

A CELEBRATION SERVICE
TO HONOUR THE LIFE OF OUR BELOVED

Jertie
ROSINA
Forbes

JUNE 28TH 1928 - SEPTEMBER 17TH 2021

"This robe of flesh I'll drop and rise, to seize the everlasting prize; and shout while passing through the air, "Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!" (W.W. Wallford, 1845)



Gertie
ROSINA
Forbes

SUNRISE SUNSET
06/28/1928 - 09/17/2021

FUNERAL SERVICE:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND 2021 AT 2PM

BAMBARRA PUBLIC CEMETERY
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MODERATOR:
PASTOR GOLDSTONE WILLIAMS

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Gertie Rosina Forbes was born on June 28th, 1928, to the late Elijah and Mary Dean in the small settlement of Lorimers, Middle Caicos.

She attended the all-age Primary School in Lorimers like most of her peers during that era. She later met her soon to be husband Simon Forbes, who resided in Bambarra Middle Caicos. Back in those days, females rarely ventured out of the homes. Therefore, in all likelihood, this was a prearranged marriage and pretty much love at first sight.

On November 12th, 1953, she married the love of her life Simon Paulamos Forbes, who was a fisherman and a farmer. Together, they produced 7 children. With limited opportunities to provide for his family, he sailed with his brother Ebenezer (now deceased) transporting cargo for trade with the neighbouring Countries.

While her husband was away at sea, not only did she raised the children, she was also a very busy young lady. She maintained steady work from the Government Works Program that was in place. In her spare time, she was also a farmer, a Seamstress, a basket/rug weaver and more.

The Church played a pivotal role in the community and brought together families for Sunday worship and weekly activities. Although sometimes very reserved, Gertie was a very religious and devoted Christian and very rarely would miss a church service. She served as Church Secretary and Treasurer for many years. The annual Baptist Union conference was an event she never missed, unless she was unwell. The

same applied to The Baptist Women's Missionary Band functions.

She had a passion for sewing and this was known throughout Middle Caicos. She often made back-to-school clothes for her children and those who couldn't afford new uniforms.

Gertie was a very kind and loving person and would give you the blouse of her back. She helped to raise not only her grands but some of her in-law's children as well. She had a very strick upbringing and that's pretty much how she raised her children. She knew the virtue of prayer. Her children can vividly recall being made to rise early on Sunday mornings for prayer meeting. She always prayed for her country and the world at large. One of her favourite sayings was that, "her prayers can reach them, no matter where they are."

Gertie was very firm on her words, and had very little fear of anyone or anything. She would often quote to her children, "let your yes be yes, and your no be no", and don't waiver. She was an early riser like her husband, they both tried to get as much done in their field or the road work, before the sun came out in full force.

She always assisted and supported her husband's farming as they would clear several plots of land to raise vegetables, fruits and sugarcane. Although she only had an elementary school education, she was very intellectual and strived her best to educate all of her children. She would often sacrifice any spare time she had to knit rugs, hats and weave baskets and fanners to sell in Grand Turk. The money would be used to help support her children in boarding schools. She loved to have conversations with any visitors passing by her gate and from



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time to time, willingly prepared small boxes of field produce or gave away sticks of sugarcane to them.

She was blessed with good health for many years. For the latter part of her life, she was diagnosed with the beginning stages of Dementia. As it progressively got worse, her children were forced to place her in a nursing home in Providenciales. Although she never really accepted the transition, every time her children visited her, she never failed to ask when she would be going back to her own house.

Her time on earth ended in the early afternoon hours on Friday, September 17th, 2021, around 1:37PM. Her last words which were heard by one of the attending nurses, was "Jesus!" She quietly slipped away into her Heavenly Home.

A bitter-sweet moment it was for the loved ones she left on earth. God blessed her and her husband with long life and happy days.

