



*Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of*



Patty Lou Glidden

October 30, 1941- May 18, 2021

Church of God (Universal)
83A Walker's Road, George Town
Saturday, June 5th , 2020
At 10:00AM

Officiating Minister:
Pastor James Arch , Cert. Hon.JP(Ret.)
Minister Duane Jeffries

Pianist: Sis. Esther Jackson Organist: Sis. Ruth Rankin

Interment will follow at the West Bay Cemetery





Order of Service

Prelude
 Opening Remarks.....Pastor James Arch, Cert.Hon., JP(Ret.)
 Prayer Bro. Duane Jeffries
 Hymn: "No Never Alone" Congregation
 Scripture Reading: Psalms 116 Sis. Karen Christian

TRIBUTES

Smelser Family: "Till the Storm Passes Over" Bro Athel (Eddie) Arch
 Glidden Family: "I Come to the Garden Alone" Bro. John Ebanks
 Church of God (Universal) Sis. Virginia Bodden
 Truth for Youth School (Past Students) Sis. Rhonda Edie
 Life Story Heather Bodden, Cert Hon MP,JP
 Sermon Pastor James Arch, Cert.Hon., JP(Ret.)
 Closing Hymn: "Thank you Lord for your Blessings on Me" Congregation
 Prayer for the Family & Benediction Pastor James Arch, Cert.Hon., JP(Ret.)

Pallbearers

Mr. Bernie Bush MP
 Mr. Cline Glidden
 Mr. Junior Hydes

Mr. Danny Manderson
 Mr. Frankie Flowers, Jr.
 Mr. Isaac Edie

Guest Book Attendants

Ms. Yolanda Smith & Ms. Uldeen Evans

Ushers

Sis. Linda Rankin-Baker

Sis. Miriam Cranston

Bro. Carlton West

Program Attendant

Sis. Sharon Hydes



THE LIFE STORY OF PATTY LOU GLIDDEN – (nee SMELSER)

Patty Lou Glidden was born in Celina, Ohio in the U.S.A. on October 30, 1941 to Richard and Laura Smelser, she was the third child of a family of five children. Sis. Pat as she was affectionately known started Celina Ohio West Building School when she was four years old and graduated from Celina Ohio High School in 1958.

At the young age of nineteen Sis. Pat moved to Hagerstown, Maryland and attended Teachers College at which time she became a part of the Church of God (Universal) there and began teaching in their Truth for Youth School where she stayed until Dec 1963.

From a child she felt the calling of Lord to become a Missionary Teacher and was approached by Sis. Alice in June of 1963 to fulfill that calling to go Cayman. She arrived in Grand Cayman Jan. 20th, 1964 and stayed for six months returning to Hagerstown Md. where she stayed for eighteen months during which time she became homesick for Cayman. Dec. 20th, 1965 she received a letter from Bro Raib Arch inviting her to return to Cayman, that she did in January 1966.

Sister Pat labored untiringly and sacrificially in the school for a period of twenty seven years. During this time she met Cavell LaVerne Glidden of West Bay and they were married on Nov 16, 1984. In 1992 she relinquished her employment at Truth for Youth School to spend full time with her Husband in the Glidden family home. Her husband passed away in 1995. She often said the years spent with him were the happiest time of her life and she was blessed to have him as her husband. Sometime after her husband's passing she opened her home to children in the community who needed tutoring and many children benefited from her teaching skills. .

In her Christian walk she made a most valuable contribution to the Church work in various capacities from Chairing of Church Services and teaching Sunday School to name a few.

She remained in the Glidden family home until her passing to her Heavenly home in the early hours of May 18, 2021.

Preceding her in death are husband, Cavell Glidden, her parents Richard and Laura Smelser, Her brother Danny Smelser, and sister Dorothy Wine.

Left to mourn her passing are her sister Joyce Wine and her family, brother Harry Smelser and his family, Sister-in-law Eula Glidden, 3 Glidden Nephews and 6 Glidden Nieces, one special Niece Elizabeth Banks, her Church Family and a host of former Students who still hold her in high regard.

