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SERVICE HELD AT:

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

250 BAY ROAD WHEELAND BLUE HILLS
PROVIDENCIALES + TURKS CAICOS ISLANDS

SATURDAY 18TH MARCH 2023 AT 10AM

OFFICIATING:

PASTOR DEREK HAMILTON

REVEREND DR. SAMUEL G. WILLIAMS

INTERMENT:

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETARY

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- OBITUARY -

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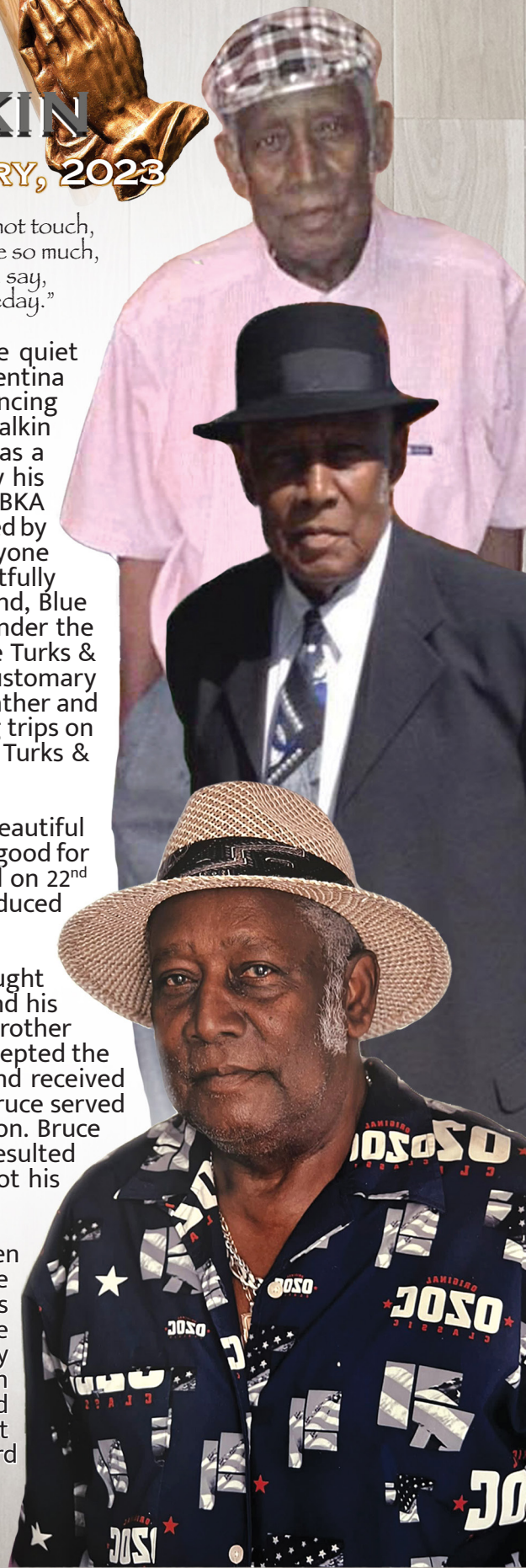
Though his voice is gone forever and his hands we cannot touch,
We still have those precious memories of the one we love so much,
Each time we see his picture he seems to smile and say,
“Don’t cry I’m only sleeping we will meet again someday.”

On the beautiful Tuesday afternoon of 26th May 1936, in the quiet community of Wheeland, Fuller Stevenson Walkin and Clementina Jane Walkin both (deceased), welcomed their third child; a bouncing baby boy whom they named Benjamin Bruce Walkin. The Walkin family was overwhelmed with joy that their new addition was a son. Like most little boys he was mischievous and spoiled by his mother and grandmother Ma’ Harriette (deceased). Bruce BKA (better known as) Montana (Tana) as he was affectionately called by his friends and peers was loved by his family, friends and everyone he came in contact with. His nieces and nephews respectfully called him Bar Bruce. He grew up in the district of Wheeland, Blue Hills Providenciales and was enrolled in the All-Age School under the tutorship of Mr. Timothy Dean (deceased), and then onto the Turks & Caicos High School (now H.J. Robinson High School). As was customary during that era Bruce left school and worked along with his father and brother George (deceased) in the area of sailing. These sailing trips on their father’s vessel “The Lady Walker” took him around the Turks & Caicos Islands, Bahamas and Haiti.

In 1956 the handsome Bruce met and fell in love with the beautiful Eriel Rosalee Forbes of North Caicos. Realizing that it was not good for man to be alone Bruce asked for Eriel’s hand in marriage and on 22nd June 1957 they were joined in Holy Matrimony. This union produced 9 children.

