

**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
FOR THE LIFE OF**



Diety Grayburn Jackson Johnson

October 20th, 1946 – June 28th, 2023

West Bay Seventh-day Adventist Church, Grand Cayman

30th July 2023 at 2pm

Officiating Minister: Reinaldo Drocket

Interment at: Prospect Cemetery

Order of Service

Opening Remarks	Elder Billy Ebanks
Prayer	Elder Billy Ebanks
Pianist	Madeline Ebanks
Hymn <i>Amazing Grace</i>	Congregation
Scripture Reading - John 14:1-3	Elder Ansurd Mcleod
Obituary	Elder Billy Ebanks
Tributes From:	
Children: Ezona, Johnny, Ethlyn, Donna, Kim, Dyke,	
Lamar & Janneth - Song:	<i>When God made you my father</i>
Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren - Song:	<i>Thank you</i> - by Michael Land
Brother's & Sister's - Song	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>
Sermon	Pastor Reinaldo Dracket
Prayer for the Family	
Closing Hymn - <i>Nearer My God to Thee</i>	Congregation
Benediction	

Order of Recession

Members of the platform, followed by the Casket and pallbearers, Immediate Family.
Other family Members and Congregation

Pallbearers

Church Service

Ezona, Johnny, Ethlyn, Donna,
Kim, Lamar & Janneth

Grave Site

Lamar, Kimberly, Michelle, Joel,
Kamar, Jonathon, Aldric, Duane

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Augustus
Mr. Michael
Mr. Robert
Mr. Melvin

Mr. Stacy
Mr. Marlon
Mr. Jorge
Mr. Hermenegildo

Obituary for the late Diety Grayburn Jackson Johnson

Diety Grayburn Jackson Johnson of Guanaja, Honduras was born to the late Victoria De Jackson and Allen Jackson. He had a happy childhood surrounded by 7 siblings (4 brothers and 3 sisters). He attended the local school as did everyone during that time.

Around 1965 Grayburn met a young girl by the name of Rita A. Hyde Moore from Mangrove Bight Guanaja. Over the next 57 years they raised their blended family of 9 children (6 girls & 3 boys). When Grayburn met Rita, she had already had three children, Aurora, Ezone & Johnnie, they started their lives together living on the key in the Bay Islands then moving to Sand Bay. In the early eighties they moved their family to Savannah Bight Guanaja. In Dec 1967 Rita & Grayburn were blessed with their first child a baby girl Ethlyn, in Sept 1970 their 2nd child Donna, April 1972 their 3rd daughter Kim, finally in June 1975 they had their first son Dyke, in Jan 1985 their 2nd son Lamar and in June 1986 Rita gave birth to her last daughter Janneth. On May 16, 1998, Rita at the age of 53 & Grayburn 52 tied the knot at their house in Savannah Bight Guanaja in the presents of their family & friends.

Over the course of their life, they have split their time living/working between Guanaja, Bay Islands Honduras & the Cayman Islands as Grayburn's family is original from East End Grand Cayman.

Grayburn spent his life caring fondly for his children and grandchildren and enjoyed the time spent with his great grandchildren. He was a captain and a talented carpenter; you name it, and he could build it. He and his brother Corvin were well known for building beautiful homes, one of which was his own in Savannah Bight Guanaja. It was his absolute joy to be helpful within his family and relished any and every opportunity to be kind to those in need. Throughout his life he would go out of his way to care for many, family or not, this was well known and appreciated by his community. Though life was not always easy, He managed to provide for his family by being the best at what he did, alongside his wife they found ways to make ends meet, all the while remaining generous and of dutiful service.

From 2018 to 2021 Grayburn spent most of his time living in the Cayman Islands, after he returned to the Cayman Island to get better assistance with his health issues, over the next few years he was blessed with good and bad days. On June 28th, 2023, after a prolonged period of illness he passed away at home.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Victoria De Jackson and Allen Jackson, his wife Rita Amed Jackson Hyde, his daughter Aurora Hydes & his brother's Corvin Jackson and Warren Jackson.

Left to mourn his passing are:

His eight (8) children; Ezona, Johnny, Ethlyn, Donna, Kim, Dyke, Lamar & Janneth.

Grandchildren; Edward, Julie, Stephanie, Chris, Jodie, Merranda, Marlana, Mariel, Kimberly, Kiandy, Aldric, Jonathon, Michelle, Danna, Hannah, Camillia, Joel, Jadorie, Justin & Kamar

Great Grandchildren; Ian, Nathan, Kyden, Chloe, Joydon, Tayshawn, Naomi, Alejandro, Azea, Ellie, Caylon, Andrew & Miloi

Son In Laws; Stacy, Marlon, Jorge, Hermenegildo, Duane

Daughter In Laws; Patricia & Delbra

Brother's; Augustus, Michael

Sisters; Opal, Athine, Morleane

Brother's In law; Robert and Melvin.

Sister's In Law; Mavis and Joslin.

Many nieces and nephews, cousins, and special friends here in the Cayman Islands and Honduras.

May his soul rest in peace; he will be lovingly remembered always.

Graveside Service

Opening Remarks Pastor Reinaldo Dracket
Prayer Elder Billy Ebanks
Hymns - *When the roll is called up yonder* Congregation
Committal Pastor Reinaldo Dracket
Hymns Congregation

'What a Mighty God we serve'
'It Is Well with My Soul'

Benediction

When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

When the Trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there

Refrain: When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there

On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of His resurrection share when His chosen ones shall gather
To their home beyond the skies, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there

Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care then when all of life is over
And our work on earth is done and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

What A Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve.
What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him.
Heaven and earth adore Him.
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What a mighty God we serve.
I command you, Satan,
in the name of the Lord
to take up your weapons and flee,
for the Lord has given me authority
to walk all over thee.
What a mighty God we serve.
What a mighty God we serve.
Angels bow before Him.
Heaven and earth adore Him.
What a mighty God we serve.

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way; When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou has 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 has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin... Oh the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Oh my soul.

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live: If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life; Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But, Lord 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait, the sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh trump of the angel! Oh voice of the Lord! Blessed hope, blessed rest for my soul!

And Lord haste the day when the 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of the late Diety Grayburn Johnson Jackson would like to thank you all for your presence here today to pay your last respects to our dearly beloved Husband, Father, grandfather, great grandfather, Brother, and friend. We gave thanks to those who visited him at home, in the hospital and maintained contact with him over the last few years, months and weeks during his illness, for those who prayed for him and with him, the Doctors, Nurses and staff of the Health Service Authority and Health City Cayman Islands.

