

*Service of Thanksgiving
For the Life of
Havigal "Resel" Resa Nickelson*



Sunrise: 23 January 1928 – Sunset: 26 August 2021

*Creek Seventh Day Adventist
360 Creek Street
Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands*

Date of Funeral: 12 September 2021 at 1pm

Officiating Ministers:

Pastor Reinaldo Dracket (President of the Cayman Islands Conference of SDA)

Elder Warren Giscombe

Elder Hans Stephens

Pianist/Organist: Mrs. Sheila Woods

Interment at Creek Cemetery, Cayman Brac

Order of Service

Opening Remarks: Elder Warren Giscombe

Congregational Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Scripture Reading: Ps. 23 Elder Hans Stephens

Prayer: Elder Warren Giscombe

Tributes:

Special Song:..... KPC/Annex

Great Grandchildren/Great-Great Grandchildren Ms. Zandie Smith

Tribute Song from Siblings- *It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday* Pre-recorded

Tribute Song from Sons- *Wind Beneath My Wings* Mr. Arek Nicholson

Tribute Song from Daughter-*If There's a Phone In Heaven* Pre-recorded

Video Tribute:

Life Story: Ms. Frances Clyne

Sermon:..... Pastor Reinaldo Drocket

Closing Congregational Song: *Does Jesus Care*

Benediction: Pastor Reinaldo Drocket

Pallbearers

Owen Dinnall
Jevon Nickelson
Josimar Dinnall

Matio Ramoon
Maurice Dinnall
Jason Thompson

Honourary Pallbearers

Mr. Henry Steve Nickelson
Mr. Mario Joe Dinnall
Mr. Evrol Holness
Mr. Ike Bush
Mr. Roylen Nicholson
Mr. Darrell Porter

Mr. Roy Bertram Nicholson
Mr. Earl (Tony) Anthony Brown
Mr. Thorr Nickelson
Mr. Roger Bush
Mr. Steven Nicholson
Mr. Miguel Martin

Mr. Ewen (Richie) Owen Dinnall
Mr. Mitchell Errol Brown
Mr. Erron Nickelson
Mr. Arek Nickelson
Mr. Mario Dinnall

Guest Book Attendant

Ms. Janiah Thompson
Ms. Camerin Porter

Ushers

Mrs. Tina O'Connor
Mrs. Nicole Bailey
Mrs. Annette Green

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

Does Jesus Care

Does Jesus care when my heart is pained
Too deeply for mirth and song
As the burdens press and the cares distress
And the way grows weary and long?

Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares
His heart is touched with my grief
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary
I know my Savior cares

Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed
To resist some temptation strong
When for my deep grief I find no relief
Though my tears flow all the night long?

Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares
His heart is touched with my grief
When the days are weary, the long nights dreary
I know my Savior cares
I know my Savior cares

Life Story

Havigal Resa Nickelson was born on 23rd January 1928 in Creek, Cayman Brac and peacefully passed away at the Kirkconnell Community Care Centre on 26th August, 2021. “Resel” or “Reesy” as she was known to her family and friends, was one of nine (9) children born and raised in the little wooden house in the Creek, to the late Henry Daniel Nickelson and his wife Hilda Dina Nickelson nee McLean both of blessed memory. Resel’s parents being devote Christians, raised her in faith and attended the Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church.

As a child, Resel attended the Creek School. In 1950, Resel gave birth to first born son Steve in her childhood home. Four years later she met and married Mr. Bertram Dinnall and moved to Jamaica in 1954, where she gave birth to her second born son Roy. Resel resided in Jamaica for approximately 13 years, where she would give birth to son Ewen more commonly known as “Richie”, son Mario better known as “Joe”, her only daughter Janet, and son Earl best known as “Tony”, before returning to her native home in Cayman Brac. Resel, now the mother of seven (7) after giving birth to her last-born son and baby boy, Mitchell, undertook the task of raising her children as a single mother which was no easy feat given the time period. During this period, she worked as a cleaner and launderer for the Kirkconnell family. Shortly after her return to the Brac, she would take on the added responsibility of caring for her ailing and aging parents; as most of her siblings were abroad; leaving herself and two sisters Erica and Hazel who both preceded her in death to care for her parents. She and her sisters therefore took on the role of both caretakers and financial providers to their parents. She would care for both of her parents until their last breath.

