

CROSS ROAD 7TH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

410 West 45th Street • New York, NY

<u>Obiluary</u>

Elma Phillip, was born on the beautiful Island of St. Vincent on April 15, 1939. She was one of five children. In her early youth, she and her family moved to Trinidad, where she resided for more than twenty years. During that period, she had the opportunity to travel and work extensively throughout the Caribbean, including St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. Maarten.

Elma gave birth to her first child, Karlene, in 1965 in Trinidad. Soon after, she moved to Curacao, where her second child, Vicario, was born in 1970. Seeking a better life for her two young children, she decided to move to NYC in 1970. Thereafter, she held a variety of jobs to support her family until she began her 20-year+ career at New York Hospital in the patient transport and radiology departments. Following her tenure with New York Hospital, she began a second career as a nanny for two different families on the Upper East Side and Upper West Side of Manhattan.

Elma was a very active member of her church community, Crossroads. She often spent many of her weekends attending services, social gatherings and volunteering. Elma was also present each year as she selflessly gave of her time to the New York Road Runners Club in support of the annual marathon. She herself was also an active participant in the NYC Five Boro Bike Tour. Known for her green thumb, Elma frequently offered her expertise to help the neighborhood garden flourish. Last, but not least, Elma's cooking talents were known far and wide. Family, friends, neighbors and church members alike all agreed that she was a fantastic cook. Everyone always looked forward to Elma's homemade dishes, especially those with the West Indian flair.

Elma Phillip is lovingly remembered and survived by: her two children, Karlene and Vicario, and her three grandchildren, James, Aja and Joshua.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Opening Hymn.....Elder Lynrol Beckford (No. 86) Opening Prayer......Elder Arturo Haywood Special Music......Bro. Keeble Recass Tribute & Reflections......Vicario Phillip & Kernele Brown Special Music......Elder Arturo Haywood Obituary......L.D (Grandson) Prayer of Comfort......Pastor Oriel Thomas Closing Hymn.....Elder Horace Buddoo (No.440) Prayer of Consecration

Final Viewing

Final Disposition

Greenwood Crematory Brooklyn, New York

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 that peace at the close of day. If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time 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!

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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