May her soul rest in peace and Light Perpetual shine upon her.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR SISTER PATTY

We would like to pay tribute to our dear sister, Patty Lou Smelser Glidden. She was always strong in her faith and a loving family member. We could always count on her for prayer support and a kind heart. Even though she was often plagued by pain and health concerns, she would put others first. We will always remember her lovingly.

Sincerely,

Joyce and Harry Wine (Sister and Brother-in-law)

Harry and Tonda Smelser (Brother and Sister-in-Law)





FAREWELL TO A BELOVED TEACHER

Today we all gather to say our final farewell to a beloved teacher, Sis Pat. Our hearts are saddened by her passing but we know she longed to join her loved ones who went before her. However, we are comforted she is now taking her much deserved eternal rest.

It was a beautiful day in 1964 when TFYS was about to start its first grade 4 class that a very young and energetic teacher joined the three previous teachers in this most outstanding task.

I vividly remember sister Pat joining us in our games on the playground. She wore a white blouse and a large white skirt which twirled around as she ran around with us. This was no level play field as we had recently moved to sister Faye Bodden's unfinished house for classes. A mixture of rocks and dirt and some grass made for an uneven playground surface. Next thing we knew sister Pat tripped and a sea of little ones toppled over her. I'm sure that was her first fall.

This truly represents how her heart fell in love with TFYS and its students. She continued her loving service and never returned to her home in the USA nor resigned to take up another job. I would venture to say that her commitment was unmatched. She was a most faithful and devoted teacher who ensured that we were taught all the academics but she did not omit the spiritual lessons we needed. Sister Pat was one of the most patient teachers that I've known...very strict but very kind at the same time.

Many students of TFYS have outstanding penmanship and this harkens back to her tutelage. We refer to this as the TFYS handwriting!!

We know and recognize there are many teachers in our past who have given their hearts, minds and souls to nurture in us the things that they saw as vital to our education, critical to future. Many of us here today are living proof of that success which we can in part attribute to their unbiased and unselfish dedication in nurturing our minds.

Sis Pat has left an indelible mark on our lives. She was a teacher, mentor and mother to virtually every student who passed through her classroom. She will never be forgotten. Rest in Peace Sis Pat – go rest high on that mountain you so deservingly readied yourself for.





My Tribute to Sis. Pat

I was very saddened at the sudden passing of Sis. Pat. I always called Sis. Pat mostly at night to find out how she was doing or she would call me. On Monday night I called her but didn't get an answer. I just thought that perhaps she was doing something and couldn't answer but would call me back. I will miss her very much and our conversations. She always asked about the Church and how it was doing.

Sis. Pat always said that she wanted to go before she would be unable to care for herself. She always spoke about her love and respect for her Pastor Bro. James and Sis Lois. She always talked about her dear Husband, Bro. Cavell and how happy she was with him and loved him dearly – it was her happiest time in life. I always visited her at Christmas – she loved my fruit cake and I enjoyed sharing it with her.

Sis. Pat loved Cayman with all her heart and if you asked her about going home, she would tell you that "Cayman is my home". "I will never leave here". Sis. Pat was a close friend of mine and there was nothing that she wouldn't confide in me. I met her years ago when I became a Christian and she was teaching at Truth for Youth School. I will miss her greatly. Let us as God's people keep in touch with one another and pray for and care about each other. I told Sis. Pat just recently, how teaching was her calling in life as she was a good Teacher and how much she loved and cared about her students. Sis. Pat had a lot of physical problems which were not easy to deal with. She was unable to get around a lot but she managed. She always said that the Lord was good to her and she was trusting in Him. She loved her family with all her heart. Joyce and Harry were all she had left, as her eldest sister, Dorothy, died a few months ago. Norman and I send out sincere sympathy to them.

May we meet again in the Sweet By and By.

Sis. Virginia



