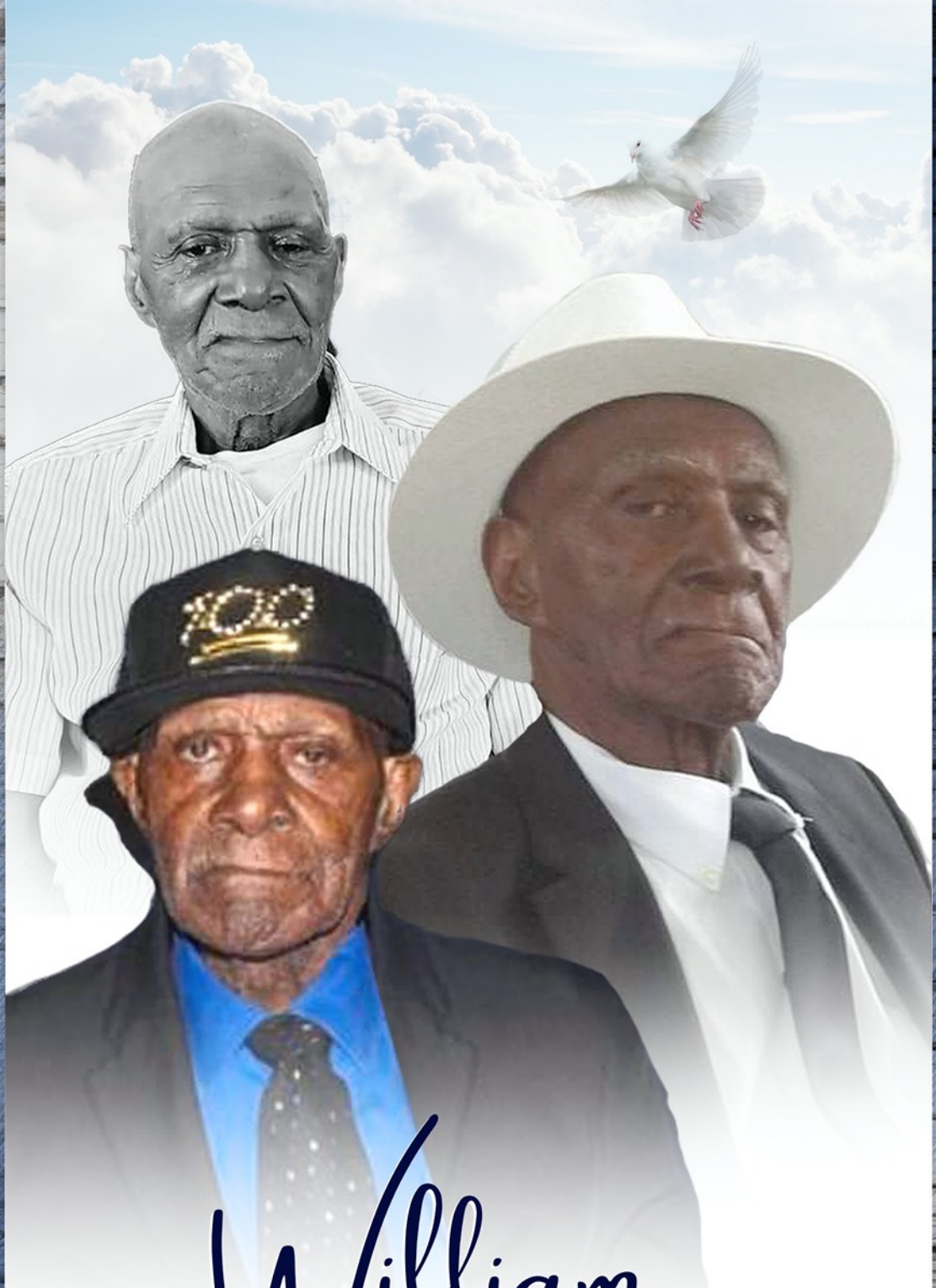


William EMMANUEL Simmons

26TH JUNE 1919 — 29TH MAY 2020

100 YEARS

Praise and Thanksgiving
- CELEBRATION -

For the late

William EMMANUEL Simmons

SUNRISE
26TH JUNE

SUNSET
29TH MAY

1919 **100** 2020

Service:
Kew Ball Park
Kew, North Caicos

Saturday, August 8th, 2020 at 10:00am

Officiating:
Bishop Andrew Stone
National Overseer
Church of God of Prophecy
Turks and Caicos Islands

