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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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FUNERAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2023 , 10AM

AT BOTTLE CREEK ASSEMBLY CHURCH
BOTTLE CREEK + NORTH CAICOS

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PASTOR HOWARD GARDINER
DEACON LIONEL BASSETT

INTERMENT
GARDINER'S PRIVATE CEMETERY
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

OUR MOTHER, GRANDMOTHER, SISTER, AUNT, COUSIN,
FRIEND AND SISTER IN CHRIST

Alice Evelyn Gray

On May 22, 1960, in the quiet settlement of Bottle Creek, North Caicos, Jacob Gray and Rosental Gardiner-Gray welcomed and celebrated the birth of their third child; a beautiful brown-skin baby girl, whom they named Alice Evelyn Gray.

Alice, born and raised in Bottle Creek, began her early childhood education at the Adelaide Oemler Primary School. When she became of age, she then transferred to North Caicos Junior High School to commence her Secondary education. Having completed the three-year program, she transitioned to Lighthouse Christian Academy where she completed her secondary education. Upon leaving High School, she joined the Turks and Caicos Government Service with the attachment to the Public Works Department in the capacity of the Office Secretary. Some years later she transferred to the Turks and Caicos Government Civil Aviation Department with attachment to North Caicos Airport as the Collector of Airport fees and assistant Air Traffic Controller. She was a dedicated employee and enjoyed performing her assigned tasks.

Alice was the proud mother of three children, Kandrick, Kentisha and Kamazio, who predeceased her. She was a warm, kind, protective and nurturing mother who always made herself available to provide hands-on assistance when it came to their needs, whether it was doing homework, lending a listening ear or just providing a shoulder to cry on, she was there. She instilled in her children the value and importance of family, hard work, and always doing what was right. As the children advanced in age and moved to Providenciales to find better employment opportunities, Alice thought it prudent to join them.

Alice was indeed a woman of strong faith. She was passionate about church and the word of God. In her earlier years she attended the Bottle Creek Assembly in North Caicos and The Provo Bible Church during her time in Providenciales. She spent countless hours watching T.D. Jake's sermon series via YouTube. In her spare time, she enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and watching wrestling. Alice was an avid reader, immersing herself in books that fed her curious mind and allowed her to explore new worlds from the comfort of her favourite armchair.
She was an inspiration to those around her and always had a positive attitude, even in the toughest times. Her strength and resilience were a testament to her unwavering faith in God and her deep love for her family. Her sisters and brothers would often joke about their youthful days growing up and such conversations would bring big smiles to her face. She was a strong woman who faced every challenge in her life with courage and dignity.

Alice was a kind, caring, and giving person who always put the needs of her family before her own. Though Alices' greatest accomplishment was her family, her greatest relationship was with her God. She looked at everything through eyes of faith, yet in all simplicity. She lived her life according to His word and found comfort in prayer, focusing special attention on making intercessions and seeking guidance along the way.

She did not bother to sully this relationship by allowing the influence of society to complicate it. She did not need proof that what she practiced was the truth because she was at peace with her God, contented with life challenges and looked forward to being at home with her Maker and experience the beautiful mysteries that were promised to her in His Word. If we who are left behind would put our faith and trust in Alices' God and, if we would incorporate into our own lives the love and dedication she demonstrated for things heavenly, then we would have carried on her rich legacy and would give her reason to smile.

OBITUARY

Alice enjoyed a private, quiet and peaceful life surrounded by loving family and friends until she transitioned to her eternal resting place on October 27, 2023.

