

*Home Going Service for
Gladys Imogene Silvera Tait
"Ms. B"*

Sunrise: April 16, 1916 - Sunset: November 2, 2013



*Wake: Friday, November 22, 2013 - 5 p.m.
Service: Saturday, November 23, 2013 - 9 a.m.*

All Nation United Church of God

73-79 East 18th Street • Paterson, New Jersey 07524

Rev. Stanley Phinn, Pastor

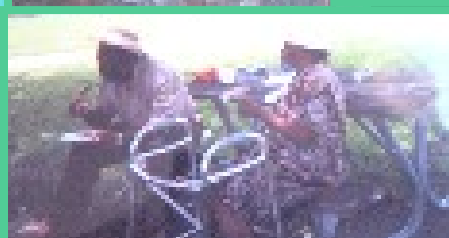
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Bishop Patrick J. McLarty

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Elder Leonard Anglin

Pastor Ralph Thomas



Reflections of Life

Gladys Imogene Silvera Tait, 97, fondly known as “Ms. B”, passed away peacefully, on November 2, 2013, in Concord, North Carolina. Her final days were spent with her family close by her side.

Gladys was born on April 27, 1916, the second child of eight children, to Mr. Enos and Mrs. Rebecca Silvera in Green Valley, Mavis Bank, St. Andrew, Jamaica, WI. She spent her childhood in Claverty Cottage, Portland with her immediate family and attended the Claverty Cottage Primary School; then, later returned to St. Andrew where she found the love of her life, the late, Joseph Tait.

Gladys and Joseph married on January 28, 1951. They welcomed to the world two sons, Samuel, affectionately known as “Skip”; then, Ralph, affectionately known as “Rilo”. Yearning for a daughter, they later adopted their niece, Enid, who Gladys affectionately called “Cutie”.

In 1963, Gladys departed from her family in Roberts Field, St. Andrew, Jamaica to work for the Scotland Police Department in the United Kingdom. She worked there for two and a half years, while bearing the distance from her family. Once she completed her employment, she returned home to a heartfelt family reunion that helped her realize she and her family can earn a living together on the land of their choice and on the soil of their country.

Gladys and Joseph then toiled in the agriculture sector as subsistence farmers in Jamaica. They raised farm animals and vegetation on their land and sold them at the local market for a profit. This new way of living was successful. It allowed them to be independent and self sufficient, where they were able to care for themselves and grandchildren. One grandchild in particular, was Michael, who Gladys affectionately called her “last son”. He stayed in their care until the age of seven when he moved to the United States to be with his parents.

In 1993, close to two decades later, Gladys and Joseph followed as Joseph became too ill to remain in Roberts Field, where the resources became limited. They migrated to the United States to live with their sons and their families in Paterson, New Jersey.

In 1995, Joseph succumbed to the debilitating illness he struggled with, and passed away. Gladys lost her lifetime partner, but she remained a very strong, vibrant and independent woman, while being closely doted on by her children.

Prior to her death, she lived with astonishing health, with the exception of minor aches and pains. In her late eighties and early nineties, she had the energy of a woman years younger. She was alert, astute and extremely wise. She enjoyed having conversations, sharing stories, showing pictures, cooking and sewing. When she smiled, she lit up the room and made everyone feel welcomed in her presence.

Gladys will be missed by her loving family members, and all who knew her. She is predeceased by husband, Joseph Tait; parents, Enos and Rebecca Silvera; and daughter-in-law, Merline Tait. She is, therefore, survived by the following family members:

Children: *Son, Samuel Tait and wife, Paulette Tait; son, Ralph Tait and wife, Miriam Tait; and daughter, Enid Lindsey*

Grandchildren: *Samuel Tait, Jr., Ralph Tait, Jr. (Michael), and wife, Marlo Tait; Everett Tait; Cheroll Tait; Mark Tait; Sinrine Watson; Ian Barnett (Chris); and Reynell Barnett*

Great grandchildren: *Semaj Sinclair; Jarvis Tait; Elyajah Johnson; Giovanni Barnett; Abbygail Murphy; De'Shawn Barnett; Samiah Tait; and Nate Tait among other relatives and close friends.*

Order of Service

Friday, November 22, 2013

Viewing- 5p.m. - 6:30p.m.

ModeratorPastor Ralph Thomas
Opening Hymn "It Is Well With My Soul"
Prayer of Comfort Minister Calvin Abraham
Lesson- Psalm 23 Mark Tait (grandson)
Remembrance Minister Steve Sinclair
Open Tributes
Message
Closing Hymn "When We All Get To Heaven"

Order of Service- Saturday, November 23, 2013

Processional Bishop Patrick J. McLarty
ModeratorPastor Stanley Phinn
Opening Hymn "In The Sweet By and By"
Prayer Pastor Joyce Payne
1st Lesson- Psalm 90:1-12 Jarvis Tait (great-grandson)
2nd Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:50-58..... Ian Barnett (grandson)
SongMilton Hall
ObituaryRalph Tait, Jr. (grandson)
EulogyBishop Ezekiel Massop
Closing Hymn "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Interment

George Washington Memorial Park
Paramus, New Jersey

Pall Bearers

Samuel Tait (son) Ralph Tait (son)
Ralph Tait, Jr. (grandson) Mark Tait (grandson)
Ian Barnett (grandson)



Acknowledgements

The family of Gladys Imogene Silvera Tait would like to take this time to thank everyone for your support during this time of grief. May God bless you all.

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