

Home Going Service for
Mrs. Virginia Amanda Pitter-Ellis
(Sis. Vergie)

April 2, 1947 - August 19, 2017



Friday, September 8, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF GOD
4444 White Plains Road • Bronx, NY 10470

Officiating Ministers
Rev. Margaret Burton-Forrester
Bishop Rupert Clarke

Order of Service

Invocation and Family Processional

Congregational Hymn “I’ll Fly Away”

Opening Prayer Mrs. Aneita Lewis (UCOG)

1st Scripture Reading Psalms 90:1-12
Ms. Paulette Watson (niece)

2nd Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 51-58
Mrs. Rosemarie Salmon (niece)

Musical Selection Ellis Family

Tribute Mrs. Althea Hibbert (friend)

Tribute Mrs. Pauline Plummer (UCOG)
Sis. Princess Williams (Cousin-in-Law)

Musical Selection Sabrina Ellis (granddaughter)

Obituary Mrs. Hortense Skerritt (Cousin-in-Law)

Musical Selection United Church of God Choir

Eulogy Bishop Rupert Clarke
Yonkers Central Church of God

Prayer for the family Bishop Barrington Rose (UCOG)

Recessional

REPAST IN CHURCH HALL

Interment

*Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York*

“I’ll Fly Away”

Some glad morning when this life is over,
I’ll fly away.
To a home on God’s celestial shore,
I’ll fly away.

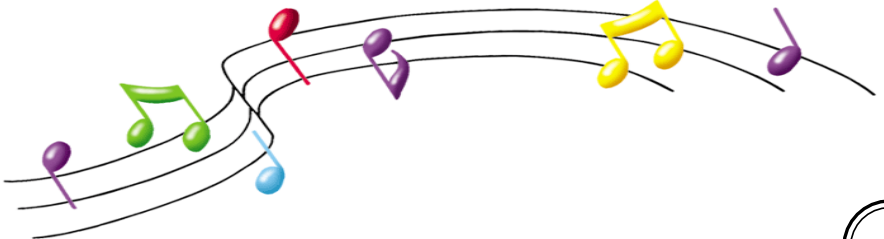
I’ll fly away, O Glory,
I’ll fly away. (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye,
I’ll fly away.

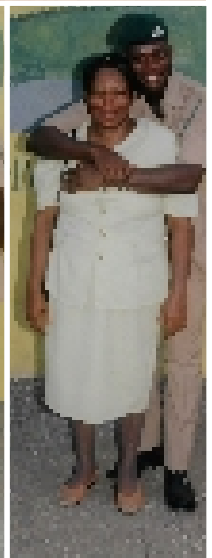
When the shadows of this life have grown,
I’ll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown
I’ll fly away.

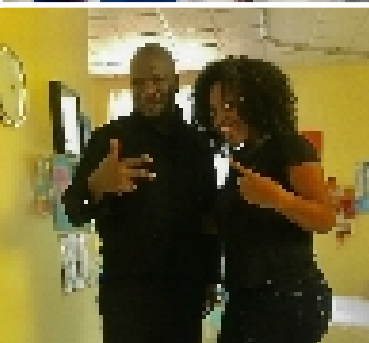
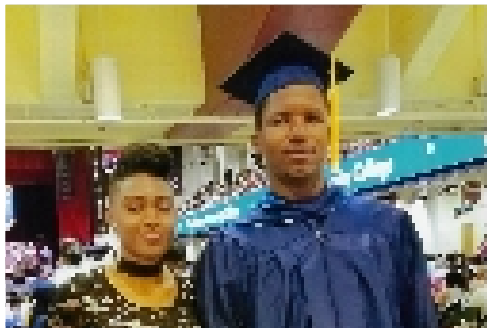
I’ll fly away, O Glory,
I’ll fly away. (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye,
I’ll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then,
I’ll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end,
I’ll fly away.

I’ll fly away, O Glory,
I’ll fly away. (In the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye,
I’ll fly away.







Psalms 90:1-12

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

1 Corinthians 51:58

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Obituary

Virginia Amanda Pitter-Ellis was born on April 2, 1947 to Cyril Pitter and Bernice Johnson, in May Hill Manchester. As a young girl Virginia attended the Ebenezer All Age School. For a short period of time she moved to Kingston, Jamaica to live with her Aunt Mavis. Upon her return to May Hill she met a dark and handsome man by the name of Allan Ellis. They were subsequently married by Bishop James Brown on November 14, 1970 at the Georges Valley New Testament Church of God. This union produced 4 children Sovia, Filburt, Sherryl and Conrad. Sis Vergie resided with her husband and children in Broad-Leaf Manchester and there became a member of the Broad Leaf New Testament Church of God. She was a faithful and dedicated member of the church and also sang on the church choir. She was a dressmaker, a housewife by trade and she made the best sweet potato pudding.

In June 2001 with the assistance of her eldest sister Miriam Pitter-Burton, Sis. Ellis and her daughter Sherryl visited the United States for the first time. It was during this visit that her son Filburt took her to see the Twin Towers in Manhattan. She returned to Jamaica that same year to take care of her first grandchild Ryan. Then in 2002 she finally migrated to Yonkers, New York and became a member of the United Church of God until her passing. Due to her illness, she was unable to attend church as much as her heart desired. However, at home she still gave God the Glory as she worshipped with the services on the tv. Sis. Vergie suffered two strokes, the second of which resulted in her having to spend the rest of her days at the Bethel Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Croton. The report from the nurses and those who cared for her was that she was a very loving and quite patient.

Sis. Vergie succumb to her illness on August 19, 2017. She is preceded by her parents Cyril Pitter and Bernice Johnson, Sister, Rev. Miriam Pitter-Burton, Brother, Phillip Pitter and niece Melissa Pitter. She leaves behind her husband, Allan Ellis, Sons: Filburt Ellis and Conrad Ellis, Daughters: Sovia Ellis-Morgan and Sherryl Ellis. She also leaves sisters: Rachel Watson, Charlotte Pitter, Lucy White, Olive Francis and Mary Harrison. Four Grand Children: Ryan Campbell, Gavin Ellis, Sabrina Ellis and Santana Ellis. God-daughters: Sharla Scott and Venessa Scott. Six nieces: Margaret Forrester, Rosemarie Salmon, Paulette Watson, Christine Harrison, Rosemarie Fullerton, Pauline Oska. Nine nephews: Neville Lewis, Michael Watson, Franklyn Watson, Roger Burton, Paul Harrison, Richard Pusey, Donovan Rhoden, Phillip Pusey and Carl Rhoden. A host of grandnieces, grandnephews and friends.

Although Sis. Virginia Amanda Ellis suffered here and will be greatly missed, she is now resting in the arms of Jesus.

May her soul rest in peace



Pall Bearers

Filburt Ellis - Son

Conrad Ellis - Son

Ryan Campbell - Grandson

Frank White - Family Friend

Neville Lewis - Nephew

Giovanni Pusey - Grand Nephew

Acknowledgement

The family of Virginia Amanda Pitter-Ellis acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.

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