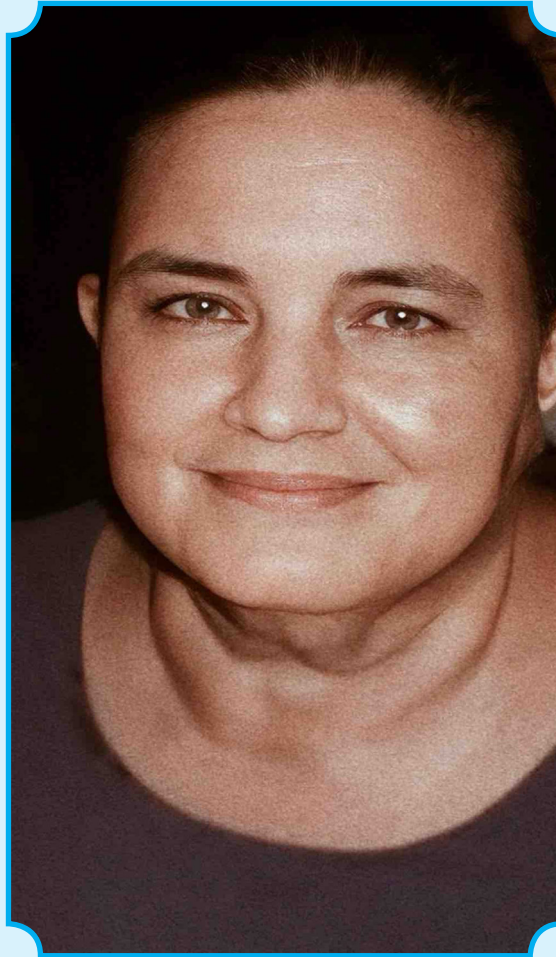


SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

For The Life OF



Eldeen Emery Banks

27th May 1950 – 21st January 2025

Spot Bay, Church of God Holiness

1st February 2025

Viewing 1:00

Service 2:00

Officiating Minister
Pastor Gayle Woods

Pianist
Kasandra Salazar

Interment
Spot Bay Cemetery

Order of Service

Opening Remarks: Mr. Mark Tibbetts, District Commissioner CYB
Opening Prayer: Cecile Barnes
Opening Song: Beulah Land Congregation
Scripture reading: Cecile Barnes
Obituary: Honorable Premier, Ms. Julianna O'Connor-Connolly
Family Prayer: Honorable Premier, Ms. Julianna O'Connor-Connolly

Tributes:

Daughters: Song
Sisters/Brother: Poem
Nieces/Nephews: Song
KCC Caregivers: The Old Rugged Cross
Song: Farther Along Congregation
Sermon Pastor Gayle Woods
Closing Song: When the Roll is called up Yonder Congregation
Closing Prayer Pastor Audley Scott

Pallbearers

Mr. Terique Allen
Mr. Jaeden Williams
Mr. Stanley Hill
Mr. Jude Theobalds

Mr. Thimoty Sevik
Mr. Alzee Walton
Mr. Avalon Porter
Mr. Josh Hill

Honorary Pallbearers

Mr. Reuben Ebanks
Mr. Michael Hayes
Mr. Thomas Sevik Snr
Mr. Javan Scott
Mr. Jan Svendsen
Mr. Sean Smith
Mr. Mikel Ebanks
Mr. Malik Ebanks
Mr. Fabian Whorms
Mr. Bob Jackson
Mr. Gordon Jackson

Mr. Dorson Wright
Mr. Fisher Porter
Mr. Floyd Hill
Mr. Ovando Porter
Mr. Berrick Werkman
Mr. Raheem McLean
Mr. Micah McLean
Mr. Abraham Smith
Mr. Alexander Szucs
Mr. Caleb Suckoo
Mr. Thomas Sevik Jr

Mr. Tyce Sevik
Mr. Elias White
Mr. Lucas White
Mr. Ezra Dowler-Wils
Mr. Joseph Wagner
Mr. Charles McLean
Mr. Linbern Eden
Mr. Ben White
Mr. David Dowler-Wils
Mr. Colin Walker
Mr. Only Montero Grullon

Ushers

Mrs. Bjorna Eden
Miss. Schilo Scott

Guest Book Attendants

Mrs. Deseray McLean
Miss. Patricia Sevik

The Life Story of Eldeen Emery Banks

Eldeen Emery Banks was born of Little Cayman on the 27th day of May, 1950.

