

Reflections of Life

Carmen Victorine Morais Henry was born on March 24, 1924, in Kingston, Jamaica. She was raised in the loving home of Eric and Itelenifus Morais with brother, Gladstone, and sisters, Lyn, and Vilma. Carmen, as a member of the Third Kingston Girl Guides, was admired by all as a great swimmer who also had the ability to dive gracefully and successfully from remarkably heights. She graduated from the elite Tutorial College High School with a University of Cambridge High School honors diploma in 1942. She then entered the Jamaican national school of pharmacy at the Kingston Public Hospital. After graduating in 1946, she entered the government health service and worked for many years at the T.B. Sanitarium in St. Andrew's parish before leaving Jamaica in 1953 to join her father and sister, Lyn, in New York City.

Once settled in the city that would be her home for almost seventy years, Carmen reconnected with an old friend from Jamaica, Roy George Henry, who she later married on October 12, 1957, at Resurrection Lutheran Church, in St. Albans, NY. They remained married until his death in 2007. The couple loved and raised two daughters, Paula, and Laura Germaine, as well as Carmen's stepson, Bryan Henry.

Although Carmen was not able to use her training and experience as a pharmacist once in the U.S., she was able to find a position with the NYC Department of Human Resources rising through the ranks to become a senior staff analyst. She built a long and meaningful 25-year career at HRA until her retirement in 1991. Carmen was also incredibly devoted to her community. She participated in local government and community organizations like the NAACP, the Guy R. Brewer Democratic Club, served on Community Board 12 in Queens, NY, and was a committed poll worker over the course of numerous election cycles. Her activism included full participation on the PTAs at her daughters' and granddaughter's schools. Finally, for many decades she was a devout member of

the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in St. Albans, NY where she served as a deacon, was a church council's president, vice-president and member of the executive committee and was active in the church's women's groups such as the Emeralds and WELCA.

Carmen's greatest joy came from being with family, specifically her sisters, Lyn and Vilma, her daughters Paula, Germaine, and granddaughter, Veronica. When she was not shopping or traveling, particularly taking international cruises, she was doing anything and everything she could to support her extended and blended family across multiple generations by sharing her tough love, hosting Sunday brunches that brought everyone together and filled bellies and souls from week to week, and offering hearty, infectious laughs until her last day.

Prior to her passing, Carmen was predeceased by her husband, Roy George Henry, parents, Eric and Itelenifus Morais; sisters, Lyn Harnett, and Vilma Morais; nephew, Douglas Harnett; cousins: Billy, Beryl, and Faith Mellad; brother-in-law, Lenis Harnett; as well as additional in-laws: Victor, Frederick, Cecil and Margaret Harnett, Thelma Campbell and Lillie and James Warner.

Carmen is survived, and will always be remembered, by daughters Paula Henry and Germaine Henry; stepson, Bryan Henry; son-in-law, Alvin (Earl) Johnson; granddaughter, Veronica Newman; great granddaughters, Annabella and Isabella Newman; Nye Samuels; nieces and nephews: Sasha Morais, Lorraine Leadbetter, Andrea Harnett-Robinson, Eric Harnett, Bruce Harnett, Raymond Morais and Frank Henry; cousin, Keysha Fearon; grand-nieces and nephews: Danya Harnett-Robinson, Kerish Harnett, Everet Harnett, Douglas Harnett-Robinson and Kayla Harnett; great grand-niece, Athena Harnett Ayoola, in-laws: Roy Harnett-Robinson, Gregory Harnett, Michael Ayoola, Thomas, Lillie and Tavis Lofton and many other loving relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Opening Prayer	Pastor Parkinson-Harrison
Processional Hymn	“Blessed Assurance” TFBF 118
Prayer Of Comfort	Pastor Parkinson-Harrison
Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14.....	Eric Harnett
Hymn.....	“How Great Thou Art” LBW 532
Holy Gospel	Pastor Parkinson-Harrison
Eulogy.....	Pastor Parkinson-Harrison
Hymn.....	“Amazing Grace” LBW 448
Remembrances	Andrea Harnett-Robinson
Soloist	“Precious Lord” - Lorna Grace
Reading Of The Obituary.....	Danya Harnett-Robinson
Acknowledgement	Douglas Harnett-Robinson
The Prayers	Pastor Parkinson-Harrison
The Lord's Prayer	
Commendation.....	Pastor Parkinson-Harrison
Recessional Hymn	“It Is Well With My Soul” TFBF 194

Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery
Kew Gardens, New York