

In Loving Memory of
Rosaline Victoria Downswell

Sunrise
October 28, 1929

Sunset
November 30, 2021



Friday, December 10, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.

United Presbyterian Church
375 Van Houten Street, Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Danny Mitchell, Pastor

Eulogy
Remembering Rosaline
(Louise)

Rosaline Victoria Downswell was born on Monday, October 28, 1929, to the late Adolphus Downswell and Adella Ledgister, in Cain Curran, Westmoreland, Jamaica, West Indies.

Rose as she was called, was educated in the Petersfield School District. She was a housewife, who helped her husband, the late, Eric Gordon run their small family business, comprised of a merchandise store and raising livestock. As their responsibilities grew, Rose worked as a housekeeper and subsequently, as a home health aide, from which she retired. She was a nurturing and caring person, so she found her latter career fulfilling. Rose social consciousness motivated her to volunteer politically, while residing in Jamaica. That interest led her to work as an election board worker for many years, in Paterson.

Rose was a dedicated, disciplined and hard working woman. She had a charismatic and outgoing personality. She never met a stranger! She loved to talk and give jokes. Rose loved music and dancing. Could she dance! She had a incredible memory, that often baffled her friends and family. Her appearance meant a lot to her, so she was usually the best dressed in the room. Some of her hobbies were cooking; baking with her best friend Inez, in Jamaica and watching her favorite soap opera, Days of Our Lives. Rose maintained longtime friendships with Miss P, Miss Elaine, Miss Rosyln, Miss Herme, Reverend Blake, Miss T, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Dobbs, Elaine, Jane, Miss Vive, Cherry, Jennifer, Mr. Halstead, to name a few.

Rose migrated to the United States in 1978 for better opportunities. Her family eventually joined her. She resided in Paterson, New Jersey, where she discovered the Jamaican community that made her feel at home. Rose helped to care for her grandchildren, while her children worked. She showered her children and grandchildren with plenty of love and kindness. She helped shape them into being respectful and productive citizens.

Rose was a Christian, who was baptized in Jamaica. She rededicated her life to God and was a member of United Presbyterian Church, Paterson until her passing. Rose loved her church family and was especially fond of her pastors, Reverend Dr. David Thornton, Reverend Dr. Adrian McFarlane and the late Reverend William Jones, Jr. her then future son-in-law.

Rose was preceded in death by her husband, Eric; her son, Donavon; her parents, Adolphus and Adella; her sister, Myrtle Gayle (nee Blackwood); her brothers, Vincent Campbell and Lloyd Campbell; nephews Ranny, Mitchie and Colley.

She transitioned from this world on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at the age of 92 years old.

Left behind to cherish her wonderful memories are: her sons, Leroy (Carol) and Keith; daughters, Sonia (Mikey), Ericia, Grace, and Lovenia; brother, Donald Campbell, in England; sister-in-law, Gwendolyn Gordon (nee Reid) in Jamaica; sons-in-law Kenneth, Copeland, Sr. in Jamaica and Chauncey, III; grandchildren, Melinda, Rose-Ann (Jermaine), Lesa, Dameon (Janeen), Gisela, Rayon (Kami), Lennoy, Urie (Rockay), Copeland, Jr. (Lauren S), Gordon and Lauren B; Jeremy, Devene and Nicole; goddaughter, Ayanna, along with a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws, cousins, friends and caregivers.

Order of Service

Call To Worship

Musical Selection How Great Thou Art

Opening Prayer Rev. Danny Mitchell

Solo Rose-Ann Robinson-Brown, granddaughter

Acknowledgement Lovena Burke, daughter

Reflections 2 Minutes

Remembrance Grace Gordon, daughter

Reading of the Eulogy Jane Williams-Warren

Musical Selection Organist

Old Testament - Psalm 100 Devene Burke, granddaughter

New Testament - I Corinthians 15:51-58 ...Melinda Robinson, granddaughter

Hymn Old Rugged Cross

Sermon Rev. Danny Mitchell

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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

Pallbearers

Leroy Gordon, son

Keith Gordon, son

Dameon Myrie, grandson

Rayon Myrie, grandson

Copeland Myrie, Jr., grandson

Gordon Brown, grandson

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Rosaline Victoria Downswell** 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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