Eldeen is the third child out of 10 children for Albertha Alina Ebanks nee Porter and Edward Bertil Ebanks. However, she shared two older siblings on her father's side that preceded her in death. Eldeen worked many years in Little Cayman at the Southern Cross Club with her parents, but she left to attend school in Jamaica. She lived in Jamaica for two years with her uncle Earl and his wife. Eldeen then decided to move back to Little

Cayman in 1970 to return to her old job at Southern Cross Club where the late Layman Scott was the manager. He immediately hired her as a cook, as her great culinary reputation was well known on the island.

Eldeen, yearning for more adventure, decided to move to Grand Cayman. She would work various places of employment including that of a caretaker, but her passion would eventually draw her back into the kitchen. She obtained jobs at the Galleon Beach Hotel, DJ's Cafe and Chicken & Chicken. In 1992, for her great service, Eldeen was awarded Ambassador of Tourism for her twenty-five years of loyal service. She felt very proud of this recognition and achievement.

Even though she felt settled in her life and career, she still felt a sense of emptiness having had to give up her biological daughter when she was young as she could not afford to give her the life she would have needed. Unexpectedly, two little girls would enter her life through a then current relationship, and Eldeen would go on to adopt both as her own. Kera and Carolyn would once again give her a sense of purpose as she knew they needed her love and protection. However, this did not stop her from maintaining a relationship and try to make amends with her biological daughter Jennifer. Eldeen and Jennifer would continue to stay connected over the years up until her death.

Shortly after, Eldeen's two sister's Eva and Esther would move in with her to help each other out financially, and Eldeen would help raise her two sister's children along side them where she would become the apple of their eyes. A few years later, her sister Eva would move back to the Brac where her life would be taken tragically. Eldeen was shattered by the tragic loss of her dear sister whom she was extremely close to. However, she continued to be there for Eva's children.

In 2012, Eldeen decided to move to the Brac to take care of her elder mother. Shortly after the move, she rededicated her life to God and became baptized. She took much pleasure taking her mother to church regularly. After her mother's passing, her sister Elsie would then move in with her, to help her with her daily needs, as her mobility and health began to decline. Eldeen and Elsie would become closer than ever. Even though her mobility was failing, she would still accompany Elsie whelking by sitting in the car watching her sister and their late dog Rage search for whelks from a distance. Eldeen loved the thrill of cleaning and cooking whelks after the hunt. Eldeen was a sister and a friend to Elsie, especially at night when the silence set in. Elsie continued to assist her as best she could, until she ultimately had to be admitted into the KCC. Elsie being the loving and faithful sister, continued to be there for her, along with other family members until the very end. Eldeen would go on to become a strong woman of faith who avidly read and studied her Bible. Eldeen once shared that she went to church one day and her gas light came on, so she prayed and asked God to provide her with money. After the service was finished, she said that when she turned her ignition on, the gas tank was miraculously full. Eldeen never stopped praising the Lord, she told everyone how much she loved Jesus and how he had brought so much joy and peace into her life.