Assisted by:
Rev. Jane O. Missick
Senior Pastor
Church of God of Prophecy
Kew, North Caicos

Rev. Ronald Gardiner
Senior Pastor
Church of God of Prophecy (Bottle Creek)
District Overseer North Caicos

Internment: **Kew Public Cemetery**

Directing: **A&S Funeral Services**

- Obituary -

1919 - 2020

HIS ENTRANCE

In heaven's greenest pastures, where the brightest blossoms grow, lived a very special person whom it was a privilege to know. He was the essence of love and compassion and was none other than William Emmanuel Simmons, otherwise known as "Ole Bill." William entered this world as a unique seed on June 26th, 1919 to proud parents of Mary Butterfield and Charles Simmons in Bottle Creek. Unfortunately, Charles died before his son was born. After his birth, William was nurtured by his grandparents William and Caroline Simmons. His journey then began on the words of Desmond Tutu "We are made for loving. If we don't love, we will be like plants without water.

GROWING UP

It didn't take long for this seed to sprout because he was provided with all the right conditions by his grandparents. The time drew nigh when his education was imminent and so he attended the All Age School in Kew, (now known as the Charles Hubert James Primary School) under the tutelage of Mr. Daniel Hall and Mrs. Annie Forbes (both deceased). School was a struggle for William. He was not as fortunate and brilliant as others; however, he tried his best. Every morning, his regular chore was to secure log for his grandparents before leaving for school.

At the age of fourteen (14), William encountered an unfortunate situation. He met in an accident at home and broke his hip resulting in him having a limp. The spirit of resilience took him through more pain than most of us will ever know. William was not bitter nor did he surrender to self-pity and regret. He quickly accepted his condition and was determined to fulfil his destiny. William blossomed into a skilful young man and was excellent at using his hands especially in gardening. He also used his hands for craft to earn money to put food on his grandmother's table.

FAMILY

William being so handsome and mesmerising caught the eyes of the lovely Wealthy Louise Rigby- (now deceased). They courted for some time and the love flourished like a palm tree which birth their marriage in the late 1940s. This union was overly blessed with fifteen (15) children of whom eight (8) pre-deceased him. Although William produced children outside of his marriage you couldn't tell the difference because they all grew up loving, playing and laughing together.

PROVIDER FOR HIS FAMILY

William lived up to his responsibilities as a bread winner and head of the family. Due to the love and skill he had working with his hands, any seed he sowed would bear fruit. In the early 40's he would travel around the Caicos Islands, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Grand Bahama Islands on sail boats delivering and exchanging goods such as corn, sisal, coal and wattle. In his quest to fulfil his God-given responsibility, William sought employment wherever he could to provide for his family. This led him to Dellis Cay and the Government farm here in Kew where he worked along with Mr. Carrington and Mr. Lawrence both Jamaican nationals.

In the 60's, William had a little dingy boat where he and his eldest son Arnold would go out early in the morning with the hope of securing a good catch. During these years, William sought employment on Pine Cay where he was instrumental in constructing the first Native Stone Building. The 70's & 80's saw William gainfully employed as a gardener at the Prospect of Whitby under the management of Mr. McLeod. Due to his excellent gardening skills he worked there for a number of years. In the 80's & 90's William travelled to Pine Cay as a gardener. He made lasting friendships and was well acknowledged for his beautiful garden.

In the early 2000 William worked at Parrot Cay as a gardener but couple years later his strength started to decline. This hampered him from gainful employment, walking around the community, cutting the trees in the yard or going to church on a regular basis. However, because he was an independent man, he would use the walker and move around the house. He would even sit in the yard on the crate and pull the weeds for hours.

SOCIAL LIFE
THE MAN FOR ALL SEASON

William was a high-spirited community patriot. He was always engaged in community activities and would bring life and excitement to every event. **Yes! You name it and William was there.** Due to his charismatic and fun-loving personality, persons of all ages were attracted to him. This led him to have many friends where they would spend quality time together working on boats or hanging out at the bar. In the community, William held several titles. Chief among them were:

(a) "Green Thumb Plant Cutter" This kind-hearted and loving individual would trim trees in people's yard for just a thank you because of the great passion he had for gardening and the helpful nature he possessed.

(b)"Community Doctor" Whenever someone was sick in the community, they would call Dr. William Simmons. He would prescribe medication for the sick person and indeed their faith was not in vain as they would experience better feelings. Similarly, if a child was sick with trash William would blow into the child's mouth to clear the trash.