LOVING FAMILY & FRIENDS

LEFT TO MOURN HER PASSING AND CHERISH MANY PRECIOUS MEMORIES ARE:

SON:	Kandrick Forbes
DAUGHTER:	Syrmond Kentisha Gray-Delva
DAUGHTER-IN-LAW:	Kneshia Clarke-Forbes
SON- IN-LAW:	Richard Delva
GRANDSONS:	Jayvonne Handfield, Kaiden & Kendrico Forbes, Kamazio Jr & Logan Gray
GRANDDAUGHTERS:	Jamia Handfield, Alana Williams& and Kate Delva
BROTHERS:	Rallons, Ariel, Shepard, Patrick and Martin Gray, John C IV, Wayne and Evin Gardiner
SISTERS:	Yolutte Bassett, Roxie Williams, Edith Gray
SISTERS-IN-LAW:	Emily, Carmenika and Yuderca Gardiner, Vernice, Vernande, Francisca and Shanell Gray
BROTHERS-IN-LAW:	Lionel Bassett and Audley Williams
AUNT:	Iva Williams
UNCLE:	Hugh Gardiner
NIECES:	Lashun Rigby, Laverne Bassett, Tika Smith, Shavonia, Dulga, Donnell, Shekina, Charlean, Jacovie, Ebony and Malayah Gray, Trecia Wilson, Amiya and Evadne Williams, Jachelle, Claudette, Clarita Francia, Rovein, Haley, Tanesia, Tanaire, and Ashley Gardiner.
NEPHEWS:	Lavardo and Lebrant Bassett, Shepard Jr, Rallons Jr, Chadwin, Dashawn, Ariel Jr and Jacarno Gray, T-Jhon, and Ahmad, Aaron and Devon Williams, John C V, Lance, Hon. RD Gardiner, Emmanuel, Paul, Lyndon, Rafael and Wayne Jr.
GRAND NEPHEWS & NIECES:	Ketchnadine Gray, Quinn Cartwright, Payton & Bailey Forbes, Paris, Paige, Janellie, Lameika, Zyon, Zakarie, Lavardo Jr. and Jenna Bassett, Celine, Clarence Jr and Corina Parker, Cholie Gray, Sherena, Triciana and Kasandra, Amara, Amarion and Luther Jr. Trent Wilson, Ezra and Uche Carmeiah Thervenin
RELATIVES AND FRIENDS:	Too numerous to mention

The World changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you shall never pass away.

May you enjoy your new life in Heaven, sleep in perfect peace.

- ORDER OF SERVICE -

PROCESSION ..... Pastors and Immediate Family

CALL TO ORDER..... Deacon Lionel Bassett

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN..... "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded, There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship Will be our sweet portion there.

OPENING PRAYER..... Deacon Lionel Bassett

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Psalms 34: 1-10.....Jamia Handfield

TRIBUTE ..... Church Sisters of Provo Bible & Bottle Creek Assembly Church

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN......"Just Over In Glory Land"

And I long to be by my Saviour's side,
Just over in the glory-land.
Just over in the glory land,
I'll join the happy angel band,

Chorus
Just over in the glory-land;
Just over in the glory-land,
There with the mighty host I'll stand,
Just over in the glory-land.

I am on my way to those mansions fair,
Just over in the glory-land;
There to sing God's praise and His glory share,
Just over in the glory-land.

What a joyful thought, that my Lord I'll see,
Just over in the glory-land;
And with kindred saved, there forever be,
Just over in the glory-land.

With the blood-washed throng I will shout and sing,
Just over in the glory-land;
Glad hosannas to Christ, the Lord and King,
Just over the glory-land.

NEW TESTAMENT READING . . . I Corinthians 15: 50-58. . . . . Evadne Williams

OBITUARY . . . . . Jashelle Gardiner (Neice)

TRIBUTE . . . . . Nieces

CONDOLENCES

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN. . . . . "When We All Get To Heaven"

1. 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.

Refrain:
When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

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

3. Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving ev'ry day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.

4. 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.

