



Jona
ANNIE LOURIE
GARDINER

24TH JUNE, 1952 - 18TH OCTOBER, 2022



Homegoing Celebration
for the life of

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Age: 70

FUNERAL SERVICE:

Saturday 19th November 2022 at 10am

Church of God of Prophecy

Bottle Creek, North Caicos

OFFICIATING:

Pastor Rev. Ronald Gardiner

SERMON:

Pastor Howard Gardiner

INTERMENT:

Handfield's Cemetery

Belmont, North Caicos

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

2ND TIMOTHY 4:7-8



A portrait of a woman with short dark hair, smiling, wearing a white top. She is positioned on the left side of the page, partially obscured by a large bouquet of purple flowers in the foreground.

- OBITUARY -

Time has taken me from you
Although not very far
I'll be watching through the sunshine
And Through the brightest star
I'll be watching all of you
From heaven up above
So take good care of each other
And carry all my love

It was Tuesday 24th June 1952 in the quite settlement of Belmont, North Caicos. Another beautiful baby girl was born to proud parents Emanuel and Annie Handfield. [both deceased] Whom they named Iona Annie Lourie Handfield.

Iona was taught the value of hard work very early in life and how to love and care for herself, the home and her younger siblings. Iona's mother died while she herself was a child at the tender age of 9 years old. Iona received a very strong Christian upbringing and was baptized in 1968. She practiced what she preached by living an exemplary life that any young woman in today's life can emulate.

Iona received primary education at the Bottle Creek all age school now Adelaide Omeler Primary School under the tutelage of Mr. Raymond Gardiner and Ms. Adelaide Omeler. Secondary education was scarce during those days and Iona academic education ended at an early age.

Iona matured into a quiet, beautiful and respectable young woman. During the early 70's she fell in love with the handsome and charming Obed Nathaniel Gardiner [Nat] from Major Hill. On 25th December 1972 they were married. Their union produced five children. Iona loved each of her children immeasurably. You often hear her boasting about their different lives and accomplishments. Their children, her grands, became her children and Oh how those kids loved their 'mama'.

Iona was a housewife who took care of the home and her children. She was a great cook and a very strict disciplinarian. She raised her children to trust in God and was always seen with them lined off dressed alike attending church. Her heart's desire was to see her children grow up committing themselves to serving God, attend church regularly and being a blessing to others, by their service to others and their example. She got her heart's desire.

During the eighties Iona and Nat managed and operated the Aquatic Restaurant. She cooked authentic local dishes and served them to customers near and far. Some of whom she remained in contact with, up to her departure. Later Iona joined her girls in opening a fashion and variety store where she worked, babysat her grandchildren and sew straw to pass time.

In 2007 she worked alongside her daughter Bernie in managing and operating 'Miss B's Restaurant' where she cooked, serve the guests and during her break or when things was slow she did her straw work which was her passion. Customers would spend hours watching her sew straw and she would tell them of all the cool spots to visit while on the twinislands, while

painstakingly showing them how to sew the straw. It remains inexplicable the love and passion she put into each piece she sewed and how very proud we all were of the end product. It was always rewarding especially, to see her face as she admired her handy work.

In 2014 Iona decided that it was time to slow down from all work and begun to enjoy life a little more. She never missing a trip her girls went on even when she wasn't invited. Iona loved traveling, she enjoyed meeting new people and spending time with family and friends near and far. Her oldest daughter Dorothy was her traveling partner and they would go out from hours to weeks at a time. Whether it was a drive around North and Middle Caicos, weekend in Grand Turk, weeks in Provo, months in Freeport and LA [sending word back that she's staying in LA because Pat and Denise wants her to live with them]. She even went on Bernie's honeymoon. She loved to take pictures and she had her personal photographer [guess who?]. Thanks to Dorothy our Mom's life memories were all captured in photos.

Iona knew and loved the Lord and attended church regularly. She demonstrated a Christ liked spirit in her everyday life. She remained faithful to God and trusted him to the very end. She was a faithful and active member of The Church of God of Prophecy in Bottle Creek, North Caicos, a member of the church praise team and a member of the women's ministry.

