

*Celebrating The Life Of*  
*Joyce Marilou Bailey*

*April 28, 1930 - August 8, 2017*



*Thursday, August 17, 2017 - 5:00 p.m.*

**ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES**

725 E. Gun Hill Road • Bronx, New York

*Bishop Roderick S. Roberts, Officiating*

*Minister Mark Stewart, Organist*

## *Obituary*

**Joyce Marilou Bailey** 87 years old, passed away on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. She was born to the late Henry Bailey and Gwendolyn Scott on April 28, 1930 in Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

“Ms. Joycie,” as she was affectionately called by many, was blessed with ten children...three of which predeceased her. The foundation that she laid for all her children was to trust God and always strive to do the right thing. She was a longtime member of the St. Michael’s Anglican Church in Kingston, Jamaica where she was an active choir member...always eager to lend her melodic voice to the praising of the Lord.

It is said in the Jamaican culture that “cleanliness is next to Godliness” and this was epitomized in the immaculate surrounding she maintained as a devoted housewife and mother.

The abject poverty she was thrust into in Kingston, Jamaica was certainly not a deterrent to our mother’s survival. As a matter of fact one could say that despite the economic plight of those times she was not only able to survive...she was able to thrive and became self sufficient and independent.

How did she do this, one might ask...well for starters she trusted in God and knowing that if He takes care of the birds and the bees, He’ll certainly take care of His children. This understanding of the bible emboldened her to step out in faith and developed an industrious instinct which was centered around using the gifts and resources that she was blessed with instead of focusing on what she didn’t have.

At a time when most women were not in the workforce our mom was able to secure a job at the renowned sporting goods store in Jamaica...Andrew H. B. Aguilar Inc. There she was a stellar employee for almost twenty years until her retirement. Post retirement, she was able to give her undivided attention in assisting to raise several of her grandchildren...and boy were they giddy about this.

Because of her congenial spirit and kindness to others it was definitely a Joy to know Joyce. She’ll be surely missed by all who came to know her.

Joyce Marilou Bailey will be missed by daughters...Inez, Pherris Miller, June Miller-Forrester and AnnMarie Miller; sons...Owen Miller, Henry Miller, Wayne Miller; nine grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. She is survived by four sisters, numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

May her soul rest in peace.

# *Order of Service*

ORGAN PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL ..... “Father Along”

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Bishop Roderick S. Roberts

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 ..... Ann-Marie Miller (daughter)

I Corinthians Ch:13 ..... Nicole Tyrell-Kaya (granddaughter)

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... Pherris Miller (Daughter)

FAMILY TRIBUTE

OBITUARY/EULOGY ..... June Forrester (daughter)

OPEN TRIBUTE/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MUSICAL SELECTION ..... Pherris Miller (daughter)

SERMON ..... Bishop Roderick S. Roberts  
Senior Pastor - Ramah Christian Center-Bronx, NY

BENEDICTION

FINAL VIEWING ..... Eternity Funeral Service Directors

RECESSIONAL ..... “In The Sweet By And By”

*Immediately following the services the family invited you for a  
repast: Pellican Grill Banquet Hall*

*3323 Merritt Avenue  
Bronx, New York 10575*

*Meeting at Eternity Funeral Services Friday, August 19, 2017 for 9:00 a.m. prayer*

## **Interment**

Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, New York

## *I'm Home In Peace*

Weep but just a few tears of sorrow  
But let tears of joy fall like a mighty stream  
Utter but a few words of sorrow for my suffering is over,  
my loneliness has ended

I'm high above my earthly man now, I am at rest  
My soul is free, my spirit still dwells among you  
Although you feel the pain and regret, don't worry  
God saw my road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb  
He gently closed my loving eyes and whispered peace be still  
The weary hours, the lonely days, the sleepless nights are passed  
My tired worn out frame has found sweet rest  
at last beyond the blue sky  
I am home on high in my father's house

## *Acknowledgement*

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



## **Eternity Funeral Services, LLC**

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