

*Celebrating the Life
of*



Christobelle Welch

Sunrise
January 5, 1946

Sunset
October 13, 2021

Celebration of Life
Sunday, October 24, 2021 - 3:00 p.m.

Ebenezer Pilgrim Holiness Church
708 E. 216th Street
Bronx, New York 10467



Obituary

Christobelle Agatha Fernella Welch (Toby as friends called her) was born January 5, 1946 the 5th child to Emmanuel and Eunice King. She grew up in Potters Village on the island of Antigua. This is where she would spend most of her years.

She met her husband Joseph Welch through her brothers. They were married May 6, 1970 in front of friends and family at Cana Moravian Church. Over the next several years she had 4 children Stephen, Colette, Sharon and Monique.

Everyone who met Christobelle knew her greatest loves were her children and grandchildren. She was at each wedding, each baptism, each graduation, each recital. She was especially proud of her grandchildren, Zavie, Zebedee, Zoe, Zia, Shylah, Alexia, Michael and Alex. She could talk for hours of their accomplishments. She was their biggest champion. She made sure they knew they were special and smart. She would try the fried ham and cheese sandwich roll-ups when no one else would.

She loved God. She raised her children in the church. She made sure they were in church every Sunday. There was Sunday school, choir, youth meeting. There was 5am morning worship to start the day. She believed in the power of prayer. She would call her children and grandchildren to pray with them before exams. She would encourage them to whisper a prayer before any undertaking. Even when she was ailing, her grandchildren still called asking for prayer for a test they were taking.

She was a member of the Ebenezer Pilgrim Holiness Church and choir. She never forgot Pastor Harris and the rest of the congregation.

She was a seamstress by trade. She would go to work Monday through Friday at Arlie, Rachel and Pineapple Beach Club over the years but would still work through the weekend sewing for her clients. She worked tirelessly to ensure her family was well supported. In 2001 she migrated to Bronx, NY. She started working as a home health aide. This job would take her as far as Italy. During her working years she was blessed to meet people with whom she was able to share lasting friendships.

She was very sociable. She welcomed many people into her home over the years. If someone called saying they were coming to visit or even if someone showed up there would be a pot of seasoned rice or pepperpot or ducana or potato dumpling and saltfish. She loved baking cakes. Every birthday, graduation, wedding or holiday. Any occasion, would be an occasion to bake.

On Wednesday, 13th October, 2021 Christobelle took her last breath and went to live with her Heavenly Father. She was always thankful for her years on earth. She would say that she was promised 70 years and each day over was a blessing. She leaves to mourn her husband, children, grandchildren, siblings and numerous friends and relatives.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament

New Testament

Selection

Obituary

Reflections

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Benediction

Final Viewing

Recessional

Cremation

Woodlawn Crematory
Bronx, New York

Psalms 91

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet. Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Acknowledgment

The family 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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