(c)"Undertaker' William's skills extended to even the dead. He was often called upon to pronounce if someone had died and also to assist in preparing the dead for burial. When it was time for the wake, William was the one to keep the wake alive with the lovely rhymes such as "When I'm dead and Gone Don't You Mourn After Me" and "Dig My Grave So Long and Narrow. These songs would ignite the gathering and people would be seen singing, dancing and laughing.

Entertainer - Boat launching was a big community event. There could never be a boat launching without the thunderous and melodious voice of William singing during the event. In the late 50's William sailed with the late Ossie Gardiner on his sail boat, the Chiming Bell. He would be the chef and would prepare sumptuous meals combined with lively entertainment by singing and beating the drum while the boat was being launched.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

William Simmons had a spiritual encounter in the early 80's and his life was transformed. There was a revival at the Kew, Church of God of Prophecy that William decided to attend with contrary motives. He was hesitant about entering the church as he saw it as a joke. His agenda was to mock those who were slain in

the Holy Spirit so he peeped through the window and laughed at the Holy Spirit at work. Little did he know that the Holy Spirit could extend beyond the walls of the church. William received his first touch from the Lord. He entered the sanctuary and was convicted. He joined the church as a communicant member of the church and took on some roles such as chief usher. He became serious about his walk and growth with the Lord Jesus Christ and even became the one who would hold people steadfast on their journey with the Lord.

The Holy Ghost taught him to read and he used it to do God's work. The community would look forward for the exciting Christmas plays that would be directed by Brother William. We recall plays such as **"Mama Wait Let Me Put On My Robe, Oh it is Jesus and Summer Roses."**

William loved to sing and testify about the goodness of the Lord. His boundless energy he could barely contain. His son-in- law Henry and daughter Clarenda would have regular prayers with him and when he was alone in his room, his eyes and mind were always fixed on the spiritual programmes on TBN. His grand-son, Rupert also played a major role in keeping him spiritually connected. He would organize prayer and song service with other family members and this was shared with the entire world via several social media platforms. His daughter Velma and son-in law Fuller would visit him on Sunday evenings. On one of the visits, Fuller said to him, "You must have done something good to live so long." William repeated Ephesians 6:1 & 2 **"Children obey your parents in the Lord for this is right". Honour your father and mother so that your days will be long on the earth." I must have listened to my parents to live this long.** Both men laughed.

In his later years, William became closer to God and his desire to share about God grew more imminent. In church, he always ceased the opportunity to testify about God's goodness and faithfulness in his life. His word to the church was always to keep on the fiery line. Even when he could not enter the doors of the church physically, he would sit at the window in his room and listen to the service. His favourite scriptures were Psalm 23 and 27 and even in his last days he was still reading from the Bible without glasses. William's mandate was to live a life for God so that when the battle is over he would hear, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

100th Birthday Celebration

June 26th, 2019 was a memorable day in the life of William Emmanuel Simmons. He observed and celebrated his 100th birthday in fine style. **What an awesome God we serve!** There were family, friends, well-wishers who gathered in the community of Kew and Horse Stable Beach Complex where his celebratory activities took place. William was in all his glory at his formal 100th dinner concert at Horse Stable. He was pleased with his celebrations and danced to the up-beat music and songs of his family and friends. Every minute of his 100th birthday was filled with everlasting joy and pleasure. William received his heart's desire.

He was also treated to a surprise brunch by Parrot Cay Resort along with the Honourable Premier, Derek Taylor, Karen Malcolm and some family members to salute him on such milestone.

LAST DAYS

In January 2020 William began experiencing pain under his right foot while walking through the house or standing. He reported it to the health personnel on their regular Wednesday visits. It was later diagnosed that poor circulation was affecting the foot and he would need some form of medication. William being a strong opponent of doctor's medication, was reluctant in consuming any. He would always echo, **"My God is a miracle working God, followed by the clapping of his hands and a thunderous 'Hallelujah.'**

As the time progressed and the COVID-19 pandemic made landfall in the Turks and Caicos Islands, the doctor's visit increased. This was much to William's dissatisfaction as he would say, **"The doctor has to come again. Oh Lord!** As it seemed, things were worsening, and it was recommended for him to go to Providenciales for further medical attention. This did not resonate well with him so his daughter Clarenda comforted him with the words "The Lord will be your guide and protector, your healer and deliverer."

