



Celebration of Life

Dorothy E. Bertram

March 1, 1928 - March 30, 2022

Saturday, April 16, 2022

Viewing 6pm • Service 7pm

Maranatha Baptist Church

112-42 Springfield Blvd, Queens Village, NY 11429

Obituary

On Thursday March 1st, 1928, **Dorothy Evangeline Holness** entered the world prematurely, the fourth child of Roselle Leckey-Holness and William Holness, in the town of Swift River, Portland, Jamaica W.I. She was a 'teenie weenie' child and was aptly and affectionately nicknamed 'Tiny' or 'Tines' by her friends and family. 'Tiny' was a beautiful, precocious child, curious and feisty with a sharp and witty sense of humor that left those in her presence in belly-jerking laughter. As a child, 'Tiny' loved to play in the river that was directly across from the house she lived in, where she developed her excellent swimming skills. In addition, Dorothy loved to read and was a fabulous cook and baker who could prepare anything from scratch.

In her late teens, Dorothy moved to Brown's Town, Kingston, Jamaica where she met her late husband, the dashing and dapper Josiah 'Dockey' Bertram. They got married on May 8th, 1948 and the union produced six sons. Early married life kept Dorothy a busy housewife raising five rambunctious and mischievous boys. Early Sunday morning beach picnics was one of her favorite family activities.

While enrolled in the nursing program at University College Hospital, she also took on a full time job supervising their laundry department. During that time and ten years after her fifth pregnancy, Dorothy found herself pregnant again with her sixth son.

In 1968, Dorothy and her family migrated to the U.S. first settling in Brooklyn, NY, then moved to Far Rockaway, NY. She worked for Macy's Department Store in Herald Square for 22 years before retiring in 1988 to Ocala FL. with her husband. During their retirement Dorothy and Josiah enjoyed their golden years traveling extensively and spending time with their grand and great grand children. They also brought her aging mother Roselle to live and care for her in their home in Ocala, until Josiah's untimely passing in 1999 and Roselle's passing in 2000.

Over the years, Dorothy was a doting, lovable grandmother to her nine grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren and the affable and funny 'Aunt Tiny' to her many nieces and nephews. She lived a life of altruistic service to others. She loved everyone and everyone who knew her loved her grace and elegance. Her faith in God was immovable and she prayed for everyone.

On Wednesday March 30, 2022, our dear Mummy, aka 'Tiny', Dorothy Evangeline Bertram, drew her last breath in the hospital surrounded by her loved ones. She was predeceased by her husband Josiah Bertram, sons Raymond Bertram and Howard Bertram, her older siblings Grace, Ferdinand and Silburn. Dorothy is survived by sons Peter Bertram, Robin Bertram, David Richie Bertram and Steven Bertram. Grandchildren Erica, Kevin, Damion, David, Kareen, Stephanie, Jamari, Talani and Stevie-Anne and great-grandchildren Jaleesa, Naja, Kayla, Zariyah, Zariah, Kiona, Ayana, Anniyah, Kalaeya, Jaedon, Genesis, Jarris, Sydney, Myles, Kaelan, Tayzon, Jace, Amyriah, Truth, Alexander, Sekani, Callie, Imara and many more family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

“How Great Thou Art”

Invocation

Reverend Scott Williams

Congregational Hymn

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Scripture Reading

Psalms 91 read by Kalaeya Hutchinson
& Ayana Bomani (great-granddaughters)

Poem

"When Great Trees Fall"

by Maya Angelou recited by Sydney Bertram
(great-granddaughter)

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 4:7-11 by Jarris Bertram (great-grandson)

Prayer of Comfort

Reverend Scott Williams

Obituary

Steven Bertram (son)

Reflections

David Richard Bertram

Musical Selection

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Eulogy

Robin Bertram (son)

Video Montage

Benediction

Recessional

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Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens
5050 S.W. 20th Street, Ocala FL 34474



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

Acknowledgement

*We the family of **Dorothy Evangeline Bertram** wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many acts of love and kindness shown to moms during her final days and to us during our bereavement. Your calls, cards, messages and gifts have been very comforting. You are truly an outstanding community of family, friends and acquaintances. We are profoundly grateful for your support and can never adequately express how much this means to us during these most difficult days. In the days ahead we will need your continued prayers and support.*

Heartfelt thanks

The Family

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