



In Loving Memory of

Hyacinth "Cherry" Griffin

January 4th 1956 - December 21st 2017

Celebration of Life

Thursday, January 4th, 2018 - 11:00 a.m.

Bronx Baptist Church

331 E 187th St. • Bronx, NY 10458

Apostle Dr. C.G. Callendar, Officiating

Obituary

On January 4th 1956, a beautiful baby girl was born to the proud parentage of Elizabeth James Mcpherson and Gerald Gray in Westmoreland, Jamaica. They named her **Hyancith Theresa Gray**. Hyancith found favor in Cutis McFarland and step father Desmond Mcpherson. Hyancith or Miss Cherry as she affectionately called by many was the first born of eight siblings.

Her early education began at the age of three where she attended basic school and later moved on to Sav Primary School and finished at the Godfrey Stewart High School formerly known as Sav-La-Mar Secondary School. An ambitious, industrious, hardworking and determined young woman, Miss Cherry moved to the Bahamas in the early eighties to seek employment to help provide for her then 4 beautiful daughters. As fate would have it and some assistance from cupid, she found love on the sunny shores of the Bahama Isles where she met her handsome husband Floyd Isaac Griffin and this union produce a lovely daughter.

Miss Cherry loved to travel to travel especially when she had to accompany her favorite football team "Reno" as the travelled near and far. She loved her family and was the glue that kept her family together through thick and thin. She enjoyed and had a great love for baking and cooking her favorite scrumptious meals for her family along with anyone else who desired to feast at her table, she welcomed them with open arms. A caring, loving, and compassionate wife to her husband of 30 years, a doting mother and grandmother she instilled much wisdom and Godly principles to children, grands and any one she came in contact with.

Miss Cherry was devout a Christian who loved God with all her heart and soul and this was practiced by her being an active member in Free In Jesus Ministry, Nassau, Bahamas.

As Time went on, she started experiencing health issues, a fighter and her faith in God she defied the doctors reports to say she can only survive a few years on dialysis treatment, she lived way beyond the years the doctors expected her to live. Still a courageous soldier, she battled on and on December 21st 2017 at 11:49 am she died at the Jacobi Medical Center, New York.

Miss Cherry finished her course, she fought a good fight, and she has kept her faith thus laid for her crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall grant her.

She survived by her husband, Floyd Isaac Griffin; step father, Desmond Mcpherson; five daughters, Sophia Clarke, Nickaleta Hemmings, Sandra Strong, Trecia Beckford and Nickesha Griffin; grandchildren, Sonya Clarke, Mariah, Mark, Marco, Markice, and Morgan Dwyer, Arlene Serrette, Alan and Alex Fisher, Joshua Strong, Karl Kerr, Richard and Trishawn Hylton, Rashaad Michel, Isaac Walters and Kevin Barrett; great grandchildren, Andrew Clarke, Somora Givins, Ebrihim Clarke and Karlie Kerr; in-laws, Deon Darville Sr., Ashely Henry, Errol Lewis, Ronald Lynes, Marlene Williams, Andrea and Dennis Mckenzie, Dwayne and Michelle Griffin and Sherma Thompson; siblings, Sonia Dinham, Donavan Finnikin, Paula Lewis, Carla Henry, Brenda Darville and Corey Williams; nieces, Nicole Finnikin, Kayann McDonald, Terry Ann Forrester (Deceased) Teyla Mongol, Kenya Kerr, Peter Gay Williams, Shauna and Shanique Dinham, Shaniqua Taylor, Tamara Johnson, Tiffany Claire, Sheba Mortimer, Gwendolyn Williams, Devin Griffin, Jana Ward, Ashlyn Sands, Tanai Brown and R'ckel Claire Deleresse Simms and Dorothy Bain; nephews, Juhane Barnes, Sanchez, Dwayne, and Orlando Finnikin, Terry Forrester, Romando and Orlando Williams, Deon Jr., Deontea and Brendon Darville, Nikkito Johnson, Ralpheal and Sharranda Lynes, Dave Mortimer, Casey and Dwayne Griffin Jr., Marlon and Noah Williams, Dennis and Don Mckenzie. A host of relatives and friends including the Gray and James family of Westmoreland, Jamaica and Nassau, Bahamas.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer Rev. Frank. I Williams
1st Scripture Reading Trishawn Hylton(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)
Hymn “When Peace Like A River”
Tribute
Praise and Worship Karline Roxburgh
2nd Scripture Alan Fisher
Selection Bronx Baptist Church
Tribute
Hymn “How Great Thou Art”
Eulogy Shakeba Williams
Sermon Apostle Dr. C.G. Callendar
Prayer for the family Rev. Frank. I Williams
Recessional

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery
Bronx, New York

Pallbearers

Floyd Griffin
Dwayne Griffin
Mark Dwyer

Anthony Barrett
Omar Edwards
Marco Dwyer

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to know
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well, (it is well),
With my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life,
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend.

Special Thank You

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