

*Home Going Celebration*  
*for*



*Cynthia Leon*

*April 18, 1923 - November 15, 2012*

*The LORD is my light and my salvation. Psalms 27:1*

*Services*

*Tuesday, November 27, 2012 - 11:00 a.m.*

**WOODY "HOME FOR SERVICES"**

*163 Oakwood Avenue*

*Orange, New Jersey 07050*

*Reverend Dahlia Moore - Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Cynthia (Sissy) Leon** passed away on November 15, 2012 at Summit Ridge Nursing Home in West Orange, New Jersey; she was 89.

Cynthia was a Christian. Her faith filled every aspect of her life. She stopped to retrieve every penny on the street and send it to those less fortunate than she. She rejoiced in her annual trips to Dallas for Convention; she was strong in her beliefs and commitments to the Lord.

Cynthia was born in St. Ann's Brown's Town, Jamaica; she was the fifth child of George and Locketa Leon. She moved to London with Madge Sheppard (née Gabbidon), her daughter, to study fashion and begin a career making and designing clothes. From London, Cynthia returned home to Jamaica and then traveled to the United States. America was her chosen country, and she was proud to be a citizen.

Cynthia thought of clothes as a way of healing bodies. She enjoyed designing uniforms--her designs for American Airlines were particularly graceful--but she thought her talent lay in making clothes for special occasions. Dresses and suits for weddings were a favorite.

Cynthia is survived by her brother John Leon and sister Enid Leon, her daughter Madge Sheppard of Gloucester, United Kingdom; her granddaughters, Alice Sheppard and husband Daniel Dulitz of San Francisco, Laura Morris and husband Matthew Morris of Churchdown, United Kingdom, Emma Sheppard of Oxford, United Kingdom; and her two great grandsons Brendan Morris and Ethan Morris of Churchdown, United Kingdom; and a host of other relatives and friends.

## 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!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, 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,  
Takes 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.

We want to thank you for coming today to celebrate the life of Cynthia Leon. We are grateful that you are here and happy that you were in her life. Cynthia lived in amazing times and in amazing places: Jamaica, the United Kingdom and the United States. We remember now not the outer world of history but Cynthia's deeply personal world of family, community and faith.

Cynthia was brave; there is no other way to put it. She had her own ideas about how to live and she fulfilled them as well as she could. Her beliefs sometimes put her at odds with those around her and with society at large, but Cynthia lived her life as she wanted to - fully and with passion. Yes, she knew trouble, but she also knew love. This is the end of her time on Earth. We are sad that we cannot share our lives with her anymore; however, we are assured that this is also the beginning of her time in Heaven. Cynthia is with her "Daddy" - the Lord! We know she is at peace. She is at home!



In lieu of flowers, donations may be given in Cynthia's honor to Alzheimer's Foundation of America or the St. Matthew AME Church, Orange, NJ. Please contact Woody's Home for details.

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# Order of Service

Prelude ..... Myron Smith

Seating of Family ..... Funeral Director

Hymn of Praise..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Dahlia Moore

Scripture Reading..... Old Testament - Psalm 23

Solo..... Rachelle Herbert

Acknowledgements and Reflections ..... Janice Campbell

Hymn of Faith and Hope..... “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Prayer

Obituary ..... Janice Campbell

Solo.....Tyrone Dunlap

Eulogy.....Rev. Dahlia Moore

Recessional ..... Clergy and Family



Repast  
The Boat House  
9 Cherry Lane, West Orange, NJ  
Corner of Northfield Ave and Cherry Lane -1:00 PM

## **GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS**

Great is Thy faithfulness, oh God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions,  
they fail not; As Thou hast been,  
Thou forever wilt be.

### Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime  
and harvest, Sun, moon,  
and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

### Chorus

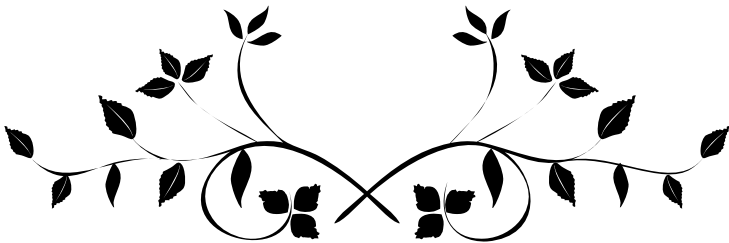
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### Chorus

## LEISURE

What is this life if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare?—  
No time to stand beneath the boughs,  
And stare as long as sheep and cows:  
No time to see, when woods we pass,  
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:  
No time to see, in broad daylight,  
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:  
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,  
And watch her feet, how they can dance:  
No time to wait till her mouth can  
Enrich that smile her eyes began?  
A poor life this if, full of care,  
We have no time to stand and stare.

W. H. Davies



## DIRECTIONS TO REPAST FROM WOODY'S HOME FOR SERVICE

- Make a left out of the Home's parking lot or right out of the parking lot across the street
- Go to second traffic light and make a left on Freeway Drive
- Stay on left side of road
- After the 3 light take the exit for 280 West
- Remain in right lane and exit at the next exit – Northfield Avenue
- Make left on Northfield and take 6 traffic lights
- After you pass the Zoo/Cody Arena on the left and McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts on the right - make right to Pleasant Valley Way
- At Pleasant Valley Way make left to cross over Northfield Avenue (note – you cannot make a left turn from Northfield to Cherry Lane – you must make jug handle turn – Pleasant Valley becomes Cherry Lane when you cross Northfield)
- Restaurant - The Boathouse is on the left as you cross to Cherry Lane