

## Service Information

THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022

Viewing: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Service: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

### BETHEL TEMPLE CHURCH

149 S 5th Ave. • Mount Vernon, NY 10550

Lulette Jones, Moderator

**Pastor James Clarke, Officiating** 

(Redeeming Love Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, Bronx, NY)

Pastor Frankie Williamson, Speaker

(Gospel Tabernacle Church (Apostolic), Bronx, NY)

### Interment

Westmoreland Jamaica, W.I.

### To Go Repast

Immediately following the service, please join the family for a To Go Repast.

# Order of Service

Procession Sentence Pastor James Clarke
Opening Hymn" "When We All Get To Heaven"
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading 1. Job 14. 1-10Georgianna Johnson
Song of Tribute
Scripture Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15: 50-58 Deyonce Myles
Musical Selection Redeeming Love Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ Choir
Open Reflections
Eulogy
Musical Selection Redeeming Love Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ Choir
Words of Hope and ComfortPastor Frankie Williamson
Closing Hymn"It Is Well With My Soul"
Closing Prayer
Benediction
Final Instructions Eternity Funeral Services Directors
Recessional

# Eulogy

### TODAY WE ARE HONORING, CELEBRATING AND REMEMBERING

### Monica Elaine Williams

Monica was a woman of grace and courage. All who knew her, knew that she had a resilient spirit. No matter what she set her mind to, she accomplished it. She even went back to school when she was over 50 years old to accomplish a lifelong dream.

Monica's leg in life's relay began on August 19, 1956, when Edna Cochrane and Roy Williams brought a beautiful baby girl into the world. Monica was born in the district of St. Peters, which is also known as Three Miles River, in the Parish of Westmoreland, Jamaica. From the moment she made her entrance into this world, she represented purpose and was a literal bundle of joy. She was the 4th child for Ms. Edna Cochrane and the 2nd child for Mr. Roy Cochrane, known as Mass Roy to all who knew him.

Monica's childhood was fun filled. She enjoyed growing up in her homeland of Jamaica. As a child growing up, Monica had a light complexion and as a result, was nicknamed Readdy. The nickname stuck with her throughout her entire lifetime.

Monica's early childhood education began at Three Miles River Basic School. After graduating from basic school, Monica attended George's Plain Primary School. After Primary School, she went on to Frome Secondary School. Monica was always resilient in her approach to education. She was adamant that no matter what she sets her mind to, she would be able to achieve it. She promised herself from an early age that she would give her best shot at every opportunity that came her way. In fact, she was a firm believer in the proverb "Make Hay While the Sun Shines".

However, like many individuals, Ms. Monica encountered her fair share of life's ups and downs. But, like a resilient old soldier with her proverb in mind, she at no time thought of rolling over and accepting defeat. Her spirit and determination bid her to fight to the end.

As a young adult Monica was blessed with three children. She had two boys and one girl. Together they were the light of her life and forever her "Bundles of Joy". Ms. Monica bonded well with her children and raised them in the same manner in which she grew up. She taught them that no matter what they set their minds to, they should give it their all in order

to accomplish it. However, everyone knew that Monica was a strict disciplinarian, and she never "saved the rod and spoiled the child". In fact, if you asked her children, they would all tell you that the rod was always working and ready, to the point that they felt at times that the rod was overused.

As Monica lived her life as a single parent raising her children, she began to feel the call of God upon her life. In 1980, she heeded the call to follow the Lord when she was water baptized after attending a crusade with Pastor Errol Campbell from the Deliverance Evangelistic Association. On that day she was one of 22 believers who were baptized. As a devout Christian, Ms. Monica was instrumental in launching a new congregation at her church. She served with distinction as the first Secretary/Treasurer of the local congregation in Three Miles River. She held her position in the organization from 1980- 1992 and then again from 1996 -2013. As a leader in the church, Ms. Monica was compassionate and generous to people who needed assistance. She was always ready to help in any way she could.

Apart from her commitment to her church, Ms. Monica was a confident to the community of Three Miles River and to all those whom she came in contact with. She was an extraordinary person who was always equipped with solid advice and words of wisdom for people who she encountered. If asked by the people who knew and loved her, she would be described as: confident, trustworthy, committed, faithful, compassionate, loyal, loving, unselfish, and honest.

Ms. Monica was blessed beyond measure for her faithfulness to God. On August 19, 2015, Ms. Monica immigrated to the United States. When she left an emptiness was felt in the community where she lived. In order to stay connected with the community that had been an enormous part of her life, she kept in touch by making regular calls and sending WhatsApp messages.

On May 6, 2022, Ms. Monica went on to be with the Lord that she worshiped her whole life.

As we all gather here, we are still grappling to come to terms with the reality that she is not here anymore. On the day that Ms. Monica went on to be with her Lord, she left us with innumerable memories and a legacy that will be a guide as we continue on life's journey.

Ms. Monica leaves behind two sons, Donavon, and Boris, one daughter Ceciele, 2 Brothers, 6 sisters, ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

R.I.P. Ms. Monica. We will forever miss your love and devotion.

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace; In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.

### Refrain:

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky; But when trav'ling days are over Not a shadow, not a sigh. [Refrain]

Let us then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving ev'ry day; Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay. [Refrain]

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold; Soon the pearly gates will open— We shall tread the streets of gold. [Refrain]





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

#### Refrain:

It is well 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 hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
[Refrain]

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought— My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His Cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

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
Even so, it is well with my soul.
[Refrain]