Dedgrie, his granddaughter being that brave and strong individual decided to accompany her beloved grandfather to Providenciales not knowing that would have been his last time in his home in Kew. On his arrival at the hospital, William was able to speak for himself and provided some personal information to the medical staff. He grasped the moment to give his usual speech to the doctors and nurses, "**I am in the hands of the Lord. God has ordained you for this job. Thanks very much. God bless you. "**

After he was discharged from the hospital, his eldest grand-daughter Carmelita took him in her care. Every time, William was to stay with Carmelita he would say, "**All the way North West Point, down there too far."** While being in Providenciales, William had the love and support of family, friends and well-wishers. Family members would stay up late at nights singing and having lengthy sessions of "Ole Story Time" where William was the historian.

On his less up-beat days, when pain rocked his body he would say**," I am in My Blessed Saviour's Care and Satan is Defeated!** William was a strong believer that His God is all powerful and there was no sickness he could not cure. He would adamantly state that His God has already healed him and returning to the doctor was not an option. We too, believed that he received his healing before he departed this world because Isaiah 33:24 states, "No one living in Zion will say I am sick."

William knew that his time to enter the beautiful garden was drawing nigh, so during one of the family virtual meetings he gave instructions to his grandson, Bert about his 101-birthday celebration. By now, William was talking in the spiritual realm but many did not comprehend.

It was evident that a limb from the family tree was about to be broken off. During the night of May 28th, 2020, William was surrounded by some of his children and

grandchildren both physically and virtually with a powerful prayer of deliverance and comfort by his granddaughter-in-law Deaconess Violet Missick (GB) after which hymns were sung and his last daughter Minister Bernice Simmons- Hutchinson gave him the assurance that everything would be alright. In the early morning of May 29th, 2020 after listening to his family singing the hymn "When I Make My Last Move", our beloved William Emmanuel Simmons, took his last breath and peacefully left this world to enter the beautiful garden where he will forever blossom in the bosom of his Creator. •

A limb has fallen from the family tree

I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me, remember the best times. The laughter, the song, the good life I lived while I was strong, continue my heritage; I'm counting on you, my mind is at ease, my soul is at rest, remembering all, how I truly was blessed, may William Emmanuel Simmons rest in eternal peace.

HIS MEMORIES WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED BY:

Sons: Arnold, Reverend Walter and Sylvia, Former Inspector Eric & Evelyn, Carrington and Paulette Simmons

Daughters: Violet Simmons, Cassie Simmons, Dorothy & Stanley Gibson, Velma & Rev. Fuller Gardiner, Clarenda & Deacon Henry Butterfield, Florentina & Christopher Missick, Gwendolyn & Franklyn Hall and Minister Bernice Hutchinson of Grand Bahama

Daughter-in-Law: Betty Simmons

Grandchildren: Alden & Sandra, Newton & Violet, Synclair & Rita, Comelita, Zovia, Lavern, Shavern, Andrew, Anthony, Dudley, Quincy, Paula & Hilton, Dedgrie, Dedlisha & Ramsey, Jackie & Matthew, Cedric & Herbann, Peter & Laquetta, Dwight, Rick, Tiffany, Christain & John, Mario & Jody-Ann, Tevin & Dana, Kennisha, Kendrick & Tiffany, Sharanna & Eric Snr., Samantha, Curvin, Patrina, Anthony, Nichole, Fuller Jr., Ervin, Jeno & Shemecka, Pamela & Manny, Clarence, Randy & Kimberly, Bert & Louann, Nadine, Natasha & Luis, Rev. Andre & Sherline, Traniqua & Gerald, Telestra, Lester Jr., Irad, Tenisha, Tramansy & Estafnia, Ira, Shernika, Yakena, Kerone, Kervardio, Kershi, Kenard, Devanio, Kishon, Franneisha, Frankera, Rondre, Ashley, Shera, McNeil & Heidi, Angelica, Micah, Jerome, Haverston & Arielle, Hansel & Joanne, Savana, Tamaris, Shalila & Keval Davis, Anthony & Antoine, Dale, Shanderia & Brent, Shandell, Dudley & Dusty

One hundred and fifty (151): Great Grandchildren Including: Khalilah, Sanajiah and Joel Richards, Ladesha, Laquisha, Cordarow, Olivier (OJ), Robert Jr, Kurt (Pookie), Danae, Yazaya and Sabella

Forty (40): Great Great Grand-children

Two (2): Great Great Great Grand-Child Kylique and Kavon Thomas

One (1): Sister in law: Julia Grant

Host of Nieces and Nephews including: Pauline and Xannu, Mavis and Joseph, Rosemary, Esterlene and Joseph, Daniel, Lionel, Branford, Adrian, Claire, Maple, Vercine, Dwight, Lula, Shirley and Stanley

