

**A Celebration Service  
for the Life of**

*Sarah Denise Ebanks*



**MARCH 12, 1956 - APRIL 19, 2025**

John Gray Memorial Church  
West Bay

Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2025  
2:30 pm

Officiating Ministers  
Rev. Rohan Forrester  
Rev. Donovan Myers

Interment  
West Bay Cemetery

# **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Songs of Praise	Congregation
Words of Comfort	Rev. Myers
Opening Prayer	Rev. Myers
Opening Hymn: Because He Lives	Congregation
Scripture	Wanda Tatum
Tributes:	
Daughter	Deborah Ebanks
Siblings	Carol Ann Ebanks
Nieces and Nephews	Carol Ann Ebanks
Life Story	Hon. Andre Ebanks
Hymn: What A Friend We Have in Jesus	Congregation
Sermon	Rev. Forrester
Prayer for the Family & Commendation	Rev. Forrester
Benediction	Rev. Forrester
Recessional	Instrumental

## **Memorial Register Attendant**

Katherine Parsons Arch      Kristin Jackson      Gerriann Foster      Cindy Adam

## **Ushers**

Judith Seymour                      Gwendolyn McLaughlin                      David Gordon  
Vanda Powery                              Pamela Williams                              Aneita Welds

## **Pallbearers**

Mr. Barry Bush  
Mr. David Parsons

Mr. Troy Jacob  
Mr. Christopher Ebanks

Mr. Jeremy Thompson  
Mr. Nygel Myles

## **Honorary Pallbearers**

Mr. David Parsons  
Mr. Kevin Parsons  
Mr. Alfred Ebanks  
Mr. Richard 'Ken' Ebanks  
Mr. Davie Parsons  
Mr. Lewin Parsons  
Mr. Davey Ebanks  
Mr. Craig Parsons

Mr. Chet Anglin  
Mr. Maxwell Bush  
Mr. Kaiden Bush  
Mr. Cecil Chanasue  
Mr. Russ Hollebon  
Mr. Lewie Hydes  
Mr. Carson Ebanks  
Mr. Miquel Barcelo

Mr. Harry Chisholm  
Mr. Kervin Glidden  
Mr. Kenneth Ebanks  
Mr. Ritchie Ebanks  
Mr. Leonard Ebanks  
Mr. Richard Ebanks  
Mr. Lewey Ebanks  
Mr. Ryan Bush

## A Tribute to Our Friend and Colleague, Denise

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to our dear friend and colleague, Denise, a true Caymanian who left us far too soon. Denise was a dedicated individual who spent her life making a difference in the community, at her Church, and in her professional career, most notably with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC). Her contributions are immeasurable, and her presence will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Denise's journey with RBC spanned over 30 years, beginning in the late 1970s to early 1980s, during a time when Cayman was a much different place. She was part of the team that helped shape RBC into what it is today. In those early days, the Royal Bank of Canada was located on Cardinal Avenue in the Kirk Freeport building. The bank later moved to the corner across from the Post Office, into the old Bank of Montreal space, before settling at its current location on Shedden Road. Over the decades, Denise witnessed many changes, adapting to new roles, managers, and challenges, yet always remaining a constant source of support and inspiration to her colleagues. One of the proudest moments of Denise's career was being selected as a recipient of the Royal Performance Award, a prestigious program recognising exceptional employees worldwide. The reward was a Caribbean cruise, and upon her return, Denise was elated to share her experience with the team. It was a reminder of how rewarding it was to live and work in the Cayman Islands during those early years, surrounded by a tight-knit group of mostly Caymanian colleagues. Respect, camaraderie, and a shared understanding of life defined those days, where work and socialising were intertwined, creating lasting memories and meaningful friendships.

The early days of working at RBC were not without their challenges. Without computers and with limited equipment, work could sometimes be difficult, and the demands of clients tested even the most dedicated employees. Yet Denise faced every challenge with grace, maintaining a poised demeanour that reflected positively on the Bank. Her sense of humour, warmth, and constant smile were a testament to her character, and she brought joy to those around her.

Denise's love for her family was boundless. Her daughter was the centre of her world, and everything she did was for her. She cherished her siblings and often shared the humour and wit of her brother, David, who, like their mother, was the family comedian. Denise's infectious laugh and her ability to tell a good joke were just a few of the qualities that made her so beloved by all who knew her.

