



ANNIS

Ettrude

SMITH

1926-2021

**A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION
HONOURING THE LIFE OF**

ANNIS
Gertrude
SMITH

APRIL 7TH, 1926 - DECEMBER 28TH, 2021

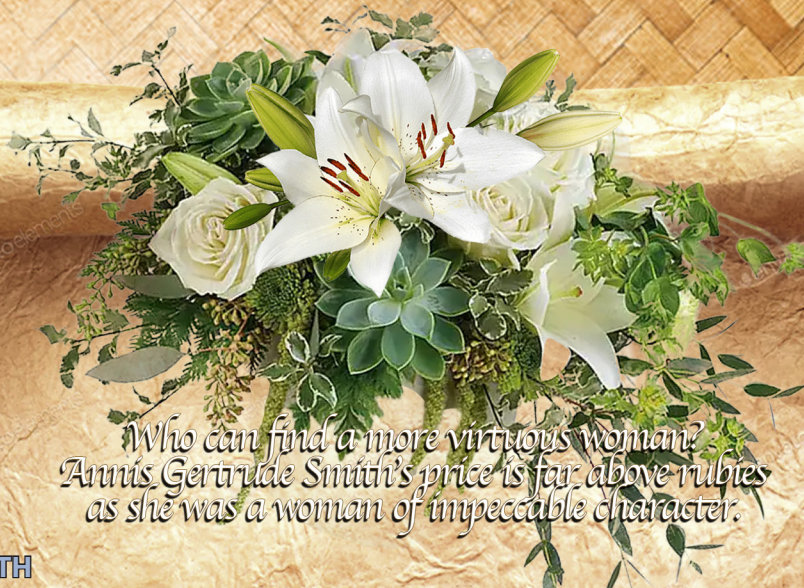
**FUNERAL SERVICE HELD:
SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2022 AT 10:30 A.M.**

**LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH
BOTTLE CREEK • NORTH CAICOS**

**OFFICIATING: PASTOR ERNEST FORBES
ASSISTED BY: PASTOR WILLARD SMITH
ORGANIST: MRS. DIANE SMITH**

**INTERMENT:
FAMILY GRAVESITE
BOTTLE CREEK • NORTH CAICOS**





*Who can find a more virtuous woman?
Annis Gertrude Smith's price is far above rubies
as she was a woman of impeccable character.*

BIRTH

On April 7, 1926, a beautiful baby girl was born in the settlement of Bottle Creek, North Caicos to the late Joseph Nathaniel Handfield and his late wife, Mary Louise Dean. They named her Annis Gertrude Handfield, and she was the fourth of five children. She was the apple of her mother's eyes. She grew up in a quiet settlement which is Bottle Creek, with her parents and siblings.

EDUCATION

Annis, affectionately known as Trudy, received her education at the Bottle Creek Primary which is now called Adelaide Oemler Primary School. She was a quiet but brilliant student. After she finished her education, she immersed herself into the field of work.

A TIME FOR LOVE

As she grew into a beautiful and blissful young lady, she attracted the attention of a hard-working young man named Robert Theophilus Smith. They fell in love and were joined together in holy matrimony. This union produced eleven children, seven of whom are now deceased.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Being a hard-working virtuous woman, she worked at whatever her hands found to do. She worked in the fields cutting sisal which she used to make table and floor mats. She also cut white thatch, which she plaited to make beautiful baskets and hats that she sold to earn money to help take care of her children as times were very hard back in those days. Later, she also worked as a housekeeper for the late Honourable Stafford Missick.

CHRISTIAN WALK

Annis attended the Church of God of Prophecy in Bottle Creek and there she gave her heart to the Lord and received Christ as her Lord and Saviour.