Numerous Cousins Including: Dorothy Williams and Family, Lula Roye and Family, Elvena Landy and Family, Janet Lightbourne and family, Hon. Amanda Missick and Family, Essie Arthur and Family, Children and family of the late Cecelia Robinson

Honorary Son: Reverend Lyton Jolly, Ruldolph Higgs (RJ), George Gardiner and Stanley Hamilton (Barr)

Other Family and Friends including: Hon. Galmo Williams (Former Premier), Hopeful Campbell, The Taylor and Gray family of Bottle Creek, Adelphine Higgs Pitter and Family, Mary Higgs and Family, The Rigby, Lightbourne, Pratt and Stubbs family of Providenciales, The Simmons of Grand Turk and Salt Cay, Annis Campbell and family, Moses Smith, The Forbes, Gardiner, Missick, Gibson, Hall, Handfield and Hislop Family, Bishop Clarence Williams and family, Bishop Hoplyn Parker and family, James Stubbs and family, Winiferd McIntosh and family, Nancy Cartwright- Adams and family, Cicely Ewing and family, Honourable Clarence Selver and family, Rosebell Selver and family, Bishop Wesley Missick, The Honourable Sharlene Cartwright– Robinson(Premier) and family, The Honourable Ralph Higgs (Member of Parliament ED#4), The family of the late Daisy Handfield, Reginald Forbes and family Elizabeth Forbes and family, Lona Gardiner and family, Pastor Christopher Missick and family, Maggie Ewing and family, Sandra McIntosh and family, Wilber Forbes and family, Amoy Chambers and family, Madiea Davidson and family, Pastor Mary Harvey and family, Reverend Ronald Gardiner and family, Pastor Mary Forbes and family, The entire Church of God of Prophecy family throughout the community of North Caicos by extension the entire Turks and Caicos Islands, His Haitian friends in the community of Kew and many many more too numerous to mention.

- Service of Praise and Thanksgiving -

**I heard the voice of the lord, saying, whom shall you send,
and who will go for us? Then said I, here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8**

9:00 A.M PRE SERVICE ..... Praise Team

9:25 A.M PRIVATE VIEWING ..... Family

9:45 A.M FAMILY PROCESSIONAL ..... "I'm Glad I've Counted the Cost" (Brass Band)

10:00 A.M ..... Ministerial Procession

OPENING SENTENCES ..... Rev. Jane O. Missick (Senior Pastor, Kew)

OPENING HYMN ..... "When We All Get to Heaven"

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions bright and blessèd
He'll prepare for us a place.

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.

Refrain
When we all get to Heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when travelling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open;
We shall tread the streets of gold.

INVOCATION ..... Bishop Wesley Missick
Senior Pastor, Church of God of Prophecy Five Cays

PRAYER RESPONSE ..... "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.

Chorus:
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.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Psalms 27: 1- 14..... Ira Gibson (Grandson)
(Favourite of deceased)

MODERATOR
[Rev. Ronald Gardiner]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.....”Heaven’s Jubilee“

Some glad morning, we shall see, Jesus in the air
Coming after you and me, Joy is ours to share
What rejoicing there will be, when the saints shall rise
Headed for that jubilee, yonder in the skies.

Chorus:
Oh what singing, Oh what shouting
On that happy morning when we all shall rise;
Oh what glory, Hallelujah!
When we meet our blessed Savior in the skies.

Seems that now I almost see
All the sainted dead, rising for that jubilee,
That is just ahead; In the twinkling of an eye,
Changed with them to be, All the living saints to fly to that jubilee

When with all that heav’nly host we begin to sing;
Singing in the Holy Ghost, How the heav’ns will ring.
Millions there will join the song, with them we shall be
Praising Christ thru ages long, heaven’s jubilee.

