



A Celebration of Life

for



Merideth Joan McField
(affectionately known as Mama Jo, Joe, Jo Jo)

Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.
Proverbs 31:31

Sunrise: June 24th, 1961 - Sunset: July 19th, 2024

*Elmslie Memorial United Church
George Town, Grand Cayman*

*Saturday, August 3rd, 2024
10:00am*

*Officiating Ministers
Reverend L. Christopher Mason
Reverend Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield
Reverend Euthman Wray*

*Organist/Pianist
Mr. Antonio Sanchez*

*Interment
Dixie Cemetery*



Order of Service

Choral Introit Elmslie Praise Team
Words of Comfort Rev. L. Christopher Mason

Praise and Worship

Blessed be your name/You are God Alone /How Great is our God

Prayer Rev. Euthman Wray

Tributes:

Elmslie Memorial United Church..... Mr. William Walmsley
Daughter..... Video Tribute
Son..... Ms. Cheryl Myles
Mother Ms. Cheryl Myles
Siblings Mrs. Betty Ann Mobley
C.I. Girls Brigade Ms. Debra McLaughlin

Life Story..... Ms. Vanda Powery

Song: Congregation- It is well
Scripture Psalm 91..... Leon Mayson Myles-Shorter
Sermon Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield
Prayer for the Family Pastor Patrick Shorter
Song..... Congregation- Goodness of God
Benediction Rev. L. Christopher Mason
Choral Recessional..... Elmslie Praise Team- Medley I got my mind made up

Pallbearers

Mr. Dale Morris
Mr. Hartwell McField

Mr. Norman McField
Mr. Albert Thomas

Mr. David Bodden Jr.
Mr. Jahmoy Newman

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Leon Shorter
Mr. Donovan Shorter
Mr. Patrick Shorter
Mr. Robert McField
Mr. Rayvon Pryce

Mr. Thomas Myles
Mr. Clarendon Myles
Mr. Hank McField
Mr. Lance Morris
Mr. Chadwick McField

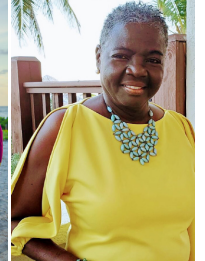
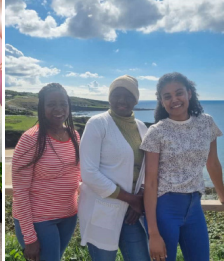
Mr. Clifton McLaughlin
Mr. Lloyd McField
Mr. Rhuldney McField
Mr. Roshane McField
Mr. Johnny Shorter

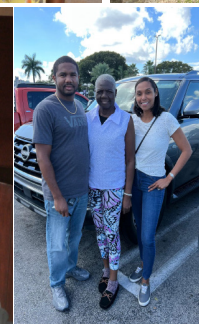
Guest Book Attendants

Ms. Aleene Campbell
Ms. Shirlene Zelaya
Ms. Jessie O'Donnell

Ushers

Ms. Francella Myles
Ms. Kathryn Myles
Ms. Sherrylee McLaughlin
Ms. Barbara Bodden







The Life Story of Merideth Joan McField

Merideth Joan McField affectionately known as Joe, Mama Jo or JoJo, was born on June 24th, 1961 to Fendley Ebanks (known as Old Joe) and Mavis Morris (nee McField). Joe was a fraternal twin, however her twin died of sickness at the age of 6 years old. She grew up in George Town in her family's big yard on Shedden Road with her mother, siblings and extended family. The family eventually moved to 92 Red Gate Road where she would live for the remainder of her life. She attended Sister Gleda's school, George Town Primary School and completed her education at the Cayman Islands High School at age sixteen. On completion of her education Joe took up employment at Ms. Jane's pre-school until she eventually opened a day care where she took care of many children. She was known to be very strict and instilled discipline in the children she took care of. Eventually she joined the Civil Service as Postal Officer until she retired.