In June 2020 while driving with Dorothy [her oldest daughter and partner in crime] she fell sick and was subsequent airlifted to the hospital on Providenciales where she was diagnosed as having had a massive stroke that left her with a heavy tongue and incapacitated. Within days Iona was flown to Jamaica [of course accompany by Dorothy]. She stayed in Jamaica for seven weeks undergoing treatment and therapy however, Iona never fully recovered.

Numerous discussions form medical team as well as family took place in an attempt to determine where would be best place for Iona on her return from Jamaica, so that she could receive the best care possible, in her stammering tongue she made it known to all "I going home in my house with my children". And that was final. She was granted her wish and on the 3rd August 2020 she was back in the comfort of her home in Major Hill. Unfortunately, this was the peek, of the Covid 19 Pandemic therefore no visitors were allowed. Her children ran a 24 hours nursing schedule/ shift to personally see to her comfort and care. In March of 2021 additional assistance was added when a live in care giver was employed to assist however, her children maintained their schedule and never left her side. Iona loved and appreciated every minute of it.

In November Iona suffered a seizure and was airlifted to the hospital in Providenciales. This seizure took her speech completely however, within days she return back home to her children with head knots and facial expressions that each of her child could read and understand.

In March 2022 her health took a different turn and she was airlifted to the hospital again, within days the family was called and faced difficult decisions. But God was not ready yet. They prayed and kept the faith and after 100 days Iona returned back home in the care of her beloved children and live in caretaker and cousin Curaleen who would spend weekends assisting. She came back home just in time to celebrate her 70th birthday promised by God. [three scores and ten]. Everyone was excited about her return and quickly arranged an open house for family and friends to come visit and have lunch. They excepted the invitation and came out in numbers, they sang and prayed and ministered with her for hours. She waved and shook hands and nod her head to answer when they talked. That was a GREAT day and she was

very happy.

On 15th August 2022 Iona took her final flight to the hospital. Her health continued to deteriorate and the family was once again summoned to come and speak with doctors. The children visited daily and used FaceTime to sing and pray together with their mom. On October 5th the hospital called and again requested the family to come in. This time the options were not many. Wednesday 12th October 2022, Iona took a different turn. Special arrangements were made for the children to visit. The girls living in North Caicos commuted daily and spent days by their mother's bedside. They talked, sang and prayed with her, they FaceTime with Iona's siblings living abroad also with her local Pastor and they in turn join in prayer, singing and reading of God's word. It was obvious that Iona was preparing to meet her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

During the morning of Tuesday 18th October 2022 Iona answered yes to the call and went to be with her Lord.

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Her memories will live forever in the hearts of:

HUSBAND: Obed Nathaniel Gardiner Jnr. [Nat]

SON: Dario Gardiner

DAUGHTERS: Dorothy Garvey, Benestine Hall, Nyoshi Rodgers and Chrischelle Bobb

DAUGHTER IN LAW: Clinteriah Gardiner

SONS IN LAW: Donovan Garvey, Edward Hall, Sean Rodgers, Andrew Bobb

GRANDSONS: Terrico and Antonio Misick, Dimitri Quant, Jaylen Rodgers, Andrew Bobb Jnr., Chaysen Gardiner and Charvaughn Been, Shavau Hall, Liam Higgs, Donovan Garvey Jnr. and Markenky Antenor

GRANDDAUGHTERS: Indra Harvey, Jasmine Rodgers, Alecia Bobb, Novalee and Caylee Gardiner, Shatelia[Clyde] Greene, Antinique[Micheal] Cater, Keondra Hall, Saharra Ferguson, Odesser Bobb, Ana[Robert] Stewart, Brandeeka Storr

**GREAT
GRAND DAUGHTER:** Skylar Hall

STEP DAUGHTERS: Nakeisha Bain and Dr. Cameila Clarke

GODDAUGHTER: Shekina Gray

BROTHERS: Carwell, Lewitte, David, Latren and Gee Handfield

SISTERS: Carabell Smith, Leonie Lightbourne, Ellen Moss, Linette Stubbs, Stacey Vowork, Brenda Jones, Tanya and Kadah Handfield

BROTHERS IN LAW: Joey Moss, Alton Stubbs, Tony Jones, Rainer Vorwerk, Oneil, Hosea[Annie], McAllen Gardiner[Karlene] and Nelson Bassett[Magorie]