Resel began working at Faith Hospital the only medical facility on the Brac in 1985 and worked there for 12 years, as a cleaner and cook. Known as a force to be reckoned with, both in the kitchen and on the wards, she was well known, liked, and slightly feared. Resel a woman of few words, but when she spoke it was with purpose. You always knew where you stood with her and coupled with wicked wit and a sharp tongue, she was never to be trifled with.

Resel was a lover of cooking and baking, which her children fondly remember. Her well known dishes included bread pudding, stew plums, fish dinners, and ‘nigga bible’, which was a rub-up cake with whatever was in the pantry. Resel also had a fondness for plants and was considered quite the green thumb, with a love and desire to own every possible breed and colour of hibiscus she could find. In addition to her large plant garden, a pristine sand yard was among the many things she loved and was best known for, which many of her grandchildren will remember the famous phrase “step where I step”.

She would travel back and forth from Cayman Brac to Grand Cayman to visit her children and grandchildren, as her children had all moved to Grand Cayman and began families of their own. She loved to travel and took many trips with daughter Janet and her children as well as other grandchildren over the years.

Resel and her family found out in the early 2000s that she had an enlarged heart which meant that fluid would build up around the heart which causes an irregular heartbeat. Soon after receiving that diagnosis, she moved in with her only daughter Janet, as her family grew more concerned for her health. In the past few years her family noticed that Resel would repeat things more than normal and would often forget things which was unusual for her. It was then she was diagnosed with early onset Dementia, a sad degenerative disorder. As this illness progressed, keeping Resel safe from harm and comfortable became her family's primary objective. Therefore, the difficult decision was taken to place her in a care home, and what better place to do so than in her "home" Cayman Brac. She would preside at the Kirkconnell Community Care Centre for 2 years, where her family would travel to see her as often as they could and call to check on her. It was there that she would draw her last breath and depart this world to be with her loved ones who have gone on before her.

Resel is preceded in death by her sisters Erica, Alba and Hazel; brothers, Dillard, Morales, Owen, and survived by sisters Nelda and Meredith and brother in-law Robert. Left to mourn her passing are her seven (7) children, Steve, Roy, Richie, Joe, Janet, Tony, and Mitchell. Her twenty-six (26) grandchildren Kisa, Tasha, Roger, Stelline, Ganita, Ike, Tania, Maurice, Owen, Benieca, Jason, Thorr, Mateo, Arek, Josimar, Jevon, Samantha, Erron, Mario, Anique, Nia, Roylen, Leah, Kayley, Steven, Jhnae; also her twenty-seven (27) great grandchildren.