OBITUARY

- LOVING FAMILY & FRIENDS -

HOME STRETCH

On December 7, 2021, she accidentally fell at her residence in Bottle Creek, North Caicos and was airlifted to Cheshire Hall Medical Centre for diagnosis and treatment. The results were not what we expected, but we prayed and held onto hope that God's will would be done. Later, on December 11, she was airlifted to Jamaica along with her daughter, Aditha, for further treatment. Later she underwent a successful surgery. We were grateful and continued praying for her complete recovery but seeking God's will on her behalf. Unfortunately for us, God had other plans for Annis. On Tuesday, December 28, at 6:30 a.m., she quietly slipped away to be with her maker, to her eternal home while she was in the hospital in Jamaica. Her loving daughter, Aditha, was at her side.

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Left to mourn her passing and cherish her memories:

DAUGHTERS: Claudina Phillips, Hazel Williams, Aditha Forbes

SON: Christopher Smith

SISTERS: Irine Clair, South Caicos, Melvina Higgs, Freeport

ADOPTED DAUGHTER: Maude Handfield

SONS IN LAW: Timothy Phillips Sr., Hilgrove Williams, Dudley Forbes

STEPSONS: Llewelyn and Wentford Smith

NIECES: Clarita, Vernice, Myla, Jane, Charlotte, Kennis, Ivy, Bea, Faith, Blossom, Debby, Joy, Adrienne, Lucille, Patricia, and Gertrude.

NEPHEWS: Austin, Albert, Norman, Thomas Jr., Robbie, Henry, Frank, Stanley Jr., Harewood (Bounty) and Sean

22 GRANDCHILDREN: especially Phillipa, Polly-ann, Dudleysha and Kimberly

3 GRAND DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

2 GRAND SONS IN LAW

31 GRANDNIECES AND NEPHEWS

4 STEP GRANDCHILDREN

6 STEP GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

37 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

4 GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

SPECIAL FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Albert and family, Enoch, George, Leila, Maude, Egette, Gertrude, Matric, Pansy, Dedgrie, Susan and Family, Hon. Ralph Higgs and family, Mary Outten, Cyprianna, Madge Dickenson and Kathleen Smith

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9:45 AM	Viewing of the Body
PRELUDE	Family Procession
CALL TO ORDER	Pastor Ernest Forbes
OPENING PRAYER	Pastor Willard Smith
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 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.

1 ST SCRIPTURE READING.	1 Corinthians 15: 51–58.. Lucille Campbell [Grandniece]
SOLO	The Higgs Brothers
2 ND SCRIPTURE READING.	Ecclesiastes 3: 1–10 .. Graton Gray [Grandnephew]
SOLO	Mr. Rupert Gibson
CONDOLENCES	2 MINUTES ONLY
OBITUARY	Read in Silence

ORDER OF SERVICE

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.....“When We All Get to Heaven”

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

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

Chorus

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

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.

AS I KNEW HERPastor Llewelyn Handfield

SERMON..... Pastor Willard Smith

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILYPastor Irma Coleby

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RECESSIONAL HYMN..... “He Hideth My Soul”

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord,
a wonderful Savior to me.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain:

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of his love,
and covers me there with his hand,
and covers me there with his hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord;
he taketh my burden away.
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved;
he giveth me strength as my day.

With numberless blessings each moment he crowns,
and filled with his fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, “Oh, glory to God
for such a Redeemer as mine!”

When clothed in his brightness, transported I rise
to meet him in clouds of the sky,
his perfect salvation, his wonderful love,
I'll shout with the millions on high.

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GRAVESIDE SERVICE

OPENING HYMN "It Is Finished"

There's a line that is drawn through the ages
On that line stands an old rugged cross
On that cross, a battle is raging
To gain a man's soul or it's loss

The earth shakes with the force of the conflict
And the sun refuses to shine
For there hangs God's son, in the balance
And then through the darkness He cries

Chorus

It is finished, the battle is over
It is finished, there'll be no more war
It is finished, the end of the conflict
It is finished and Jesus is Lord

Yet in my heart, the battle was still raging
Not all prisoners of war had come home
These were battlefields of my own making
I didn't know that the war had been won

On one side, march the forces of evil
All the demons, all the devils of hell
On the other, the angels of glory
And they meet on Golgotha's hill

Oh, but then I heard the King of the ages
Had fought all the battles for me
And that victory was mine for the claiming
And now praise His name, I am free.