SISTERS IN LAW: Delores, Maggie, Nita, Marie, Lorraine, and Delilah Handfield, Marrie, Ruth Parker, Carolyn[Kenneth] Handfield, Marie, Violet, Clara, Cassandra and Rosenthal Gardiner, Maglyn (Malachi) Buckley

NIECES: Aldorine, Bethendy, Shavonne, Shaleshanda, Shenika[Jameiko], Taniel[Avalon], Angel, Calista, Camiyah, Joelandria, Altisha, Brielle, Laverne, Lasharnia, Kelcine, Karen, Darnell, Kendra[Darren], Sophia[Clayton], Brikell, Deanna, Florinda, Leasa, Joanna[Drexwell], Ruth[Keno], Vicky, Britney, Susanna[Kenny], Patricia, Charmaine[Dale], Tissume[Berkley] Dominique, Straudia, Shudley, Shanique, Laura, Oshana, Lorisha, Candace, Karen, Beryl[Dwayne], Michelle, LaDonna, Dedra, Donnette, Ruthanna and Erica

NEPHEWS: Chauncey, Jason, Shane, Lucas, Dj, Lawrence[Beverly], David, Ryan, Latrell, Tarell, Cortez, Kirdell, Shakendro, Clevon, Jadan, Alton Jnr., Rahjime, Don, Dwayne[Noreen], Brandon[Tremeka], Shawn[Karen], Delano, Ronald[Monique], Arthur Jnr. 'Bobby', Andrew[Jenay], Shirlen[Mila], Ricardo, Slevin, Omard, Shanwell[Vanessa], Stellan[Valeda], Oliver, Omel, Leroy, Dwight, Darren, McAllen Jnr, Rowan[Shantha], Newman[Ismael], Javon, Kenlee[Kennita]

AUNTIES: Carey Forbes, Helena Hall, Roselyn Handfield, Carey Smith, Dottis, Patricia, Iva Williams, Gretel Grant, Thelma Campbell

UNCLES: Saunders Handfield, Rufus, Griffith[Verniece], Hilton, Stanley, Charles, Kenneth and Marshall Williams

SPECIAL FRIENDS: COGOP congregation, Providence Baptist Church Womens Missionary, Suzie Gardiner, Cynclair Musgrove, Mrs. Kadra Handfield and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Stubbs, Mrs Sharon Thompson and Family, Mr. Hadley Forbes and Family, Mr. Holton Williams and Family, The Lewis Family, Jackie Bryant and Family, Pat, Denise and Lester Gardiner, Jean Samuwels and Family, Mrs. Gloria Cox and Family, Mary Higgs, Harold Gray, Children of the late Alecia Gardiner, Children or the Late Alonzo Gardiner, Major Hill Women, Emily[Goldie] Gardiner, Nancy Handfield, Melissa and Kerra Cox, Adell Ewing, Rupert Gibson and Family, Cecily Ewing and Family, Jas and Terrica Walkin, Curleen and Verna Higgs The Simmons Family in GDT, Bythe and Vallie Clare, Zovia Missick and Joylyn Handfield, Alith Gardiner, Deja Belonie and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Williams and Family

OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION

Her presence we miss, her memories we treasure
May her soul eternally rest in peace and rise in glory.





CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY PRAISE TEAM

PROCESSION OF FAMILY MEMBERS

OPENING REMARKS..... Pastor Rev. Ronald Gardiner [Nephew]

OPENING HYMN “Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus”

‘Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, “Thus says the Lord!”

Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Chorus
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
‘Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

PRAYER..... Pastor Rev. Shirlen Gardiner [Nephew]

1ST SCRIPTURE READING..... Palms 91 Deacon Edward Hall [Son in Law]

SELECTION Dorothy Garvey [Daughter]

SELECTION “Glad Pilgrim”
Middle & North Combined Choir

CONDOLENCE.....on behalf of North and Middles Caicos Clergy
Pastor Rev. Evan Williams [Friend]
Honourable Arlington Musgrove MP, North & Middle Caicos

SELECTION “Camping in Caanans Happy Land”
North Caicos Baptist Association Choir

REFLECTION Henrietta Delancy and Hamutal Handfield [Cousins]

OBITUARY Kadra Handfield and Cynclair Musgrove [Friends]

2ND SCRIPTURE READING Shenika Harvey [Niece]

PRAISE & WORSHIP Jas Walkin

EULOGY Pastor Howard Gardiner [Cousin]

PRAYER OF COMFORT Deaconess Colmelita Handfield

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RECESSIONAL 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.