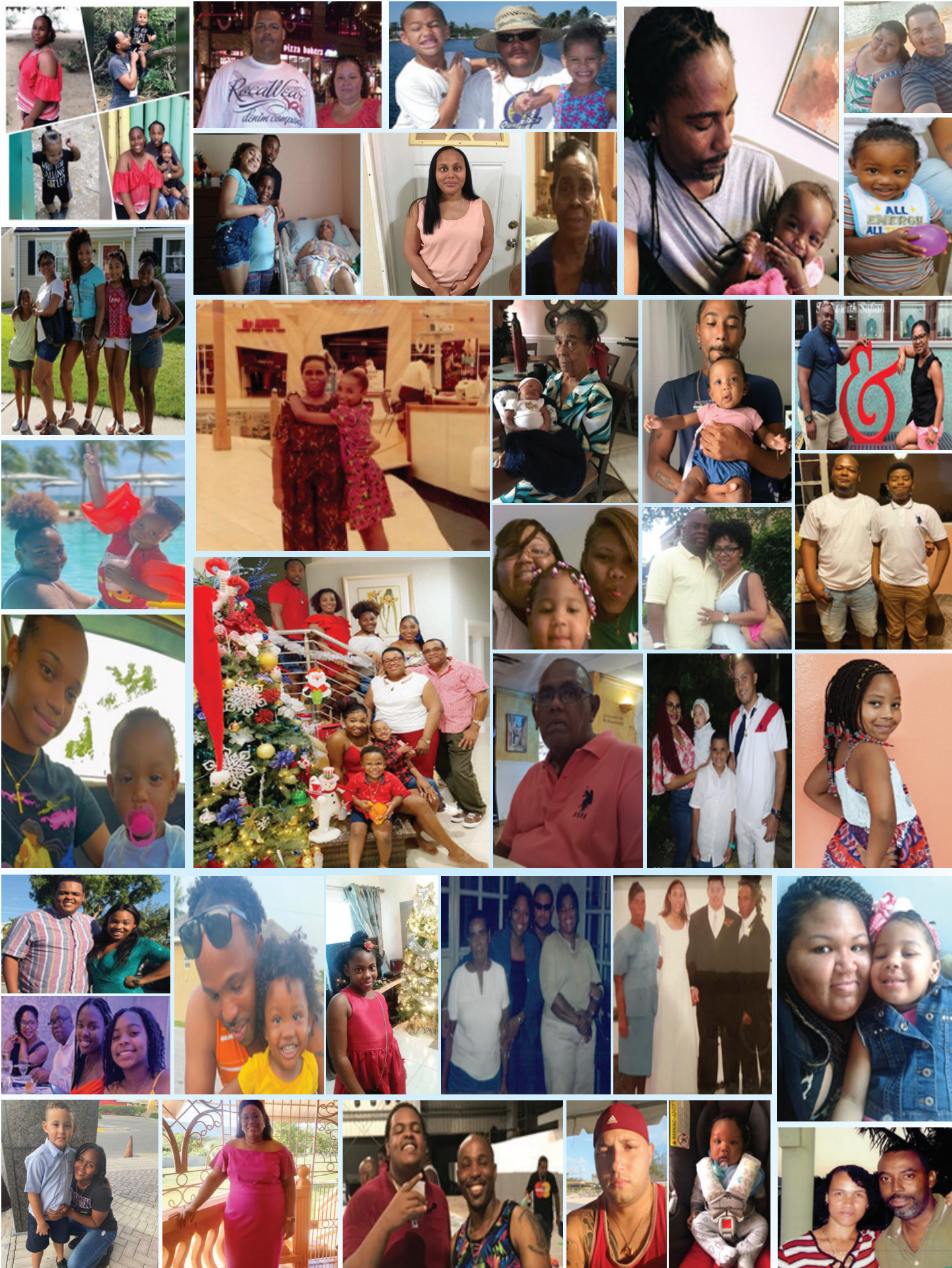
May her soul rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

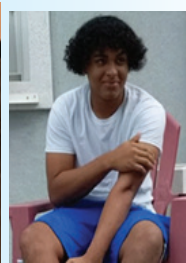
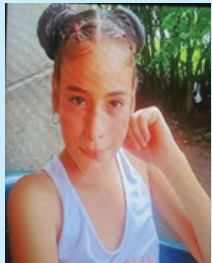
God saw you getting tired and a cure was
not to be
so he put his arms around you and
whispered,
"Come to Me"

With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away
and although we love you dearly
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the Best







Graveside Service

Opening Remarks: Pastor Reinaldo Drocket

Prayer: Elder Michael Mullings

Scripture Reading: John 14:1-3..... Sis Jones

Floral Tributes

Committal:..... Pastor Reinaldo Drocket

Songs:

If Heaven was Needing a Hero Pre-recorded

Sweet By and By Pre Recorded

When the Roll is Called Up..... Pre Recorded

Benediction: Elder Hans Stephens

Acknowledgements:

The family of the late Havigal "Resel" Resa Nickelson extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who have offered prayers, support, and expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement and for your attendance at this Thanksgiving Service. We would like to give a special heartfelt thanks to Kirkconnell Community Care Center, HAS, Faith Hospital, Dr. Nelson, Dr. Williams, Creek Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Department of Tourism, and Bodden Funeral Service.

May God's love and protection continually surround each of you.