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LEFT TO MOURN HER PASSING

PREDECEASED HUSBAND: Simon Paulamos Forbes

CHILDREN: Arthur, Eric, Carolyn, Donald, Lula, Edward, Katherine

PREDECEASED SISTERS: Lenora Williams and Eliza Stubbs

PREDECEASED BROTHERS: Robert, Eric, Alden, David, George and Douglas Dean

DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW: Jennifer Forbes, Faith-Anne Forbes and Tanis Wake-Forbes

SON-IN-LAW: Taylor Howe

SISTERS-IN-LAW: Louise, Lou Alyce and LaGloria Dean, Flossie, Lucreacy, Patsy, Farlene and Marie Forbes

BROTHERS-IN-LAW: Twisten and Athneil Forbes

GRAND CHILDREN: Roxanne, Angela, Kenyetta, Kendrick, Vershina, VonEric, Vandersee, Quinton, Velika, Vaughn, Michalo, Tiffany, Elizabeth, Brittney, Kenrick, Lettisha, Nikki and Burkley

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN: 35

A host of Nieces, Nephews, Grand-Nieces, Grand Nephews, Cousins, relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

SPECIAL BOND: Calvin & Mary Dean, Jenniema & Anniema Deane, Peter & Hilton Forbes, Loathie Harvey, Cardinal Arthur, Charles & Edward Hall and Flossie & Julia Robinson

SPECIAL FRIENDS: Deacon Headley, Caramanda Forbes, Nurse Norma Forbes, Mary Forbes, Deacon Garnett and Miriam Outten, Mary Outten, Floreta Gibbs, Pastor Ernest Forbes Jr, Holton Williams and family

MAY HER SOUL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE!

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Living Family



PROCESSION Pastors and Immediate Family

CALL TO ORDERPastor Goldstone Williams [MODERATOR]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.....“Sweet Hour Of Prayer”

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

OPENING PRAYERReverend Derek Hamilton

1ST SCRIPTURE READING.....Psalm 27....Peter Forbes [NEPHEW-IN-LAW]

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
2. When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Sweet Hour of Prayer



3. Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.
4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.
5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
6. And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.
7. Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8. When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.
9. Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10. When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.
11. Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.
12. Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
13. I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.
14. Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord.

CONDOLENCES..... Church & Government Representative

TRIBUTE Edward Forbes [SON]

SPECIAL RENDITIONThe Spirit of Bethlehem

2ND SCRIPTURE READINGPsalm 23rd [TO BE READ IN SILENCE]

1. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
3. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
5. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
6. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

OBITUARY.....[TO BE READ IN SILENCE]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.....“Bless Be The Tide That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

When we are called to part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Before our Father’s throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives
and waits to see the day.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

TRIBUTE [FAVORITE SONG] Jenniemae Deane [NIECE]

SERMON..... Pastor Evan Williams

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY..... Pastor Ernest Forbes, Jr

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RECESSIONAL HYMN “Heavens 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 heavenly host, we begin to sing
Singing in the Holy Ghost, how the heavens will ring
Millions there will join the song, with them we shall be
Praising Christ through ages long, heaven’s jubilee.



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Loving Tributes



We'll always remember
that special smile,
that caring heart,
that warm embrace,
you always gave us.

You being there
for Dad and us
through good and bad times,
no matter what.

We'll always remember
you Mom because
there'll never be another one
to replace you in our hearts,
and the love we will always have for you.

Let our memories of our mother live on
forever. When you speak of her, speak not
with tears, for thoughts of her should not
be sad. Let memories of the times you
shared give you comfort.

We wish we had gotten the chance to say
goodbye-one more time and last hug. We
wish your life had been easier. You had to
endure a lot for us.

We know you are in a better place looking
down on us and nodding your head in
approval. You will always be in our hearts.

YOUR CHILDREN

Don't think of her as gone away
- her journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets -
this earth is only one.

Just think of her as resting
from the sorrows and the tears
in a place of warmth and comfort
where there are no days and years.

Think how she must be wishing
that we could know today,
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.

And think of her as living
in the hearts of those she touched.
For nothing loved is ever lost -
And she was loved so much.

And now her journey ended.
She claim her great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with her Lord. AMEN

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE

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Sympathy to Aunty Gertie family
From her Nieces and Nephews,
In the Bahamas and the United States.

