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DICKENSON

AUGUST 20, 1951 - MAY 21, 2022

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Sunrise: August 20, 1951

Sunset: May 21, 2022

Age: 70 Years

Service Held at:

Lighthouse Church

Bottle Creek • North Caicos • Turks & Caicos Islands

Saturday July 2, 2022
at 10:00am

Officiating:
Brother Eddie Smith

Sermon:
Pastor Willard Smith

Organist:
Maclean Handfield

Committal:
Reverened Doctor Samuel Williams

Interment:
Williams Private Cemetery

Richmond • Bottle Creek
North Caicos • Turks & Caicos Islands

Directing: A&S Funeral Service





Obituary

On a beautiful August morning the stillness of the community of North Caicos was awakened with the melodious coos of a new baby girl, born to the late Jane Paulina and Jacob Williams, they named her Madglyn Beatrice and was affectionately called Madge. She was the first of their courtship and they doted on her constantly.

Throughout her formative years Madge attended what is now the Adelaide Omler Primary School she remained true to her studies and then went onto Bottle Creek Chapel High, there Madge created life time bonds and memories with many of her school mates whom she remained in contact with throughout her adult life. Madge then studied in the Bahamas and Hobe Sound USA where she remained determined and focused in her achievements, again making lifelong friends with whom she maintained contact with.

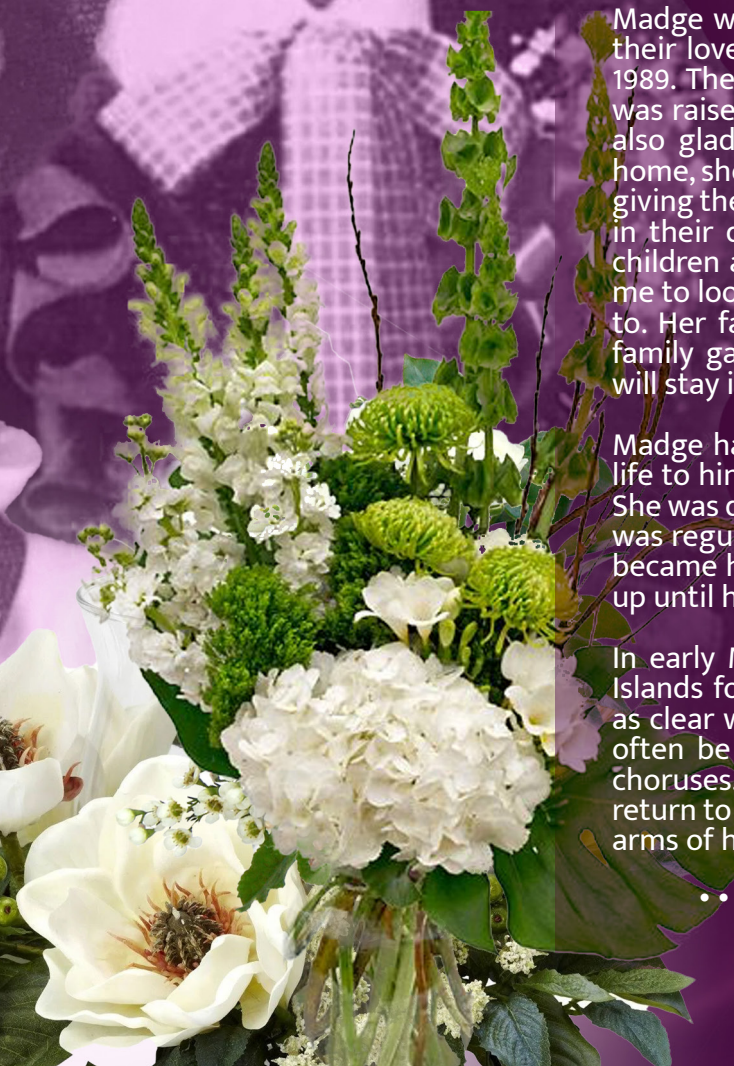
When she returned to Turks and Caicos Madge settled in North Caicos and took up employment as a teacher for a few years, where she molded many bright minds and gained the respect of her students even to this day.