SERMON. . . . . Pastor Howard Gardiner

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY. . . . . Bishop Ronald Gardiner

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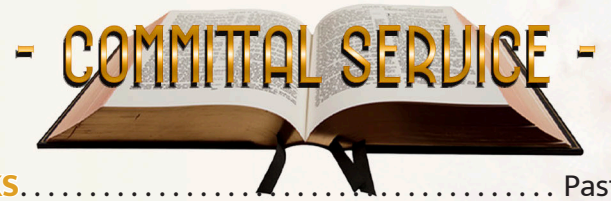
CLOSING HYMN. . . . . "It's Alright Now"

There was a time I travelled 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



OPENING REMARKS. . . . . Pastor Howard Gardiner

OPENING HYMN . . . . . "It Is Well With My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:
It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

PRAYER . . . . . Pastor Howard Gardiner

SONG . . . . . "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
Gathered on that blessed hilltop with hearts all aglow
That will be a glad reunion day.

Refrain:
A glad day, a wonderful day,
A glad day, a glorious day
There with all the holy angels and loved ones to stay
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.

A glad day, a wonderful day,
A glad day, a glorious day
There with all the holy angels and loved ones to stay
That will be a glad reunion day.

COMMITTAL . . . . . Pastor Howard Gardiner

CLOSING HYMN . . . . . "Eastern Gate"

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

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

TRIBUTES

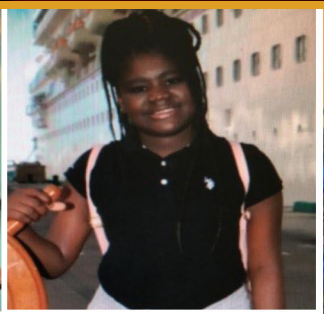
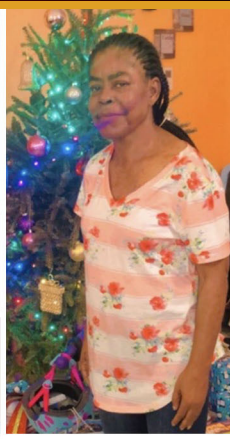
I'M FREE

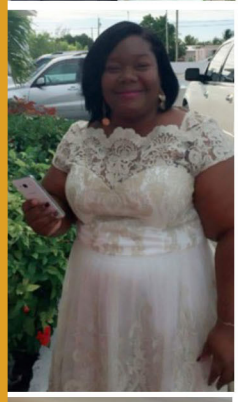
Don't grieve for me for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call:
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way;
I found my place at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah yes, these things I too shall miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow:
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savoured much;
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my life seemed all too brief:
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.

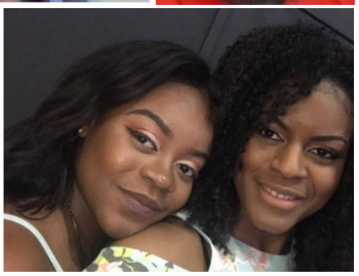
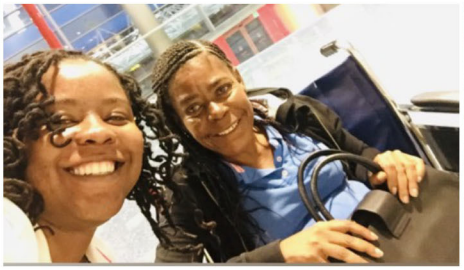
Shannon Lee Moseley

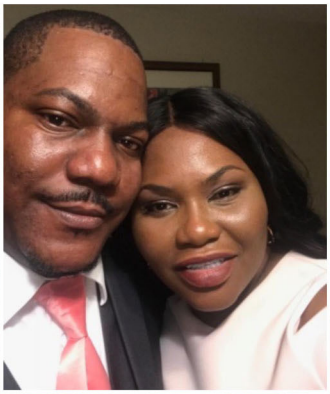
Thank you!