Christian faith played a vital role in Bruce’s life as he was brought up in a Christian home, where his father was chief deacon and his mother a Sunday school teacher; therefore, Bruce and his brother had to be at church and Sunday school. At a young age he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, he was baptized and received the right hand of fellowship in the Bethany Baptist Church. Bruce served in the capacity of Sunday School Superintendent and Deacon. Bruce faced his share of choices, changes and challenges which resulted in him stepping away from church duties, but he never forgot his Godly upbringing.

Bruce was not afraid of embracing new opportunities when he traveled to the United States, and worked on the orange plantation in Florida, later visiting many other states across America. In 1964 Bruce travelled to the Bahamas where he worked with Sea Breeze Estate, thus enhancing his carpentry skills. This resulted in him being an avid carpenter with outstanding capabilities. Upon his return home he launched out into the construction field where he gained employment constructing some of the first hotels in Providenciales Third



Turtle Inn and also Erebus Inn under the supervision of Ray Ward (deceased), Billy Dodson (deceased) and David Ward. After completion of these building projects Bruce gained employment with Johnson International Construction Company where he worked until the closure of said company. Believing that a man should not be idle Bruce would not sit around at home, he did anything that his hands found to do and was soon employed with Eagle Security and at the Sandpit in Wheeland until his retirement in 2009.

Bruce had his share of good times and bad times which he took with a smile. A few years ago, he began to experience many medical challenges but he never lost hope. He was later diagnosed with dementia. This was accompanied by numerous trips to the hospital. Over time his health deteriorated further and on January 28th 2023 he was admitted to Cheshire Hall Medical Center where he spent 3 weeks. During this time, he was constantly surrounded by his nieces Ethlyn (Ninna), Onemia (Tina), his daughter Velma and numerous visits by his other children and family members. When the appointed time came there is no possible deferment and on Friday 10th February 2023 Bruce's appointed time came, his master called and he answered. At 2:08pm he quietly slipped from time to eternity at the Cheshire Hall Medical Center.

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LEFT TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY ARE:

WIFE: Eriel Rosealee Forbes Walkin

SONS: Welington, Selwyn, Bruce jr., Floyd and Wendall Walkin

DAUGHTERS: Velma, Euneace and Sanardia Walkin

SON-IN-LAW: Codvick Penn

DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW: Sharrel, Corena, Ulma and Claudette Walkin

GRANDSONS: Kenardo, Kenrick, Lainya, Bradley, Brendan, D'Angelo, Jordan, LeaRonn, Antheo and Roman

GRANDDAUGHTERS: Kamula, Kodriana, Sharla, Shamille, Temecha, Tabitha, Camilla, Brigida, Vanessa, Dominique, Gabriella, LeAndra, Shanice, Wendelique and Aaliyah

GREAT GRANDS: Ervin jr., Erion, Raeanna, Tiana, Marius, Nikolas, Leon, Kayden, Travon, Lorenz, T'anne, Kaeden, Etana, Tabri, Davina, Komari, Kevon, Kamara, D'Manii, Demii, Asher, Enazia, Keviana, Lorika, Lailah, Tookie, Anthony and George

SISTER: Ivy Morris Hall of Freeport Bahamas

SISTER-IN-LAW: Doris Walkin

BROTHER-IN-LAW: Charles Hall of Nassau Bahamas

NIECES: Ethlyn Walkin-Tucker, Onemia Clementina Walkin, Denise Walkin-King, Owanta Walkin-Bridges, Judith Walkin-Jones and Sherry Walkin

NEPHEWS: Maxwell (Terez), Sherlock (Sandra), Harrold (Velma), and Stevenson (Ramel), Walkin

NIECES-IN-LAW: Marion Fleurinod and Family, Martha Parker and Family, Carolyn Lightbourne and Family, Elaine Smith and Family, Jane Forbes and Family, Mary Missick and Family, Catherine-ann Forbes and Family.



NEPHEWS-LAW: Alex Hall and Family, James (JJ) Parker and Family, Lewis (Jack) Parker and Family, Thomas Parker and Family, Kevin Parker and Family and Ben Forbes and Family

A HOST OF COUSINS, GRANDNIECES AND NEPHEWS INCLUDING:

Children of the late Archie and Anna Ewing, Alton Walkin, Alice Walkin Taylor and Herman Walkin, Gloria Symonette, Felix Walkin, Susan Marshal, George, Covin, Robert, and Louise Walkin, Daniel Brisco and Winifred Reasias

ACQUAINTANCES: The Parker Family, The Forbes Family, The Williams Family, The Dean Family, The Fulford family, The Hamilton Family, The Capron Family, The Grant Family, The Bain Family, The Swann Family, The Lightbourne Family and many others too numerous to mention.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed through the mercies of God rest in peace.