Madge was swept off her feet by the debonair Roy Dickenson, their love grew and was confirmed by marriage on 5th August 1989. Their union produced a beautiful baby girl, Royette, who was raised with love, discipline and stern fundamentals. Madge also gladly received many of her nieces and nephews in her home, she became a mother figure to many of them by not only giving them abode in her home but offering advice and guidance in their daily lives. She particularly took on her sister Annie's children and grand-children often saying 'Annie leave them for me to look on', a responsibility she prided and dedicated herself to. Her family loved her and she loved them, she regaled the family gatherings with her memorable dances and jokes that will stay in their minds forever.

Madge had a robust relationship with God, she committed her life to him at an early age and her love for him grew as she did. She was devoted to her church and ensured that her attendance was regular and her participation was active. Her church family became her brothers and sisters and they continued that bond up until her death.

In early May 2022, Madge fell ill and was airlifted to Cayman Islands for further treatment, and although her words weren't as clear what remained strong was her faith in God. She would often be heard in a moment of praise, humming hymns and choruses. Although her family remained hopeful that she will return to Turks and Caicos, Madge went home to be in the loving arms of her Jesus May 21st 2022.

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She left the world but not the hearts of:

HUSBAND - Roy Dickenson

DAUGHTER - Royette Dickenson

ADOPTED CHILDREN – Jayne Hutchinson, Vanessa Williams, Clyde and Shatelia Greene, Edward Hall Jr, Kadisha Simmons and Lestisha Carter

GRAND CHILDREN – Kayla Palmer, Shamese Hutchinson, Trevion and Jaylen Ginton, Ovancia and Omark Gardiner, Fabianna Reid Aamhore and Charlotte Greene, Edward Hall III, Ryan Cox and Summer Ewing

SISTERS – Vivian Lightbourne, Valentine ‘Tiny’ Williams

BROTHER – Edain Williams

SISTER IN LAW – Flossie Gray, Jackie Pender, Brenda Williams, Lucinda Radlein, Pattie Dickenson

BROTHERS IN LAW – Edward Hall snr, Albert Gray, William Dickenson, Robert Williams, Qualridge Hall, Bertram Harvey, Trevor Pender, Dennis Grey,

NIECES – Joan Capron, Beatrice Penn, EllsieMay Forbes, Pamela Williams, Stephanie Forbes, Katherine Rolle, Nicka Forbes, Jacqueline Gibson, Verna Williams, Annamae Cunningham, Lorina Grey, Patsylee (Kay) Smith, Tanya Williams, Antinique Carter, Keondra Hall, Diedre Williams, Candia Williams, Astranique Williams, Robyn Williams, Trevanna and Trevalda Cooke, Cleo and Clarissa Dickenson, Iesha and Fredrika Bain, Abigail Gray, Priscilla and Sandra Dean

NEPHEWS – Oneil Gardiner, Washington (Hugh) Forbes, Cleveland (Mike) Grey Scottie Grey, Randal Grey, John Williams, Kevin Williams, Ernold Hall, Juan Edain Williams, Kitch Penn, Brian Rolle, Michael Carter, Shane Gibson, Andy Cunningham, Visconti Williams, Herbert Smith, George, Samuel, James, Algereon, Arthur and William Dean, Chrysenne Dickenson .

GREAT GRANDNIECES AND GREAT GRANDNEPHEWS

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GODCHILDREN – Shanique Gardiner

SPECIAL FRIENDS – Daphne Forbes, Anette Ellington, Karen Delancy, Albert and Susan Musgrove, Willard and Caramanda Smith, Llewellyn and Carlis Handfield, Lighthouse Church family, Providence Baptist Church family, Elkannah Hall, Pearlene Handfield, Oleta Missick.