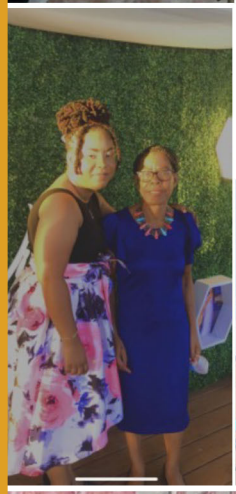
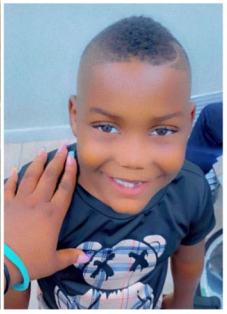
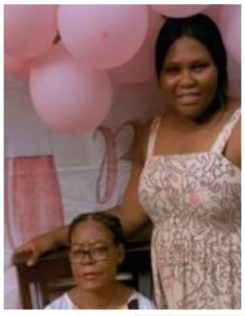
We extend our heartfelt gratitude to my dear uncle Wayne his wife Carmenika and loving children for their unwavering devotion and compassionate care for our beloved mother during her time of need. We are forever grateful to have had Uncle Wayne and Aunty Carmenika by our side during this difficult time. Uncle Wayne and Aunty Carmenika your Kindness will never be forgotten. Please know that our appreciation for your role in our lives goes beyond words. As we navigate this painful loss we stand together, committed to supporting one another, just as you supported our mother.

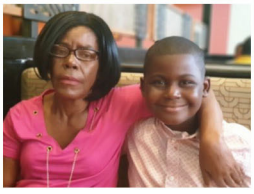









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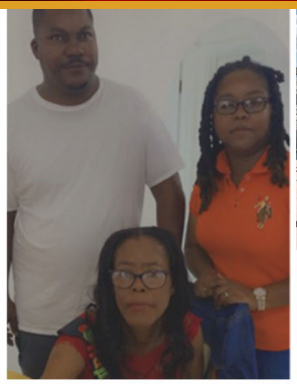

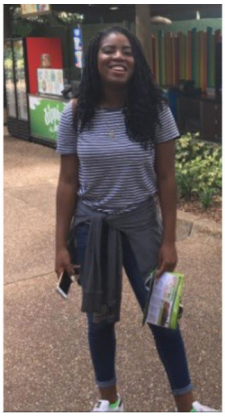
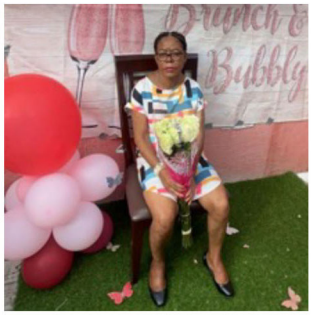

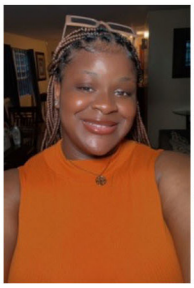

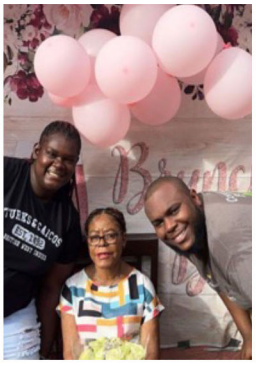

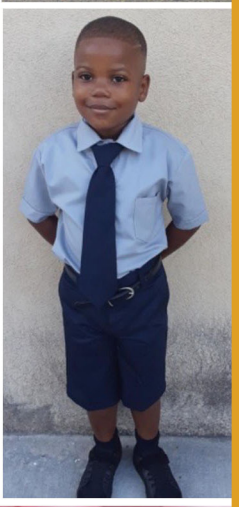
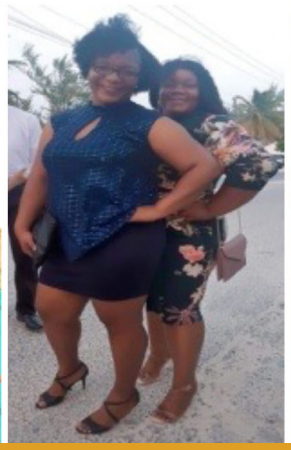

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

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During this very difficult time, we the family would like to thank you all for your great generosity, kindness and support by way of cards, visits, phone calls, flowers, prayers and donations. We are grateful to have friends and family like you and we cannot imagine our lives without you at this time.

As we continue to grieve the passing of our love one; we ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers and thoughts.

The Family

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