CONDOLENCES .....Clergy (2 mins. each)

Government Officials

District Commissioner – Cynclair Musgrove
Member of Parliament – Hon. Ralph Higgs
Opposition Leader – Hon. Charles Washington Missick
Premier – Hon. Sharlene Cartwright Robinson

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN .....”Meeting In the Air”

You have heard of little Moses in the bulrush
You have heard of fearless David and his sling
You have heard the story told of dreaming Joseph
And of Jonah and the whale you often sing
There are many, many others through the Bible
I should like to meet them all, I do declare
By and by the Lord will surely let us meet them
At that meeting in the air

Chorus
There is going to be a meeting in the air
In the sweet, sweet bye and bye
I am going to meet you, meet you over there
In that home beyond the sky
Such singing you will hear never heard by mortal ear
'Twill be glorious, I do declare
And God's own son will be the leading one
At the meeting in the air

Many things will there be missing in that meeting
For the mourner's bench will have no place at all
There will never be a sermon preached to sinners
For the sinners had refused to heed the call
There will be no mourning over wayward loved ones
There will be no lonely nights of pleading prayer
All our burdens and our anguish will be lifted
At that meeting in the air

MODERATOR
[Rev. Jane O. Missick]

TRIBUTES .....Shaun Malcolm (Friend)
Sanajiah Richards (Great Grand-Daughter)
North Caicos Baptist Association Choir

AS I KNEW HIM .....As a Father Arnold Simmons

REFLECTIONS AS A FRIEND .....Hon. Derek Taylor
Deacon Lewellyn Handfield

SELECTION .....Members of the Family

NEW TESTAMENT .....Romans 8: 31-39…….Nadine Williams (Grand-Daughter)

SELECTION.....Church of God of Prophecy

MODERATOR
[Rev. Ronald Gardiner]

OBITUARY.....Madiea Davidson and Comonseta Campbell

PRAISE AND WORSHIP .....Grandchildren

SERMON.....Bishop Andrew Stone (National Overseer)

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY.....Minister Bernice Hutchinson (Daughter)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....A&S Funeral Services

RECESSIONAL HYMN ....."Glad Reunion Day"

There will be a happy meeting in heaven I know,
When we see the many loved ones we've known here below;
Gather on the blessed hilltops with hearts all aglow,
That will be a glad reunion day.

Chorus
Glad day, a wonderful day,
Glad day, a glorious day,
There with all the holy angels and loved ones to stay,
That will be a glad reunion day.

There within the holy city we'll sing and rejoice,
Praising Christ the blessed Savior with heart and with voice;
Tell Him how we came to love Him and make Him our choice,
That will be a glad reunion day.

When we live a million years in that wonderful place,
Basking in the love of Jesus, beholding His face,
It will seem but just a moment of praising His grace,
That will be a glad reunion day.

- The Committal -

OPENING REMARKS.....Bishop Andrew Stone

HYMN.....“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

My faith has found a resting place,
Not in device or creed;
I trust the ever living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The living Word of God,
Salvation by my Savior’s Name,
Salvation through His blood.

Refrain
I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He’ll never cast me out.

My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave.

PRAYER.....Rev. Fuller Gardiner (Son-in-Law)

COMMITTAL.....Bishop Andrew Stone (National Overseer)

BENEDICTION

- GRAVESIDE HYMNS -

“It’s Alright Now”

There was a time I traveled
A lonely sinful road
Beneath a heavy burden bending low
But now all things are different
For Jesus took my load
It’s alright now I’m His I know

A-down a lonely pathway
Without a friend to guide
I walked in sin and sorrow all alone
‘Til Jesus came and found me
And drew me to His side
It’s alright now for I’m His own

Chorus:
It’s alright now
For I am in my Savior’s care
It’s alright now
My Savior hears and answers prayer
He’ll walk beside me
‘Til I climb the heav’nly stair
And ev’rything is alright now

No more in sin I wander
No more in darkness roam
The Lord has placed
My feet on higher ground
Each day new heights
I’m gaining my soul is nearing home
It’s alright now I’m heaven bound

“My Jesus I Love Thee”

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I’ll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I’ll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I’ll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

Music Provided by the Turks & Caicos Brass Band

T R I B

God saw him getting tired and a cure
was not to be, so he put his arms around him
and whispered, "Come to me"
With tears in our eyes we watched
him suffer and slowly fade away,
Although we loved him dearly,
we could not make him stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hardworking hands put to rest,
God broke our heart to prove to us

he only takes the best

Violet and Family

Your wisdom and your amazing sense
of humour will live on inside us forever.
You have given us a gift which is more precious
then anything in this world.
Goodbye Daddy, your sweet memories
will always be in my heart.

Clarenda and Family

Of all the many blessings,
however great or small,
to have you for a Father and
Father-in-law was the greatest one of all.
The family chain is now broken and nothing
seems the same,
but as God takes us one by one
the chain will link again.
Always in our hearts.