COMMITTAL Pastor Ernest Forbes/Bro. Eddie Smith

PRAYER Bro. Eddie Smith

CLOSING SONG "It's All Right 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

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

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

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

Repast will be held at the Jacob Williams Park, Bottle Creek
ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR COVID WILL BE ADHERED TO

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Our Love

Mummy, how can I explain the love we shared
when I don't understand it myself?
How can I explain how the approval I sought from you as a child
became friendship with you as I grew older?
How can I explain the debt of love you've shown
each time you let me go out on my own knowing that if I succeeded
you'd cheer me on and if I stumbled, you'd help me to my feet again
Not to hold me up, but just to stand beside me
I guess it doesn't really matter If anybody else understands
You knew and so do I and that's all that counts.
I will always love and miss you, Mummy.

Your loving Daughter, Claudina

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She Is Gone

You can shed tears that she is gone,
Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray
That she will come back
Or you can open your eyes
and see all that she has left

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Or you can smile because she has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that she will come back
Or you can open your eyes and see all that she has left
Your heart may be empty because you can't see her
Or it can be full of the love that you shared
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live in yesterday
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday
You can remember her and only that she's gone
Or you can cherish her memory and let it live on.
With all our hearts, we love and miss you, Mama
Our Hero

Phillipa & Children

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God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be
So he put his arms around you,
And whispered, "Come with me."
With tearful eyes
We watched you suffer
And saw you fade away
Although we loved you dearly
We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest
God broke our hearts to prove
He only takes the best.
It's lonesome here without you
We miss you more each day
Life doesn't seem the same
Since you've gone away.

When days are sad and lonely
And everything goes wrong
We seem to hear you whisper
Cheer up and carry on.
Each time we see your picture
You seem to smile and say,
Don't cry, I'm in God's keeping
We'll meet again someday.

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Angel

Tear drops slow and steady
The pain so real and true
God took another angel
And that angel, dear, was you
Angel wings upon the clouds
Your body softly sleeps
Hush now little angel
No more tears you have to weep
Little prayers are sent to you
The long life you led
Your family will never forget you
So rest your weary head
I know God will look after you.
Now you're truly alive
Your spirit soars beyond the moon
Your legacy will survive.
You're beautiful
You're endless
Now stretch your wings and fly
You're loved by so many
It will never be goodbye
Close your pretty eyes
No more tears, just go and rest
Let your soul lie peacefully
We know you did your best.

**Your loving Granddaughter,
Kimberly**

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You never said, I'm leaving,
You never said goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
A million times we need you
A million times we cried
If love alone could have saved you
You never would have died.

In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still
In our hearts you hold a place
That no one else can fill
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God took you home.

Sleep on Mummy and take your rest
We love you but Jesus loves you best.

Your Beloved Children

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Mama

Mama, to walk into your room and see you smile,
We walked over and hugged you all the time.
You always made us smile and always had stories to tell.
We loved sitting with you every day
and listening to the memories you had to share.
You showed us that life can't be all that bad.
There is always a light at the end of a tunnel.
You were so strong.
You had faith in us all.
You had great spirit, even if the day was dull.
You weren't just our Grandmother .
You were our best friend.
We know you had to go.
Now we feel all alone,
but we know you're close.
When we feel the warmth at night,
we know it's you giving us a good night kiss.
When we feel our chest getting tight,
we know that's you giving us a big hug.
When we feel the wind brush through our hair,
We know you're whispering hello to me.
When we see the sun shine, we know you're happy.
When we see that bright star,
we know that's you watching us all and smiling.
Now a beautiful angel watching over us all,
We pray for you each night that your soul will sleep in peace.
Losing you, Mama, broke our heart,
and every day, without a doubt,
We think of you and shed a little tear,
for our Grandmother we loved so dear.

**Your adoring Granddaughters
Dudleysha & Polly-ann**

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