, Atiba, Andrew, grandchildren Amaya, Haley, Atiba Jr., and Ariella, sisters, Annett (Michael), Lilleitha (Henry), Julie (Carl); brothers Kevin, and Vincent (Meghan), and a host of other relatives and friends.

Karen, you are gone, but not forgotten.

You have found sweet rest in Jesus.

You gladly answered your call with a smile.

Rest in Peace!