Eric and Family

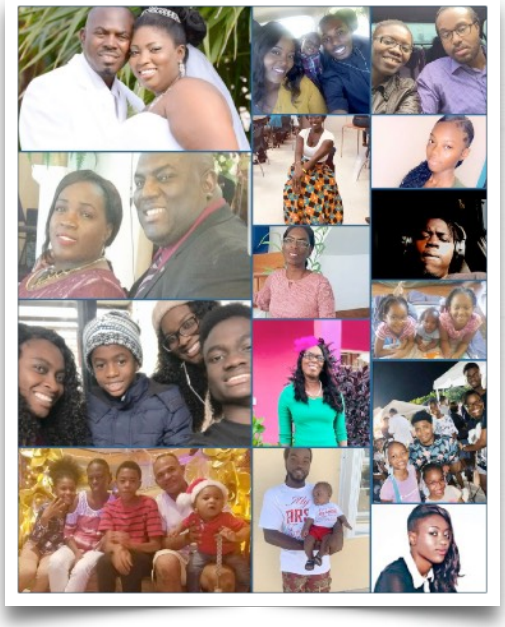
U T E S

Father…
A man of wisdom, knowledge, faith, integrity, hardworking and a heart of gold. It was truly an honour to have you as my Father.

Grandfather…
The conversations that we had might have been few, but it left a memory in our hearts in thinking about you.

Great- Grandfather…
Being a baby, I would not have an opportunity to know you. But the great legacy you left behind, will teach me a lot about you.

Bernice and Familv



Although we cannot hear your voice or see your smiling face
We know deep down in our hearts that you have not left us.
Instead every day you surround us with the singing of the birds, and the rising of the sun and the falling of night.

[Family of predeceased daughter]

Maecita Simmons

Daddy, I thank you for always being there for me and my children, you never forgot us.

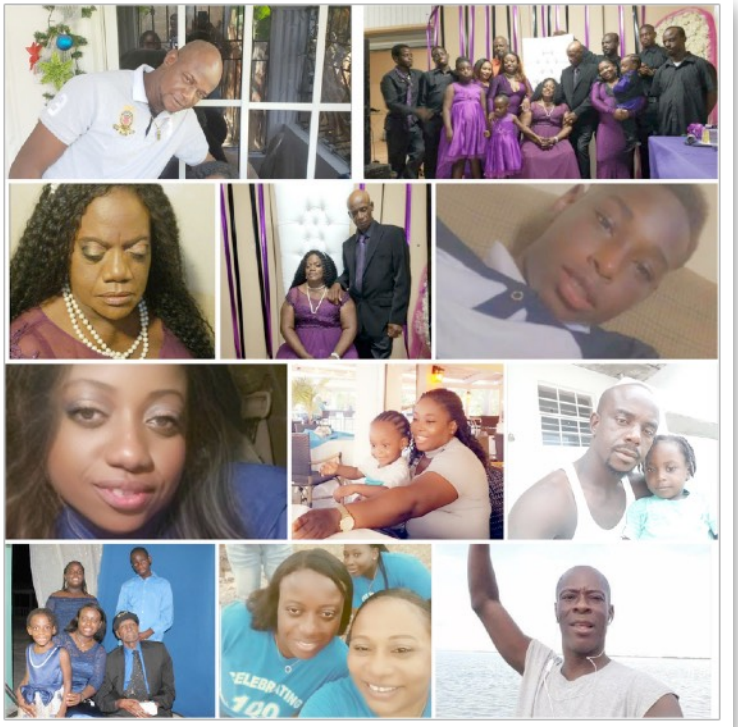
Being a single mother wasn't easy. The struggle of raising my children on such low earnings was difficult but you stood up to your responsibility as my Father. You stepped forward and played the role as a Father to my children and for that I am forever thankful. I will miss you Daddy but i have confidence and faith that you are in a better place. Sleep on my love and take your rest until we meet again in that great forever more.

Cassie and Family

A Special Dad Is Hard To Find

You, Dad, I'm keeping in my mind.
100 years you roamed this earth,
how I wish you could have roamed forever.
But I will never forget you; oh, not ever.
If love could have saved you,
you never would have left.
Your life of earth was filled with love
which now reaches to the heavens above,
Distance is one thing that keeps us apart,
But, Dad, you will always remain in my heart.