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LINAGE OF:
Benjamin Bruce Walkin

Oveta Walkin Penn [DECEASED]

Kamula Penn, Kenardo Penn, Kodriana Penn
Kenrick Penn, Davina & Komari Capron
Kevon & Kamarra Penn

Wellington Walkin

Lainya Walkin, Sharla Walkin, Shamille Walkin, Ervin Walkin Jr.,
Erion Walkin, Raeanna Walkin

Selwyn Walkin

Temecha Walkin Handfield, Tabitha & Camilla Walkin,
Travon, Lorenz, T'anne, Kaeden, Etana and Tabri

Bruce Walkin Jr.

Bradley, Brendan and Bridgida Walkin, Tianna, Marius,
Nikolas, Leon and Kayden Walkin

Floyd Walkin

D'Angelo, Vanessa, Dominique, Jordan and Gabriela Walkin,
D'Manii, Demii, Asher, Enazia and Keviana

Velma Walkin

LeAndra and LeaRonn Penn
Lorika, Lailah and Tookie

Euneace Swann

Antheo, Shanice, Anthony II & George Swann

Wendell Walkin

Wendelique

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PRELUDE	Bethany Baptist Church Choir/Musicians
PROCESSION	Family Pastors Deacons Casket
OPENING REMARKS	Reverend Dr. Samuel G. Williams
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN	"I Shall Know Him"
INVOCATIONAL PRAYER	Deacon Edgar Howell
OLD TESTAMENT READING	Psalms 34:1-19..... Paula Mayhem
SPECIAL SELECTION	Nieces and Nephews
NEW TESTAMENT READING	John 14: 1-14.....Aaliyah Elliot
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN	"And Can It Be"
REFLECTIONS	Two mins. (2)..... Hon. Vaden D. Williams Mr. William Grant
TRIBUTE IN SONG	Camille Musgrove
REFLECTIONS	Two mins. (2) Hon. Randy Howell
OBITUARY	To Be Read in Silence
PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY	Reverend Emmanuel Rigby
SELECTION	Bethany Baptist Church Choir
SERMON	Pastor Derek Hamilton
BENEDICTION	Pastor Derek Hamilton
RECESSIONAL HYMN	"Where The Soul of Men Never Die"

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REMARKS AND PRAYER Pastor Derek Hamilton

HYMN “I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is o’er, I’ll fly away;
To a home on God’s celestial shore, I’ll fly away (I’ll fly away).

Chorus

I’ll fly away, Oh Glory, I’ll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I’ll fly away (I’ll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have gone, I’ll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I’ll fly away (I’ll fly away)

Just a few more weary days and then, I’ll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end, I’ll fly away (I’ll fly away)

COMMITTAL RITES Pastor Derek Hamilton

HYMN “The Last Mile of The Way”

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 Derek Hamilton

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TRIBUTES



“Farewell”

I have watched you get weaker, day by day;
It caused me such bitter grief;
To see you slowly fade away;
And I could not give relief.
The weary hours and days of discomfort;
The long troubled nights are now past;
And in my aching heart I know;
You have found sweet rest at last.
'Tis sweet to know that we will meet again;
Where parting is no more;
And you dear husband I loved so well;
Has only gone on before.
God knows how much I miss you;
He counts the tears that I shed;
He whispers to me, “Hush, he only sleeps;
Your husband is not dead.”
Some day, some time, I know I shall see;
That face I loved so well.
Some day, some time, your hand I'll clasp;
And I'll never say farewell.

YOUR LOVING WIFE

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Daddy

"Your Journey Has Just Begun"

We will think of you as only gone away
Because your journey has just begun,
Life holds so many many facets
this earth is only one.

We will think of you as resting
from all pain, sorrows and the tears
in a place of peace, warmth and comfort
where there are no days, nights and years.
We think of how you must be wishing
that if we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.
You will always be thought of as living
in the hearts of those you've touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and you were loved so very much.