Host of family, friends, nieces and nephews too numerous to mention

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PROCESSION OF THE FAMILY

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "I Shall Know Him"

When my lifework is ended, and I cross the swelling tide,
When the bright and glorious morning I shall see;
I shall know my Redeemer when I reach the other side,
And His smile will be the first to welcome me.

Refrain: I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
And redeemed by His side I shall stand,
I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
By the print of the nails in His hand.

Oh, the soul-thrilling rapture when I view His blessed face,
And the luster of His kindly beaming eye;
How my full heart will praise Him for the mercy, love and grace,
That prepare for me a mansion in the sky.

Oh, the dear ones in glory, how they beckon me to come,
And our parting at the river I recall;
To the sweet vales of Eden they will sing my welcome home;
But I long to meet my Savior first of all.

Through the gates to the city in a robe of spotless white,
He will lead me where no tears will ever fall;
In the glad song of ages I shall mingle with delight;
But I long to meet my Savior first of all

SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 15:50-57 Clarissa Dickenson

SELECTION Beatrice Penn [Niece]

AS I KNEW HER Oleta Misick [Friend]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "I've Been A Waitin'"

Many years I've traveled on this weary road
Watched the fleeting changes, tried to share some load;
Now my work is finished, steps are mighty slow,
I've been a waitin' Lord to go.

Chorus

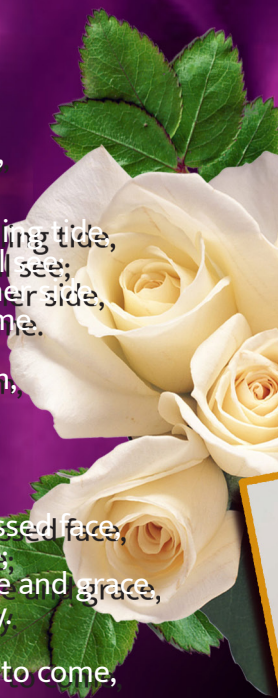
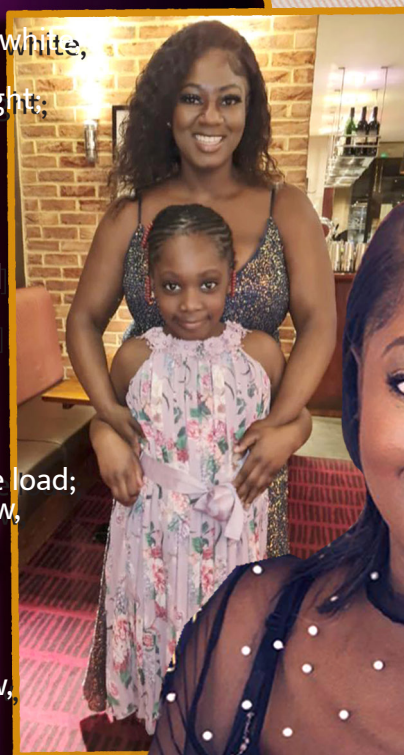
I've been a waitin', waitin' on this shore,
Long I've traveled, ain't a gonna travel no more;
Shades of evening fallin', steps are gettin' slow,
I've been a waitin' Lord to go.

Feel a little weary, sight a getting dim,
But I have my Savior, I can trust in Him;
Many friends are yonder, by the river's flow,
I've been a waitin' Lord to go.

Come a little closer snow-white angel band,
While I cross the river to that better land;
Open wide the portals, play a little slow,
I've been a waitin' Lord to go.

SELECTION Robyn Forbes

SERMON Pastor Willard Smith



PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH Deacon Llewellyn Handfield

RECESSIONAL HYMN "Eastern Gate"

I will meet you in the morning,
Just inside the Eastern Gate.
Then be ready, faithful pilgrim,
Lest with you it be too late.

