

*In Loving
Memory
of*



Sadie Colon DeParra

Sunrise
November 20, 1933

Sunset
March 17, 2022

Service:
Friday, March 25, 2022 - 10:00 am

St. Presbyterian of Williambride

730 E. 225th Street • Bronx, New York

Rev. Small, Officiating
Igor Sherbakov, Organist

Obituary

The Celestial Train has just pulled into the station, and we are awaiting the conductor's last call. As we reminisce, what a wonderful journey! I recall some stops along the way. I remember the station where my brother, my sister and I were loved, guided, shaped, and protected. In another station, I remember Aunt Sadie giving up her independence so she could take care of her brother's three teenage children.

Sadie was a beloved member of the First Presbyterian church of Williamsbridge, where she served as Treasurer. She was always willing to give of herself. Sadie was the go-to person for family, neighbors and friends. If you needed a letter written, needed advice, needed to know who to go to, you go to Sadie, and if she didn't know, she would find out. GG was full of life and energy, in fact, she was still turning heads in her eighties. My brother would often say "she was a freak of nature."

Sadie was born to Charles Gardener and Violet Powell on the 12th of August, 1933 in the parish of Manchester, Jamaica West Indies. She attended Primary School in her home parish and later went to Durham Commercial School in Kingston. She graduated and began working for the Jamaica Gleaner Company as a Bookkeeper. She subsequently migrated to the United States where she attended Bronx Community College and earned a degree in Accounting, a profession she loved dearly. She just had a knack for numbers. She took a job with Vidal Sassoon and worked with them until the company relocated to California. The company wanted her to relocate with them, however, Sadie refused, saying "I will not leave my family." She then worked for the UAW District 65, where she rose to the position of Comptroller. She worked for UAW until she retired.

GG was an avid reader and was quite at home with the computer. She got a lot of joy displaying her skills. She was also a no-nonsense domino player. "Man fi get sap" was her motto. Ladies and gentlemen, the Conductor has just informed us that the train is pulling out of the station. However, Sadie will not be traveling with us. She has taken the Celestial train and we will meet her later on in our journey. I'm deeply grateful for the ride to this point. Who knows where we would be now, had we not been on the first leg of our journey with her. Bon voyage GG, God's speed. We love and miss you.

Sadie is survived by: Brother - A stley "Mitch" Mitchell, Nephews - Dave Mitchell, Don Mitchell, Mark Tracy, Nieces - Janet Belcher, Nicole Tracy, Cousins - Ernie Harrison, Geo Harrison, Family - Dr. Rosemarie Newman, Grace and Trevor Rhoden, Jennifer Rowe, numerous Grand Nieces, Grand Nephews and host of other Loved ones. Sadie married Dudley Deparra who preceded her in death.

Special acknowledgment and gratitude to Ms. Ann Clarke for the compassionate care that she gave Sadie during her time of need.

Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Procession And Opening Sentences.....Carey Clarke Davis

Invocation.....Elder Etta Graham Mitchell
Eastchester Presbyterian Church Congressional

Hymn..... Blessed Assurance

Scripture Reading - Psalm 23..... Mr. Geo Harrison (Family)

Scripture Reading - 1Thessalonians 4: 13-18.....Ms. Nicole Tracey
(Niece)

Congressional Hymn.....It is Well With My Soul

Prayer Of Comfort.....Rev. Hildred Reid
Proceeding Word Ministries Intl.

Tribute..... Elder Violet Lawrence
First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge

Tribute.....Mrs. Valerie Rhoden (Family)

Tribute.....Rev. Hildred Reid
Proceeding Word Ministries

Tribute.....The Myers Family

Reflection.....Mr. Carl Robinson (Friend)

Solo.....I Remember Momma. Mr. Igor Sherbakov

Obituary.....Mr. Dave Mitchell (Nephew)

Congregational Hymn.....Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Eulogy.....Rev. Krystin Granberg
Williamsbridge Session Moderator

Congressional Hymn.....We Are Marching To Zion

Instructions.....Funeral Director

Recessional Hymn.....When We All Get To Heaven

Committal and Benediction at the Grave Site

**Interment at Mount Hope Cemetery 50 Jackson Ave.,
Saw Mill River Rd. Hastings-On Hudson, NY 10706**

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown



Pall Bearers:
Geo Harrison
Carl Robinson
Dave Mitchell
Don Mitchell

Acknowledgments

The family of the late **Sadie Colon Deparra** wishes to acknowledge with deep gratitude the many friends, loved ones and well wishers for their prayers and expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to us during this difficult time in our lives. We ask God to bless each one of you in a very special way.

Following the service the family invites all guests and friends to share in a repast at the First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge,
732 East 225th Street, Bronx NY 10466.

Due to Covid restrictions, we will have food to go.

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