YOUR CHILDREN

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Grandpa (Pa)

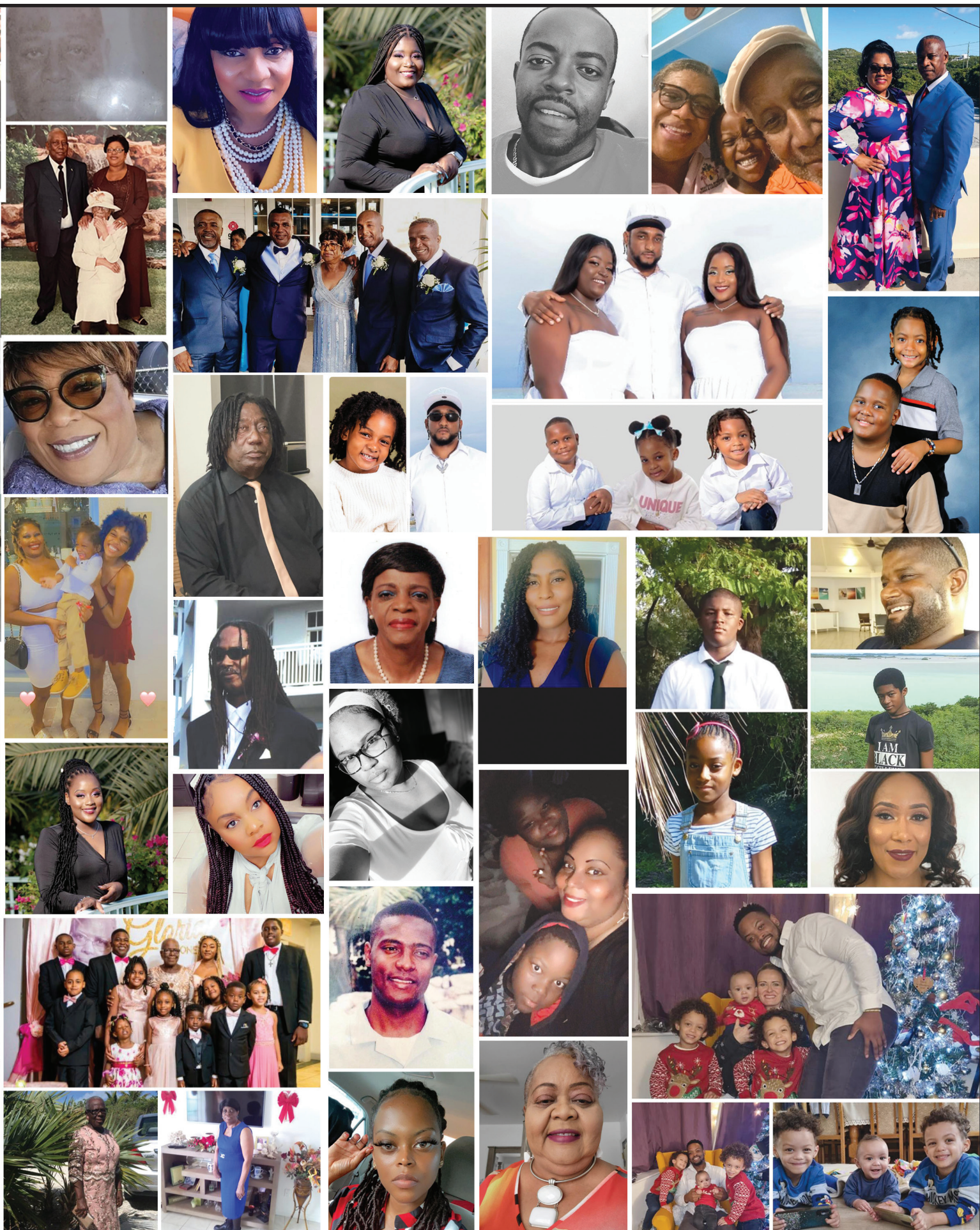
We will not weep for you although you are gone
you have only slipped out into the gentle night
we will grieve for you, but not for long
because your soul has taken its flight
You are at peace, your souls at rest
There is no need for continued tears
For with your love we were so blessed
For all those many years
There is no pain, and you suffer not
The things we worried about are now all gone
So we will remove them from our thoughts
In our memory you will live on
We will remember your fight for breath
That is a day we will never forget
we will not dwell upon your death
because we will celebrate your life

YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

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HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Wellington Walkin	Selwyn Walkin
Bruce Walkin Jr.	Floyd Walkin
Wendell Walkin	Lainya Walkin
Brendan Walkin	Harrold Walkin
Sherlock Walkin	Maxwell Walkin
D'Angelo Walkin	

PALLBEARES

LeaRonn Penn	Bradley Walkin
Thomas Parker	Coven Walkin
Anthony Walkin	Jordan Walkin

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Bethany Baptist Church

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The family of Benjamin Bruce Walkin is grateful for your support through prayers, telephone calls, messages, visitation and any other acts of kindness.

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