Florentina and Family

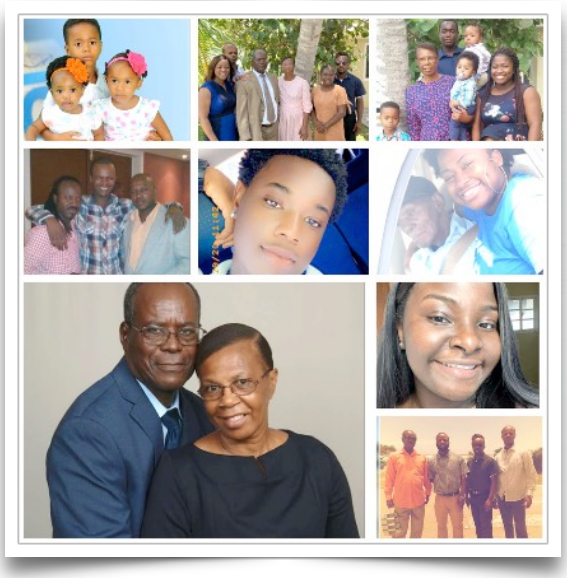


You left us peaceful memories.
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken
and nothing seems the same,
but indeed we are so thankful
because God has called you home,
rest in heavenly peace dad until we meet again

Carrington and Family

We your children miss you
In the home where you used to be,
We wanted so much to keep you
But God willed it not to be.
Now you are in God's keeping
You suffer no more pain,
So dear God please take care of him
Until we meet again

Gwendolyn and Family



Dear Lord, we lost our Father, we are still hurting inside like you would only know. We have our memories which we will forever share because those moments we cherish comes with a lot of love and care. Sleep on papa we love you in life and death

Walter and Family

My Dad, William, will forever be in my heart until the day it stops beating. I am grateful that I am becoming a more fully realised human being, a more caring, compassionate, and empathetic person because of my Dad. Still, I would forfeit any wisdom for the sake of having him back. Rest in peace my loving Father

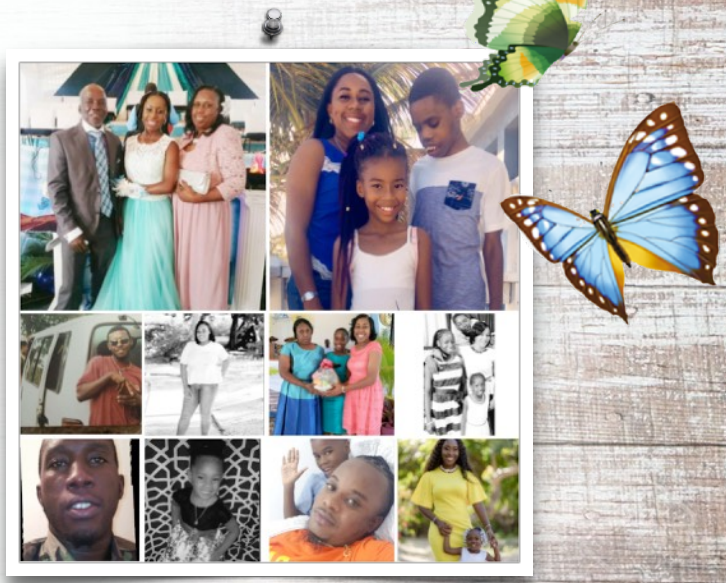
Arnold and Family

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile. If only I could have you back for just a little while, then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do. You always meant so very much and always will do too. The fact that you are no longer here, will always cause me pain.

But you're forever in my heart…

Until We Meet Again

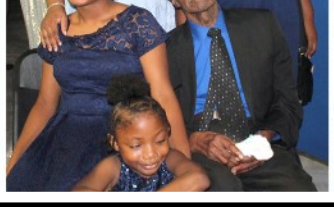
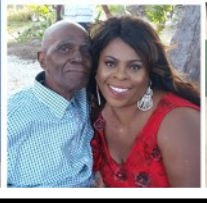
Velma and Family

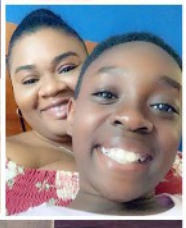


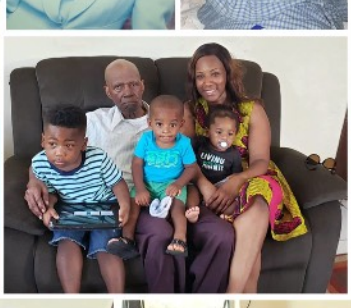
Since the day you left me, I have realised that in grieving, one never heals from the pain of losing a loved one.

I have just learned to live one day at a time with a heartache that has become a part of me. I miss you Daddy!

Dorothy and Family





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