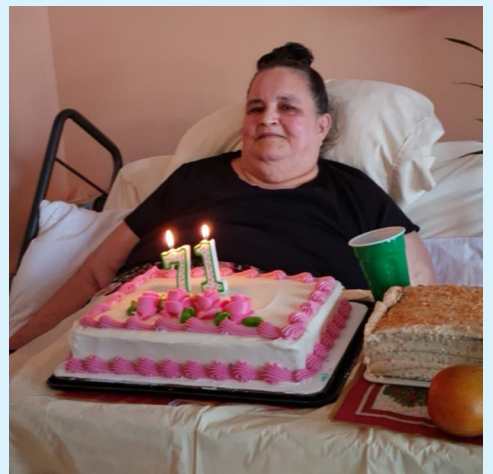
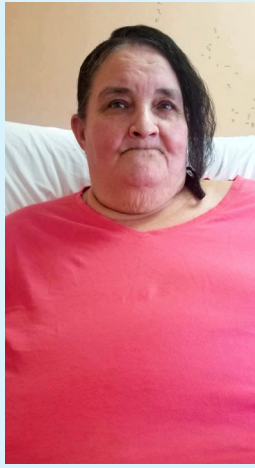
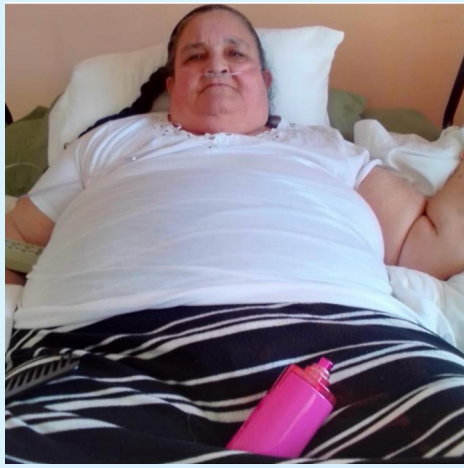
Sadly, a few weeks into the New Year, plagued with many health issues over the years, Eldeen would become quite ill. She was flown over to the ICU at George Town Hospital, where she was placed on life support, after having bravely fought for her life for several weeks. The family faced the devastating reality that their precious loved one would not recover this time.