Growing up she attended activities at Elmslie Memorial United Church, including Sunday School, Christian Endeavour and Girls' Brigade. She accepted Jesus as her Lord and Saviour which led to her actively serving in Elmslie. She served as an elder, an usher, taught Sunday School, assisted in Vacation Bible School, served on various committees including Missions, EEATS and the Fellowship Committee and could often be seen in the kitchen preparing delicious meals for various church socials. Her joy was in fellowship and ensuring everyone was well fed. She enjoyed mission trips to Mount Olivet and was a source of encouragement for the young boys. She was active in the community and as part of her service for the EEATS program, she would spend extra time just sitting and talking with the elderly, shut in's and anyone who just wanted a listening ear. If she could assist them in any other way she would. When she saw a need she went about helping to address it in her own quiet way.

As a young adult Joe became an Officer in the Girls' Brigade eventually becoming Captain of the George Town Charge. She loved to travel and represented Cayman as a Girls' Brigade Delegate at many International Girls' Brigade Conferences. She encouraged young girls in Girls' Brigade to train to be an officer and continue to serve. She also made many friendships across the world with other Girls' Brigade Officers. When she became Captain she started to provide hot meals to the girls and they always looked forward to this with girls often asking their teachers "what's for lunch?"

Joe was a fashionista and lived in colour, mixing and matching with fashion jewelry or jewelry she made and colour coordinated with shoes and hand bag. She loved to sew. She would often get up in the morning and sew clothes to wear to work or to church the same day. She was magnetic and had a smile that lit up her face and gave a warmth that attracted people to her. She never passed anyone without acknowledging them with a smile. She loved taking pictures and cherished memories with friends made through celebrations and her love of traveling and shopping. She was a loyal friend and had many special friends, too many to count. She would often care for their children as if they were her own and they could call on her at any time and she would never say no. That was Joe- vibrant, caring and selfless.

When she received her diagnosis in February 2021, she didn't make it slow her down and relied on her faith. She would often declare I will live and not die to declare the works of the Lord. A phrase she would speak until the last. She trusted her God to carry her through every set back. No matter what the doctor said about her situation, she would be sure to tell them "that is what man say but it is what my God says that matters". Her positivity and zest for life amazed the doctors and nurses. They often commented on her persevering spirit.

Even after procedures and treatments or being released from the hospital, she would show up to church, elders meetings, Girls' brigade or some other activity that she was committed to. She loved to send morning encouragement to persons every morning and was always checking on others, never complaining about her situation. If anyone would ask her how she is doing she would reply "I good" or "Thankful ye nah". Her faith was unwavering, her hope was inspiring and her love for others was evident in how she lived. She became the backbone of her family and made sure her mother was taken care of. She would always tell her children, Linda and Leon to "Live Good".

In 2024 she was in and out of hospital often with different complications. Each time she would continue to believe for her healing and have a resurgence of energy and strength, her eyes fixed on her God exercising her faith. On Wednesday July 17th, 2024 Joe shared that Jesus came to her twice and said "Let not your heart be troubled for I am the Lord your God and I will be with you. Be not afraid".

Joe was due to come home on Thursday July 18th, 2024 however God had other plans. That day Joe was surrounded by love and the hospital room filled with praise and worship, tears and laughter. She reminded her children again to "Live Good". That evening Joe called on the name of Jesus, saying Alleluia as she remained in sweet communion with her God. Her family still expected that she would come home. However on the morning of Friday, 19th July 2024, Joe was ushered into her heavenly home and eternal glory.

As a life-long member of Elmslie, her life provides an example of a faith with countless lessons for us to continue to honour the legacy she has left. She lived her life as a living breathing testimony and has now reached perfect peace and is complete in the arms of her Saviour.

Joe was preceded in death by her Father Fendley Ebanks, Step Father Raymond Rex Morris, Sister, Jane McField and Brother Roger Morris.

She will be greatly missed by her mother Mavis, aunt Lillian (Gamo), children Linda and Leon, brothers Dale and Robert, sisters Ellen, Vicki and Carmen, brothers in law Norman and Clifton, sisters in law Jean and Dympna, son in law David, grand children Leon Mayson, Martin, Matthew and Chrisean, special daughter Kaynesha, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, special friends who are numerous but know who they are, the Shorter family, her Elmslie family, her Girls Brigade family and host of other friends.

She is resting in peace and now among the angels.



Thanks and Acknowledgements

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