



*Service of Thanksgiving and Homegoing
for*

Naomi Loretta Parkes

Sunrise: March 23, 1923 - Sunset: January 4, 2016



Wake: Friday January 22, 2016- 5p.m.
Service: Saturday January 23, 2016- 8a.m.

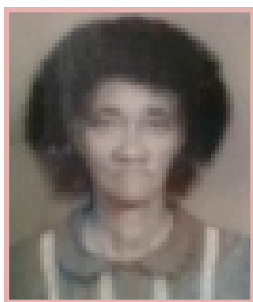
All Nation United Church of God

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Reflections of Life



Who can find a virtuous woman? **Mrs. Naomi Loretta Hall Parkes**, a mother, a grandmother, a great-grandmother, an aunty and a friend has been the source of strength and the glue that has held her family of over 100 members together throughout the years. Lori, Ms. Nibble, Mama Parkes or just Mama lived a life that speaks volume of her generosity, love, strength and faithfulness. On Friday, March 23, 1923 this world was blessed when the late Catherine and the late Arthur Hall celebrated the birth of their last child, our Mama, in the hills of Robert's Field, Saint

Andrew Jamaica in the West Indies. Born into a farming family, Mama developed many skills that she would later use to care for her own family.

As a child, Mama spent her days laughing and working with her two older sisters Nana and Dottie and her older brother Uncle B. Always enjoying the days when she would take a dip in the local river spots namely Postdown and the Yallas River. Mama did not only like to play, but she enjoyed school. She was educated at the Mount Fletcher All Age School where she completed her sixth standards.

Like most young girls, Mama dreamt of the day when she would meet her prince charming. While still in her teenage years she met the late Vincent T. Parkes, our Papa, and love blossomed. Papa knew how lucky he was to find such a beautiful young woman and after courting her for a few years he respectfully asked Mama's parents for her hand in marriage. In retelling the story, Papa stated that he "mek sure him teeth did well white" and he was able to claim his bride.

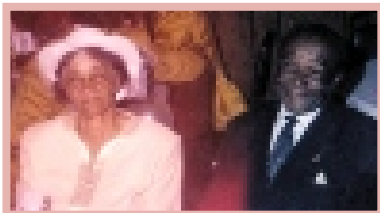
In September 1944, at the age of 21, Mama married the love of her life and the young couple moved to the district of Westphalia in St. Andrew and started their own family. The Lord blessed the couple with 13 children- 5 boys and 8 girls. Life was not always easy, but Mama credited two things for keeping the family together and in line: 1. a husband who worked hard to care for their children and 2. Beatings.



Mama did not play when it came to her children and all regards her as a strict disciplinarian who loved to beat. For as mama saw it kids "are rude and they must get beatings to stay in line". Although strict, Mama did the best for her children and required that each attended school. To feed her family, Mama woke early and worked side by side her husband cultivating the land of Westphalia. After reaping their harvest Mama would load up her mule and walk a day and a half journey, both ways, with her husband to sell the goods at the carnation market.

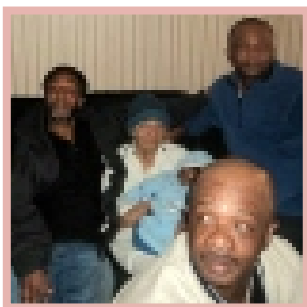
After the death of her darling mother Sa Lue in the mid-1960s, Mama moved her family back to her childhood home in Robert's Field to care for her father. A

short time later, Mama opened the doors of her home to her ailing Uncle Reggie and became a nurse to him as well as her father while caring for her own family of 15. It was during this time that Mama fully allowed the Lord into her heart.



In 1971, Mama was baptized at the Pilgrim Church of God in Hall's Delight. Seeing the need for a church in Robert's Field, Mama was able to convince her father to sell a part of his land to the church. Always one to give a helping hand, while the new church was under construction, Mama helped with the cooking and even gathered stones and gravel for the workers. Mama was a woman who embodied the meaning of a caregiver and what she did for her children she did for others.

In 1986, at the invitation of her daughter Miriam Tait, Mama migrated to the United States and settled in Paterson, NJ. Mama became a devoted member of All Nation United Church of God and always had a quarter and a piece of sweet for the children and big kids alike.



After the death of our dear Papa on March 19, 2010, Mama was not the same. Mama continued to live, but each day she grew weaker. Seeing that his beloved daughter was tired, on Monday January 4, 2016 at around 5:30 AM after 92 years of life God called Mama home to rest in His arms. Mama was predeceased by her husband of 65 years Vincent Theophilus Parkes; grandsons Christopher and Norwin Parkes; parents Arthur and Catherine Hall; sisters Violet "Dottie"

Williams and Melsaida "Nana" McCarty; brother Uncle B; and son-in-law Derrick Levy.

Mama leaves behind to cherish her legacy of love, laughter, faith, prayer and family: her 13 children: Arnold Parkes, Ruthlyn Thomas, Olive Levy, Calvin Parkes, Miriam Tait, Dennis Parkes, Valentine Parkes, Pearline Phinn, Henry Parkes, Merlin Parkes, Cynthia Williams, Doreen Hall and Carmen Edwards; 40 grandchildren (including one, Catherine Parkes set to arrive in April 2016); 50 great-grandchildren; 6 sons-in-law; 1 daughter-in-law; host of nieces, nephews, family members, friends and church family both here and back home in Jamaica.

Our heart may be broken right now, but we the family know with certainty that Mama is resting in peace. Thank you Mama for all you have done; your life is a memory that we will treasure in our hearts.



Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“In the Sweet By and By”

Invocation.....Overseer Lascelles Anglin

1st Scripture: Psalm 23.....Tanneika Minott & Nasha Williams
(granddaughters)

Selection..... Nicketa Boyden

2nd Scripture:..... 1 Corinthians 15: 50- 58
Diana Jones (granddaughter)
& Wayanda Parkes (grandson)

Hymn 2..... “O I want to see Him”

Prayer of Comfort.....Minister Calvin Abrahams

Selection..... Barnett Sisters (cousins)

Words of Encouragement..... Overseer Hilda Spence

Selection Family

Reflection of Life..... Nicheal Nickole Phinn (granddaughter)

Sermon.....Pastor Stanley Phinn (son-in-law)

Closing Hymn.....“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

Recessional

Interment

Fairlawn Memorial Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

Repast:

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Mama's Favorite Chorus

Do it again Lord, Do it again.

Send a revival, revive us again.

Many are longing for your spirit today.

Do it again Lord, Do it again.



Pall Bearers:

Gregory Parkes

Euton Thomas

Harlan Williams

Mark Tait

Trace Hall

Wayanda Parkes

Acknowledgement

We, the family of the late **Naomi Loretta Parkes**, would like to express our sincere thanks to all our friends, neighbors, church brethren and well-wishers for your support and words of comfort during our time of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you all.

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