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CONGREGATIONAL 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.

PRAYER.....Pastor Steven Walkin

COMMITTAL.....Pastor Rev. Ronald Gardiner

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.....“The 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.

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.

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.

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

BENEDICTION..... Pastor Rev. Ronald Gardiner

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN..... “My Savior First Of All”

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.

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- TRIBUTES -

"MISSING YOU"

I'm constantly thinking, I'll never be the same
Tears fall quickly from just hearing your name
Silence is golden, yet not anymore.
Silence brings thoughts, I just can't ignore.
My nights are sleepless, my dreams out of reach.
I cry in my pillow, for you I beseech.
I'm surrounded by family, but still feel alone
My heart feels so empty, this pain I must own.
I wish I could hug you, and see your face again.
But all I have is memories, to stand in your place.
Forever in my heart.

YOUR ONE AND ONLY SON
Dario Gardiner

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"OUR MOTHER"

"Every step we take, every move we make,
Every single day, we'll be missing you"
Our beloved mother, you're gone.
But your memories lives on.
It was so hard to say goodbye,
But we didn't want you to see us cry.
We know you're up in heaven, that magical place,
Wearing your white spotless rob, with your angelic face
Free from all pain and sorrow
With no more worries about tomorrow
We cherished the precious memories that you gave
We love you mommy forever, you was always so brave
Sleep on and take your rest
Cause mommy you we're the best

FROM YOUR GIRLS
Dorothy, Bernie, Chrissy & Nyoshi

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"MAMA"

Death leaves a headache no one can heal
Love leaves a memory no one can steal
Life brings tears, smiles and memories
The tears dry, the smiles fades
But the memories live on forever
Mama you're gone from our sight,
but not our memories
Your're gone from our touch,
but never from our hearts
Goodbye Dear mama, grammy, nana
We know your work on earth is done
thanks for being a wonderful grandma
And for creating these lifetime of memories,
For that special part of you
that lives on inside our heart
We will always love and miss you mama.

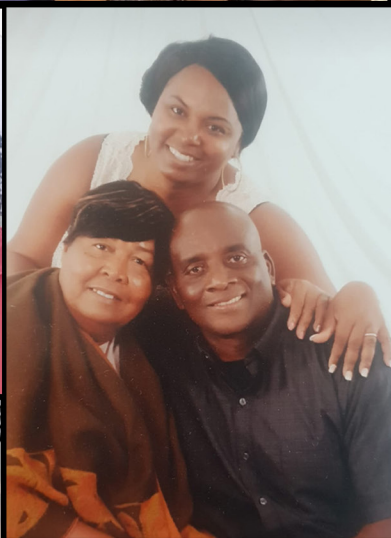
YOUR LOVING
Grandchildren

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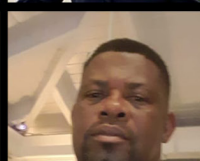


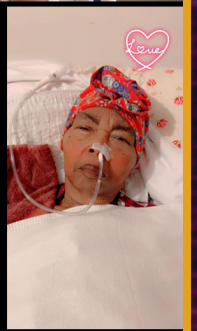
"FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS"
- LOVING FAMILY -











HONORARY PALL BEARERS

Dario Gardiner Lawrence Handfield Latren Handfield Gee Handfield
David Handfield Lewitte Handfield Carlwell Handfield

PALL BEARERS

Stellon Gardiner Shirlen Gardiner Arthur [Bobby] Gardiner
Clay Arthur Washington Gardiner Newmond Buckley

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Perhaps you sent a card, or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a flower, if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindness words, that any friend can say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
But whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much – whatever the part.

The family of the late Iona Annie Lourie Handfield Gardiner express sincerest gratitude to you our many family and friends who have shared in our grief and sorrow. Because of your prayers, love and support our grief is easier to bear. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

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Your kindness will always be remembered. May God's richest blessings be yours always.

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