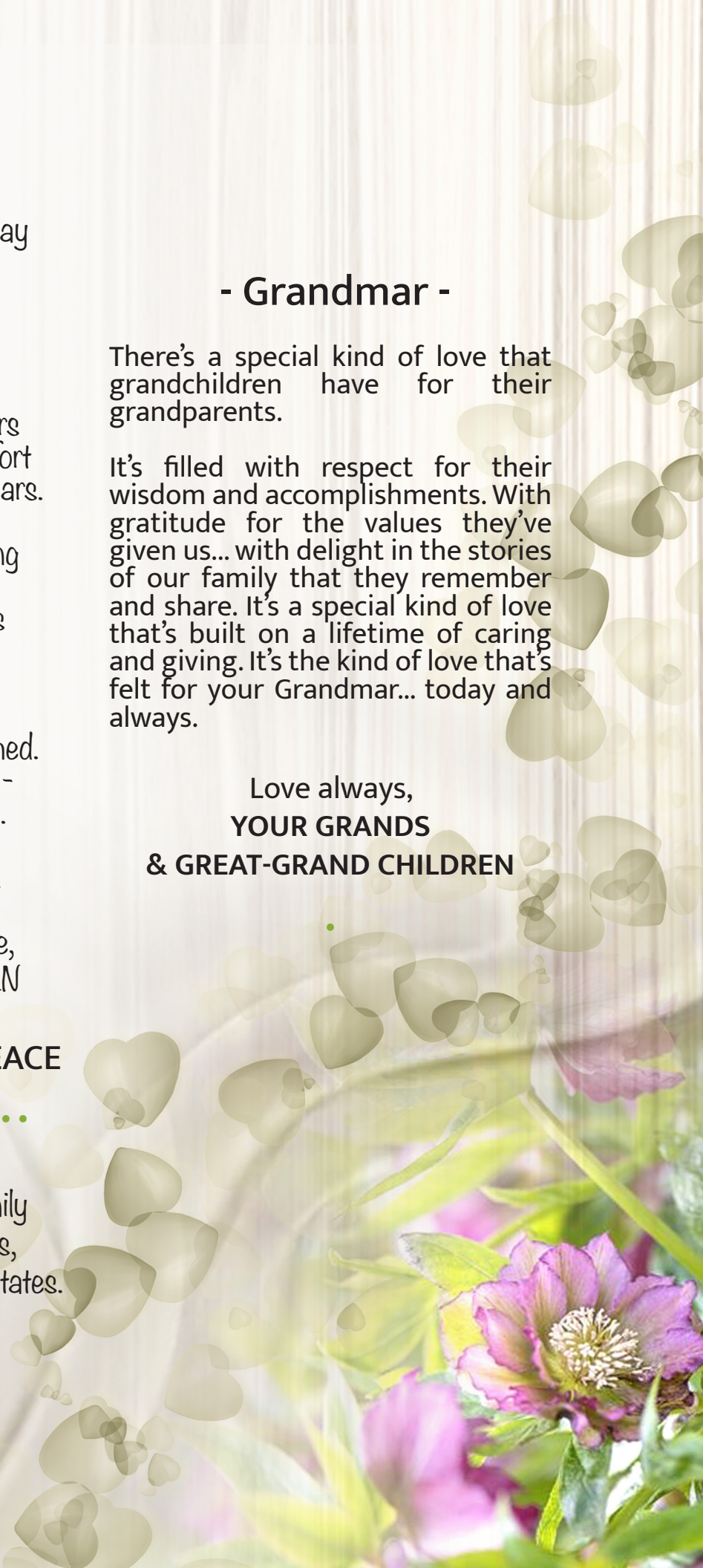
Her journey has begun.

- Grandmar -

There's a special kind of love that
grandchildren have for their
grandparents.

It's filled with respect for their
wisdom and accomplishments. With
gratitude for the values they've
given us... with delight in the stories
of our family that they remember
and share. It's a special kind of love
that's built on a lifetime of caring
and giving. It's the kind of love that's
felt for your Grandmar... today and
always.

Love always,
**YOUR GRANDS
& GREAT-GRAND CHILDREN**







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