

Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

A portrait of an elderly woman with short, wavy, light-colored hair, wearing glasses and a light blue top. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a soft-focus indoor setting with a window and curtains. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green and pink floral pattern.

Rhoda Erena Ebanks

23rd March 1930 – 6th January 2022

William Pouchie Memorial United Church
Friday 14th January 2022
10 a.m.

Officiating Ministers
Rev. Rohan Forrester
Pastor Conway King

Organist Errol Stephens
Cellist Kezzia King

Internment at W.O. Chisholm Cemetery, Grape Tree Point

Order of Service

Prelude Errol Stephens & Kezzia King
 Words of Comfort..... Rev Forrester
 Hymn Love Lifted Me
 Prayer Pastor Conway King
 Scripture: Psalm 27: 1-5, Matthew 22:37-40, Matthew 7: 7-12 Mary Lou Miller
 Song:Never Grow Old..... Cassandra Ebanks & Joylyn King
 Eulogy Ezzard Miller
 Song: Into the Sea (It's Gonna be OK)..... Keyreaye & Chisholm Rivers
 Meditation Rev. Forrester
 Prayer for Family..... Rev. Forrester
 Song..... It is well with my Soul
 Benediction Pastor Conway King

Pallbearers

Kenrick Ebanks
 Stephen Ebanks
 Edward Chisholm

William Chisholm
 Michael Rivers
 Todd Chisholm

Honourary Pallbearers

Billy Ebanks
 David Bodden
 Harry Chisholm
 Harvey Chisholm
 Lionel Nelson
 Autry Ebanks
 Paul Ebanks
 Keith Chisholm

Glenn Chisholm
 Sean Moyle
 Jerry Smith
 Arlen McCoy
 Cheny Rivas
 Michael Chisholm
 Gary Chisholm
 Chad Phillipps

Rex Miller
 Capt. Coolidge Connolly
 Alberto McLean
 Curtis Chisholm
 Johnny Ebanks
 Rudolph Manderson
 Lloyd Ebanks
 John Stanley Douglas

Ushers

Gillian Nelson
 Ethel McLean
 Rebecca Phillipps



Guest Book Attendants

Janet Ebanks
 Ida Jane Ebanks

To my beloved sister-in-law, Erena, we were not just in-laws but truly became sisters. Cherished memories of you will remain close to my heart and I will never forget you. The poem below expresses my thoughts at this sad time. Rest in Eternal Peace.

Until We Meet Again

A light from our lives has gone
A voice we loved is still
A place is vacant within our hearts
Which never can be filled

A bouquet of beautiful memories
Sprayed with a million tears
I wish God could have spared you
If just for a few more years

We hold you close within our hearts
And there you will remain
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again

So rest in peace dear loved one
And thanks for all you've done
We pray that God has given you
The crown you've truly won

Your vacant place no one can fill
we miss you now and always will

Sister-in-law
Jessica Manderson (NeeNee)



On behalf of my family, I offer sincere condolences to Billy, Carol and all of the loved ones that are mourning the loss of this truly special person. For over 50 years, Erena and her family have been my neighbours, and I couldn't have asked for better neighbours for my family or a kinder friend to me. After my wife Jane passed away a few years ago, Erena would always encourage me to "keep on keeping on", and she often said "Lloyd you can manage much better without her there, than she could have managed without you there." We would share evening chats on the phone where we hoped for restful nights and a beautiful day to follow. Thank you for all the good jokes we shared, rehashing old acquaintances, and childhood memories. The little talks we had will surely be missed, just as you will be missed by all who knew you. I wrote the following to capture how important our friendship and the time we made for our talks were to me:

"In our journey through life,
May we never be too hastily inclined
That we can not take a few moments each day
To pause, behold, admire
And most of all inhale the sweet fragrance
From the beautiful flowers that are always in bloom
Along the roadside of life."

Your cousin, friend and neighbour,
Lloyd Ebanks



Smile and the world smiles with you,
Smile whether it smiles or not,
For the girl with a smile is a girl worthwhile,
So just keep smiling a lot.

If a string is in a knot, patience will untie it.
Patience can do many things, did you ever try it?
If it was sold at any shop, I would like to buy it.
But you and I must find our own, no other can supply it.

Be careful of the words you speak,
Keep them soft and sweet.
You never know from day to day,
Which ones you'll have to eat.



Graveside Service

Scripture Rev. Forrester
Prayer Pastor King
Committal Rev. Forrester
Hymns Congregation

What A Friend We Have In Jesus How Great Thou Art

Benediction Rev. Forrester

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.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

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God Bless you all.