Refrain

I will meet you, I will meet you
Just inside the Eastern Gate over there.
I will meet you, I will meet you,
I will meet you in the morning over there.

If you hasten off to glory,
Linger near the Eastern Gate,
For I'm coming in the morning;
So you'll not have long to wait.

Keep your lamps all trimmed and burning;
For the Bridegroom watch and wait.
He'll be with us at the meeting
Just inside the Eastern Gate.

O the joys of that glad meeting
With the saints who for us wait!
What a blessed, happy meeting
Just inside the Eastern Gate!

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Graveside
H Y M N S

"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

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



“GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU”

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.

“LAST MILE OF THE WAY”

If I walk in the pathway of duty,
If I work till the close of the day;
I shall see the great King in His beauty
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Chorus:

When I've gone the last mile of the way.
I will rest at the close of the day.
And I know there are joys that await me
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

If for Christ I proclaim the glad story,
If I seek for His sheep gone astray;
I am sure He will show me His glory
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

Here the dearest of ties we must sever,
Tears of sorrow are seen ev'ry day;
But no sickness, no sighing forever
When I've gone the last mile of the way.

And if here I have earnestly striven
And have tried all His will to obey.
'Twill enhance all the rapture of heaven
When I've gone the last mile of the way.



T R I B



To My Wife

When I said until death do us part,
I never imagined the time would come so quickly.

I'll love you forever my dearest love
I'll hold you in my heart
That's the only place I'm sure
We can never be apart.

Although I miss and cry for you I know you're
in a better place. I can only pray and prepare so
that one day, I can see your face .

Sleep on my love
I love you in life and in death!

Your Husband: Roy



Dear Mommy

So many times I tried to write this ,
I just didn't know what to say.

If words could have brought you back
I would write pages everyday.

If songs could have kept you here,
I would sing melodies from the heart.

If my love alone could have saved you,
We would never be apart .

I wish heaven had a phone for me to let you know,
Im grateful for these 31 years and I'll never let you go .
I love you to eternity and beyond,

Your one & Only Daughter



U T E S

My Grammy

I'm sad to let you go,
But I just want to let you know
I'll always keep your memories in my heart.

I prayed to God every night to heal you
I was really heartbroken when you left
But I was reminded daily that
God only takes the best!

I'll always love you grammy
And remember how much you cared for me
Thank you for everything my angel
Continue to rest in peace.



Your Nieces

We were blessed to have you as an aunt. Some closest to you would describe you as cool, calm and collected, whilst others would say you were the life of the party. You never seemed to be ruffled by the curve balls life threw at you. You always took advantage of every opportunity to let your hair down with a dance (no music required). The love and support you shared over the years will forever be etched in our memory. Aunt Madge, there were times you were a mother to us, and oftentimes, a friend. We'll remember your hearty laughter, your cheerful loving nature and the memorable time we shared. Your love and support over the years will forever be cherished. We celebrate your life and who you were to us, but there's unspeakable sorrow in our loss.

What a woman and what an Aunt!
We will hold you in our hearts,
until we can hold you in heaven again.

LOVE:
Jayne, Diedre,
Candia, Anshuquine & Robin





My Sister Madge

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were
far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ
Ephesians 2:13

Sister Madge, you and I who were far off geographically were brought together spiritually by our faith in the blood of Christ. In the prime of our Christian walk we shared wonderful worship experiences at the Holmes' Rock Chapel, Grand Bahama the first of several mission stations established in the Bahamas and the Turks and Caicos Islands by Florida Evangelistic Association [FEA], currently Hope International Missions (HIM) with Bro. Phillip and the late Sis. Betty Newton [deceased April 23, 2022] as pioneers.

