

*Celebrating the
Life of*



Agatha Rose De Bique

Sunrise

July 25, 1925

Sunset

October 8, 2012

Thursday, October 18, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.

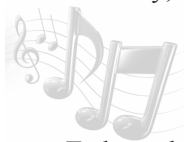
**El Socorro Seventh-Day Adventist Church
New Lane via Goose Lane, El Socorro,
San Juan**

**Pastor Andy Manzano, Officiating Minister
Interment: Turere Cemetery, Sangre Grande**

I Know Whom I Believed

#511

I know not why God's wondrous grace to me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love redeemed me for His own.



Refrain

But I know whom I have believed,
and am persuaded that He is able

To keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day.

I know not how this saving faith to me He did impart
Nor how believing in His word wrought peace within my heart.

I Know not how the Spirit moves, convincing men of sin
Revealing Jesus through the word, creating faith in Him.

I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,
Nor If I walk the vale with Him, or meet Him in the air.

When We All Get To Heaven

#633

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!

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

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

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.

Reflections of Life

Agatha Rose De Bique was born on July 25, 1925, to the late Marie Victoria (Honore) Joseph and the late Edgar Rose, in the town of Port Royal, St. Andrews, Grenada, West Indies. She was the only child of her mother; however, she had two siblings by her father, a brother, the late Edric Rose and a sister, the late Edna Serette.

At the age of twelve Agatha migrated to Matura, Trinidad to be with her mother after being raised by her grandmother, Annie Elizabeth Calliste. She then continued to live with her mother until she became an adult and left the small village of Matura to seek employment in the city of Port of Spain. She learned the art of dressmaking, and became an excellent seamstress.

By the late 1940's, Agatha began a very important chapter in her life when she met Abel Isaiah De Bique a tailor and together they had a son Anthony who became the first of their ten children together.

In 1971, Agatha along with her husband, migrated to the United States to seek better opportunities for themselves and their children. She became a worker in a clothing factory in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York, using her dressmaking expertise to the maximum. Because of her love for her children, she decided to return to Trinidad to be with them knowing especially that the younger ones needed their mother around. As a devoted mother, and home-maker, she continued to raise her children while her husband worked and lived in the United States. We can especially recall her taking her four youngest children every school-day to the bus stop, waiting with them until they were placed on the bus. Ensuring that they were headed on their way to school in Port of Spain. In the evening if the children were not at home at a given time she would once again walk to the bus stop and wait there until the bus bringing them back home would deposit them safely at the side of the highway. We can also recall her often referring to herself playfully as "Gatha girl".

Agatha loved sewing, and she did a lot of this for her children as they were growing up. When we were children, at Christmas time she would sew pajamas and nighties for us which we were

so excited to wear on Christmas Eve night. She also enjoyed gardening, reading, and doing crossword puzzles.

Agatha was a generous mother. Whenever visitors would stop by our home unexpectedly, she would share whatever meal she had prepared, ensuring that the visitors and children were fed. If there was then nothing left for her to eat she would then go out to the back yard, cut some green bananas and then prepare that to make a meal for herself. Our home and yard was a place where all the neighborhood children would gather to play, as it was always a safe haven for all.

In 1986, Agatha accepted the call of Jesus, after attending an evangelistic effort in the El Socorro community where she lived. She then became a member of the El Socorro Seventh-day Adventist Church where she served as a Deaconess and a member of the Dorcas Society (Community Services). She served God and her church joyfully, and attended church each Sabbath as long as she was in good health. She rarely missed Wednesday and Sunday night services.

In 2011, she was honored by the church as one of the longest-serving members of the congregation.

About two years ago, when her health began to decline, she was unable to attend Sabbath services regularly; however, she still remained faithful to God unto the end.

Within the past years, with most of her children and grandchildren living in the United States, she would make trips each year to visit and to keep abreast of their lives. When that too became somewhat impossible because of her health, she was contented to remain at home and have her family visit her from the United States. In the recent past, she loved just being at home sitting in her verandah and saying hello to all who passed by.

Agatha is now asleep in Jesus, awaiting the trumpet call of her Savior and King.

She is survived by her 9 children: Sandra De Bique, Lillian De Bique, Cleolin De Bique, Otto-Carl De Bique, Dolores De Bique, Marva De Bique-Layne, Karen (Valerie) Bruno, Antoinette De Bique and Geselle Ann De Bique. Her stepson Harvey De Bique. Her grandchildren: Sylbern (Kua) Stevenson, Atiba Stevenson, Jamel De Bique, Karl Gill, Narissa Small MD., Nicolyn Layne, Melissa Small, Alisha De Bique, Samara Layne, Vanessa De Bique, Kern De Bique, Shaquille De Bique, Chelsea De Bique, Tyler De Bique and Josephine Bruno. Her step-Grandchildren: Kelly, Nigel, Miguel and Jovan De Bique. Her great-grandchildren: Janelle De Bique, Alyra Stevenson, Katelyn De Bique, Kelis Stevenson, William De Bique and Christian Joyner. Her son-in-laws: Carey Peguese, Garfield Small, Dominico Layne and Michael Bruno. Her daughter-in-laws: Jacqueline De Bique and Ramona De Bique. Her grand-daughter-in-law: Karen Mullings-De Bique. Her cousins: Naomi Mason and Esther Smith of Marquis, Grenada. Julie Greenidge and Laurel Francis of Perdmontemps, St. Davids, Grenada. Ruth Mark of Mt. Carmel, Grenada. Theresa (Cousin Mathrine) Adams of San Juan. Doreen Des Vignes of St. James. Abraham, Vincent and Herman Honore of Mayaro. Her In-laws: Harold (Cousin Boysie) and Hermina Brown of Sangre Grande. Hannah and Ezekiel De Bique and family of El Socorro, San Juan and Brooklyn, New York. The Charles family of Brooklyn, New York. Iva Alexander and family of Toronto, Canada. Gloria De Bique and family of Toronto, Canada. Her long-time friend: The Braithwaites of El Socorro, San Juan. Her friend David Henry and family of El Socorro, San Juan.

Order of Service

Song Service

Processional

Opening RemarksElder Francis Johnetty

Opening Hymn#511 “I know Whom I Believe”

Scripture Reading - Psalm 90:1-12Atiba Stevenson
(Grandson)

PrayerElder Francis Johnetty

Special Music Lester Mitchell

Scripture Reading -1 Corinthians 15:12-23 ...Dr. Narissa Small
(Granddaughter)

Tributes..... Jonathan Webber(Friend)
David Henry(Friend)
Nicolyn Layne(Grand-daughter)
Lillian De Bique(Daughter)

Obituary..... Antoinette De Bique(Daughter)

Special Music

HomilyPastor Andy Manzano

Prayer of Comfort

Slide-Show Tribute

Congregational Hymn.....#633 “When We All Get To Heaven”

Recessional



Pallbearers:

Otto-Carl De Bique(Son)	Sylbern Stevenson (Grandson)
Atiba Stevenson (Grandson)	Jamel De Bique (Grandson)
Kern De Bique (Grandson)	Garfield Small (Son-in-law)

Acknowledgements

The family of **Agatha Rose De Bique** wishes to express sincere thanks for all the gracious words, prayers, cards, flowers, visits, support, and other acts of kindness we have received from all of you. We especially thank those who have provided care to our mother during her health challenges: Sis. Patricia Webber, Cousin Florence Andrews, Elder David Henry, Sisters Suzette Samuel and Celia Adams. Whatever you have done to console us during our time of sorrow, we sincerely thank you. May God bless each of you.

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