

Thanksgiving Service Celebrating

the life of the lately departed



Loretta Almina McBean

(April 25, 1926 – September 11, 2020)

1:00 pm, Sunday, September 20, 2020

Savannah Seventh-day Adventist Church
1631 Shamrock Road

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

Pastor Kevin Danvers
Pastor Denton McKogg
Elder Courtney Perrin
Elder Charmaine Perrin
Elder Courtney Brown

ORGANIST

Rickman Spence

INTERMENT

New Bodden Town Cemetery

We beseech thee, O Lord, in thy mercy, to pity the soul of thy handmaid;
do thou, who hast freed her from the perils of this mortal life,
restore to her the portion of everlasting salvation.
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude	Pre-Recorded Music
Processional and Opening Sentences	Pastor Kevin Danvers
Opening Hymn	How Cheering is the Christian's Hope
Opening Prayer	Elder Courtney Perrin
1st Scripture Lesson	Psalm 90:1-12, Reyemela McBean (granddaughter) & Loreta McBean (daughter-in-law)
Condolences/Tributes:	
1. Savannah Seventh-day Adventist Church	Elder Charmaine Perrin
2. Granddaughter	Reyemela McBean (grandaughter)
3. Children	Hon. Dwayne "JJ" Seymour, MLA, JP
4. Friend for the Family	Grenda Solomon
2nd Scripture Lesson	I Thessalonians 4:13-18, Zorie McBean (great granddaughter)
Eulogy	Hon. D. Kurt Tibbetts, OBE, JP
Introduction of the Speaker	Elder Courtney Brown
Musical Selection from the Church	Sister Tanique Dunbar
Homily	Pastor Kevin Danvers
Prayer for the Bereaved Family	Pastor Denton McKogg
Instructions	Elder Courtney Perrin
Recessional Hymn	When the Roll is called up Yonder

Honorary Pallbearers

Theophilus McBean
Vincent McBean
Lloyd McBean
Roy Reid
Bobby Towns

Pallbearers

Bobbie McBean
Erick McBean, Jr.
Delroy McBean
Owen Smith
Richard Jackson
Dwayne Muir
Danswell Davison

OBITUARY

Loretta Almina McBean was Born in August Town, St. Catherine, Jamaica on April 25, 1926, to father Jepheth Ferris and mother Virginia Gyles. Loretta (sister mummy) was the eldest of six children. All of her siblings except Elfreda Jackson (Mae) has now preceded her in death with sister Lucille Thompson of Kingston Jamaica passing just a year ago.

Loretta was no stranger to hard work, which included hard labor in the sugarcane fields of St. Catherine and doing so while raising young children. She was selfless and dedicated to nurturing her children, she was a simple person, of the soil. Loretta was mostly raised by her aunt, who instilled a strong Christian belief in her from a very early age while growing up in Bog Walk, St. Catherine. Her life was otherwise uncomplicated, being a member of the Baptist Church in Spanish Town.

In 1950 at the age of 24, Loretta was working in a small grocery store in Spanish Town, the ones where everything was stocked behind the counter and you have to ask for it. Little did she know that this man from Clarendon taking shelter from what was a stormy day would marry her the same year. The young Meric who was not much older being 29 years of age at the time, not only took up refuge, but as they say, he decided to "checked her out." Instead of just seeking refuge in the little corner shop he slipped way behind the counter, usually reserved for workers, and started light conversations with the unsuspecting and shy Loretta. That sparked a friendship which later became an attraction and with her guardian (aunt's) consent, they were soon married. Her first and only boyfriend of a few months and later husband for 50 years, Meric Hidalgo preceded her in death in 2001 at the age of 79.

Between 1952 and 1968 Loretta and Meric were blessed with eight children, with only her second child, George Nicholas preceding her in death. Almost every two years a child was born starting with Cureta in 1952, George 1954, Vincent 1956, Theophilus 1958 and Joycelyn just a year later 1959 and the pattern resumed with Cynthia two years later in 1961. After a five-year break while working in the cane fields and raising several young children, Marla came in 1966 and like clockwork, the "wash belly" son, Lloyd arrived in 1968.

In 1969 Meric, an ambitious shoemaker left Jamaica for the Cayman Islands in search of a better life for his wife and now eight children, with the youngest, Lloyd, just one-year-old at the time. Loretta joined him in Cayman along with all the underaged children in the fall of 1973, determined to find a way to improve life for the entire family. Loretta remained as a housewife for a few years then later started working at the now gone SeaView Hotel on South Church Street, in the laundry room. Later, she moved into day labor as a domestic worker at the Prospect Reef Condominiums as a room service attendant. Her last job was for a prominent lawyer, Pierre Lamontagne QC (deceased) serving as his housekeeper. After complications from eye surgery, she was forced to retire from work in 1988.

Loretta lived a simple private life and died peacefully in Grand Cayman on Friday, September 11, 2020. Only she knew it was time to say goodbye, and even that she did privately. Two weeks earlier, she had stopped eating and talking, and we knew the signs were clear, she was preparing to leave us.

On that fateful evening of September 11, 2020, Cureta, her eldest daughter, who has spent the greater part of the last decade caring for her, recalls leaving her alone for less than thirty minutes, after helping her to sit up, for what would be the last time before she slipped off into her eternal slumber, just after sunset, later to be pronounced dead at the George Town Hospital. It was only a few days prior; she was on a video call making hand signals and smiling with her other children overseas via WhatsApp.

Despite a Baptist and Sunday worshipper most of her life, Loretta in true selflessness, switched to the Seventh Day Adventist denomination joining Meric, who joined that later on, making peace with God before going home.

Left to morn are sister Elfreda Jackson (Mae), seven children Vincent (Vinnie), Theophilus (TT), Joycelyn (Cherry), Cynthia (Olive), Stephanie (Marlene), Lloyd plus two daughters-in-law, Loreta McBean, Raquel Mena, and two sons-in-law, Roy Reid, and Bobby Towns.

Loretta also leaves behind some 20 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, nine nieces and nephews, her church family at the Savannah SDA Church, and a host of other relatives and friends.

May her soul rest in peace, she will be forever missed

SERVICE OF COMMITTAL

Opening Remarkss Pastor Kevin Danvers
Hymn Just Over the Mountian
Prayer Elder Courtney Perrin
Family Floral Tribute Pre-recorded Music
Committal Pastor Kevin Danvers
Benediction Pastor Denton McKogg

GRAVESIDE SONGS

The Golden Morning
Farther Along
Shall we gather at the River
When Peace Like a River
When we all get to Heaven
I'll Fly Away
Blessed Assurance
Jesus is Mine

CHORUSES

Meet me by the River
Some Sweet Day
What a Mighty God we Serve
Won't it be a time

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Let the memory of Loretta be with us forever

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