

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*Claudia Stephanie Benjamin*

*Entered This World*  
*February 13, 1932*

*Escorted*  
*January 22, 2022*



*Service*

***Thursday February 3, 2022***

*Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.*

*Service: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.*

**Rugby Deliverance Tabernacle**

4901 Snyder Avenue • Brooklyn, NY 11203

***Pastor: Archbishop Dr. Sidley Mullings***

## Obituary

**Claudia Stephanie Benjamin**, was born to Salome Clarke and John Douglas in Georgetown, Guyana on February 13, 1932. She attended the Golden Grove Methodist School where she completed her primary education.

She was married to Herman Billey in her late teens and had her first child, Rosamond, who died in infancy. She then had seven children: her first son, Ernest (AKA Mighty Zulu), followed by daughters: Beverly, Cheryl, Debra, Allison and Yonette and then her last son, Stephen.

After her divorce from her first husband, Stephe got married to Sherland Samuel Benjamin and subsequently migrated to the United States after a very short stay in Canada.

Before her migration, Stephe was employed at the Guyana Marketing Corporation and was based at both the Lombard street and Regent street complexes. She also worked at Guyana Fisheries.

Stephe was employed for many years as a Home Health Aide in New York and retired in 1997 to concentrate on being a homemaker and raising one of her many Grandchildren, Candayce or Bunsu Bunsu, her granny's special name for her.

Stephe passed away quietly at Brookdale Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, on Saturday, January 22nd after a brief illness.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss her 7 children, her husband, Sam and stepdaughter, Diane (AKA Power) and sibling; her brother, Compton and sister-in-law, Yvonne; her sisters: Sheila in London and Cynthia in Trinidad. Grandchildren: Vaulda, Natalie, Christopher, Jason, Candayce, Jamal, Jermaine, Nicholas, K'Lyn, Raven, Christian, Stephan, Julian and Nadia; Great Grandchildren: Serena, Christine, Marcia, Roger, Micah, Caleb, Kai, Quincy, Zachary and Payton. Nephews: Mark and siblings; Culbert (AKA Bonnie), Floyd and siblings, Wallace and siblings, Vibert (AKA Wendy) and siblings; nieces: Elizabeth and siblings, Coreen and siblings; Joan and siblings; Roxanne and siblings and her cousins, Goodluck and Brian Benn and siblings.

Stephe is related to the Campbells, Jerricks, Pellews, Maynards and Christies. She had many friends and acquaintances, too numerous to mention who loved her very much.

She is predeceased by her parents, her sisters : Mavis and Pauline (AKA Eda) and her brothers: Randall, John, and Norman (AKA Remil).

She was a strong, beautiful, loving, caring, hardworking and independent woman who loved the Lord, loved her family, her friends, her church, her Pastor, Archbishop and Minister Mullings. Mom was very kind and had a great sense of humor; she will be greatly missed by all.

## *Order of Service*

Opening Sentences.....Pastor Gary Chin

Hymn..... “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Prayer .....Pastor Edward Richard Hinds

Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 ..... Yonette Bowen

Hymn..... “The Old Rugged Cross”

Scripture - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ..... Warren English

Hymn..... “The Comforter Has Come”

Tributes

Obituary ..... Compton English

Selection “Amazing Grace” ..... Saxophonist- Mr. Erin Edwards  
(AKA Flantis)

Sermon .....Pastor Gary Chin

Prayer for Family ..... Archbishop Sidley Mullings

Commendation..... Archbishop Sidley Mullings

Viewing..... “Some Glad Morning”

Benediction/Recessional

### *Interment*

Canarsie Cemetery  
Brooklyn, New York

# *The Comforter Has Come*

1

*O spread the tidings 'round  
Wherever man is found,  
Wherever human hearts and human woes abound;  
Let every Christian tongue proclaim the joyful sound:  
The Comforter has come!*

*Refrain:*

*The Comforter has come, the Comforter has come!  
The Holy Ghost from heaven, the Father's promise given;  
O spread the tidings 'round wherever man is found:  
The Comforter has come!*

2

*The long, long night is past, the morning breaks at last,  
And hushed the dreadful wail and fury of the blast,  
As o'er the golden hills the day advances fast!  
The Comforter has come! [Refrain]*

3

*Lo, the great King of kings with healing in His wings,  
To every captive soul a full deliverance brings;  
And through the vacant cells the song of triumph rings;  
The Comforter has come! [Refrain]*

*Thanks, Thanks And Jesus  
Said Come To The Water*

*Thanks, thanks, I give you thanks for all you've done  
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest  
Oh Lord, I give you thanks*

*And Jesus said, Come to the water and Stand by My side  
I know you are thirsty, You won't be denied  
I felt every tear drop, When in darkness you cried and  
I strove to remind you that for those tears I died*

# *The Old Rugged Cross*

1

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame,  
And I love that old cross where the Dearest and Best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.  
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

2

*Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,  
To bear it to dark Calvary.*

3

*In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see;  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me.*

4

*To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true  
It's shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share*



# *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

1

*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!*

2

*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.*

3

*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.*

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

*I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day.*

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,*

*Then fill it up with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,*

*Oh, yes these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow,*

*I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,*

*Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me,*

*God wanted me now, He set me free!*

## *Acknowledgements*

*The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation  
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown  
to their family during this hour of bereavement.*

*May God Bless and Keep You!*

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
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