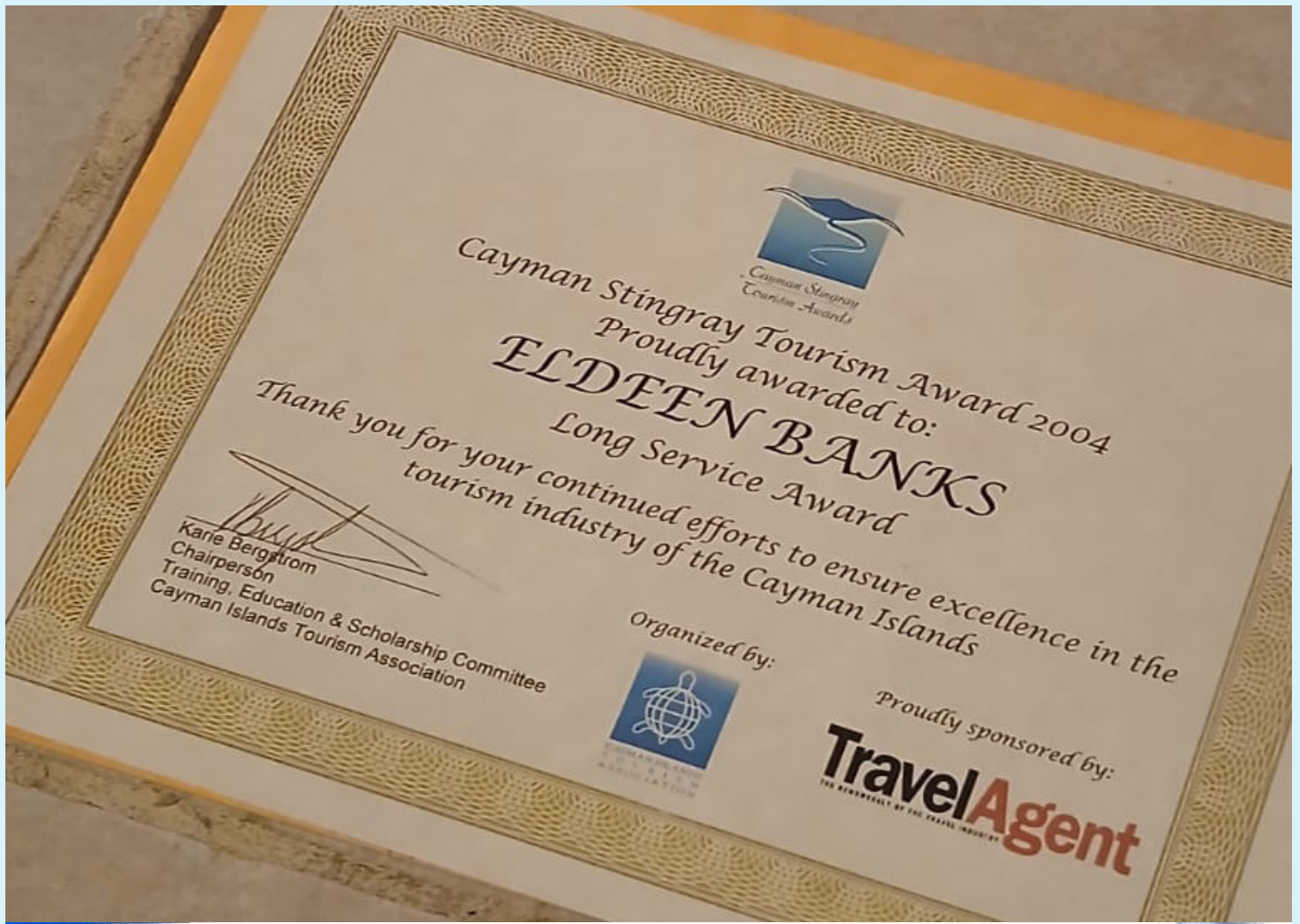
Eldeen peacefully entered the gates of heaven on the 21st of January, 2025 at 2:30am at the age of 74. A mother, a sister, an aunt, a cousin, a friend, who always put other's needs above her own, was finally reunited with her loved ones and at peace with her Lord and Savior.

Left to mourn her passing are: (3) daughters- Jennifer Werkman, Kera and Carolyn Ebanks of Grand Cayman, (2) sisters and (1) brother- Elsie Kynes of Cayman Brac, Esther Walker of England and Reuben Ebanks of USA, (1) sister-in-law- Etta Ebanks of Grand Cayman, (14) nieces, (12) nephews, (5) grandchildren and a host of many relatives and friends.









I love God and
his son Jesus...
And I ^{have} faith that
some day, I will
meet Jesus, in Heaven

Graveside Service

Song: One Day at a Time

Prayer: Pastor Gayle Woods

Committal

Songs Congregation

*Amazing Grace
In the Sweet by and by
It is Well with my Soul*

Benediction: Pastor Gayle Woods

One Day At A Time

I'm only human, I'm just a man/woman
Help me believe in what I could be
And all that I am
Show me the stairway I have to climb
Lord for my sake, help me to take
One day at a time

Chorus

One day at a time sweet Jesus
That's all I'm askin' of you
Just give me the strength
To do every day what I have to do
Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus
And tomorrow may never be mine
Lord, help me today, show me the way
One day at a time

Do you remember, when you walked among men
Well Jesus you know
If you're lookin' below, it's worse now than then
Pushin' and shovin' and crowdin' my mind
So for my sake, teach me to take
One day at a time

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come,
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

Kirkconnell Care Center, Health Services Authority (Cayman Brac/Grand Cayman), Bodden Funeral Home,
Church of God Holiness (Spot Bay and Watering Place) Cassandra Salazar (Pianist) and a host of relatives and friends far too many to name.
The family would like to sincerely thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.