Sadly, Denise has left us far too soon, but her legacy will live on in the hearts of those who had the privilege to work with her, share her stories, and be a part of her life. She was a true Caymanian—a devoted sibling, mother, and friend—who gave her all to her family, friends, and colleagues. As we remember Denise, let us honour her memory and the light she brought into our lives. Her spirit will shine brightly in Heaven, where it will never dim, and we take comfort in knowing she is in God's everlasting presence.

May Denise's soul rest in peace.

## A Tribute to our Classmate

Today, we pause to remember and celebrate the life of Denise—a truly unforgettable classmate and friend, someone who left a lasting mark on all who knew her.

Denise was kind-hearted, ambitious, and full of life. Her bubbly, radiant personality and infectious laugh had a way of lifting everyone around her. That laugh—so joyful, so full of spirit—still echoes in our memories. It's that spark, that light, that we carry with us now as we say goodbye. Though she may be gone, her spirit continues to brighten the hearts of those of us who were blessed to call her a classmate.

She had a gift for making the ordinary feel magical. Her warmth and friendship were like a beacon, and she brought so much fun and humor to our class. Everyone enjoyed being around her. It's hard to think of Denise without smiling—because that's exactly what she made you do. She made you feel happy, made you laugh, and made you feel like you belonged.

Denise wasn't just intelligent in the academic sense—she was wise beyond her years. She offered thoughtful insight, and wise advice.

She was more than just a classmate to us. Denise was Wanda's very first pen pal when they were still in primary school. Long before they ever met in person, they exchanged letters and photos—building a friendship that felt special right from the start.

When Wanda moved to Grand Cayman to finish high school, she had the pleasure of living next door to Denise and her wonderful family. Her parents and siblings quickly became her second family. Their kindness and generosity, just like Denise's, left a lasting impression, and their bond only deepened.

Though Denise has left us far too soon, her spirit, laughter, and love will live on in each of us. She will never be forgotten. Until we meet again, we will continue to cherish our friendship and the beautiful memories we shared.

Class of 1973

*A friend is one who overlooks your broken fence and admires the flowers in your garden.*

I first came to Grand Cayman as a homesick teenager from Cayman Brac and started my first job at RBC. I was nervous and feeling a little like the “new kid” – but a few months later Denise walked through the door, and everything changed. From the moment she joined, we clicked. She was the poised and gracious one, and I was the one cracking jokes. Somehow, my silly sense of humor blended perfectly with her calm kindness, and we became fast friends. Together, we brought out the best in each other, filling our days with laughter and making even the toughest moments a little easier. For over 50 years Denise and I were each other's confidant and friend. When one of us was feeling low, or needed advice on something, we knew just who to call.

Denise would often ring me at home, knowing that a bit of lighthearted foolishness would lift her spirits, or perhaps give just the right advice on a pressing matter- and she did the same for me, time and time again.

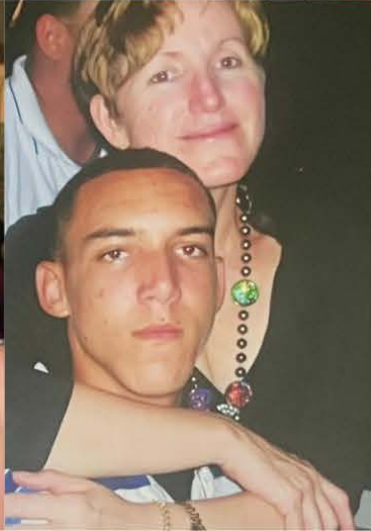
Chance made us coworkers, but the fun, laughter and life's ups and downs made us sisters in every way that counted. I will cherish every memory of our friendship forever.

A soul so kind, a heart so true....

Best friends forever, through and through.

Dorette





## **GRAVESIDE SERVICE**

Words of Comfort

Rev. Forrester

Prayer

Rev. Forrester

Act of Committal

Rev. Forrester

Songs

When Peace Like a River

There is Not a Friend Like the Lowly Jesus

In The Sweet By and By

Benediction

Rev. Forrester

### **Thanks and Acknowledgements**

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