As friends, our connections whether they were in-person or via the phone are irreplaceable. You have left practical 'how to' lessons on relationships for us to emulate. How we relate to:

1. Immediate household; you spoke respectfully of your husband, daughter, and granddaughter.
2. Extended family; we witnessed [on one of our visits to your homeland] the strong bond within your family; your story of how your nephews kept coming back for more and emptied your pot of scrumptious homemade soup, and the memorable visitations with your nieces.
3. Pastors; you shared with us how well your congregation cared for their pastor, ensuring that he received an annual vacation with paid expenses.
4. Fellow-men; as a community-builder you assisted with physical homecare within your neighborhood and beyond. Through inquiry you also sought to the well-being of your Bahamian acquaintances for some 50 years plus, including [but not limited to]: The Rolles, Taylors, Pinders, Munroes, Martins, Kemps, and Johnsons.
5. Our Heavenly Father; with reverence you would express your love, the need to remain prayerful, and to anticipate His return or a transition.

Grief-stricken, we did not anticipate your transition at this time. Sis. Madge, we loved you, your jovial spirit, and your tone of voice that brought peace to troubled hearts. May the light of Jesus that shone so brightly in your life, also shine in the lives that you impacted.

Family be comforted [II Corinthians 1:3]

Your Friends: Mr. Glenn A & Dr. Christine Higgs & Family
Freeport, Grand Bahama, Bahamas



Our Loving Aunt

There is a saying that goes “you’re living on borrowed time” but in this moment and at this point in our lives we wish time could be borrowed. A little more time to sit and laugh, more time to watch you dance and be amorous to our children More time to hear your stories of your childhood. More time to hear you randomly break out singing hymns through the house; more time to experience your unfailing love and care for us.

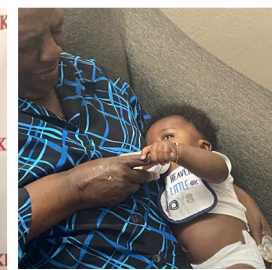
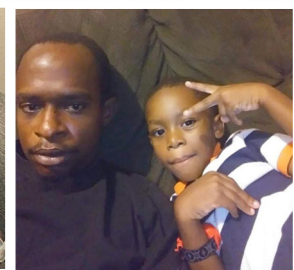
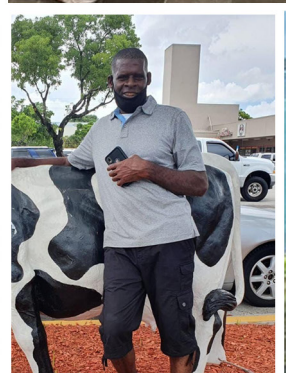
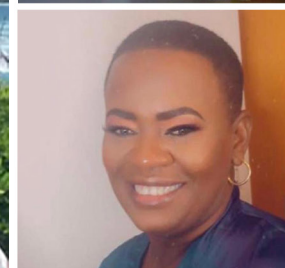
The memory of Royette saying some 8 years ago “Don’t worry, we can share my mommy” is still vivid. You did your best to fill as much of that void as you could, constantly reminding us that “My sister leave y’all for me.” That hurt from 8 years ago is now compound, the void that you have so lovingly tried to put into remission has now doubled, the laughs are fewer and farther between, and the stories aren’t told anymore.

Our children have been blessed to meet and know you. You loved them because you loved us. They were yours because we were yours. For the short time that they have spent on this earth so far, we know that they in some way, shape or form, have been touched by you.

We love you Auntie Madge and although it may not feel like it now, you have given us enough to sustain us on our life’s journey. So while heavy hearted yet thankful, confused yet assured; we understand that although you were ours, you’ve always been His.

**Shatelia, Shavau, Aamhore,
Charlotte & Chance**











Honorary Pall Bearers

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Edward Hall Edward Hall Jr
Albert Gray Washington Forbes

Pall Bearers

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Dario Carter Scottie Grey
Kritchner Penn Jerrell Clarke

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Edlyn Smith | Porsha Saunders | Evadne Williams

Acknowledgments

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that made her day brighter with your visits
we extend a heart filled thanks
may God keep you in his care.

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