



FRANCES "FLORA" RAHMING
1903 - 2004

*I love you all and miss you so,
And I'll always be nearby.
My body's gone forever,
But my spirit will never die.*



*Service of Thanksgiving
for the life of*



FRANCES FLORA RAHMING

BORN: September 19, 1903

DIED: February 9, 2004

AGE: 100 years

SERVICE HELD AT:

ST. JOHN'S NATIVE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL

MEETING STREET

NASSAU, N. P., THE BAHAMAS

Saturday, February 21, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

OFFICIATING:

Rev'd Dr. Michael C. Symonette, CBE., JP.

Rev'd Dr. Orman A. Pratt MBE., JP.

Rev'd Dr. Hervis L. Bain Jr., MBE., JP.

Rev. Lennard Miller

ASSISTED BY:

Other Ministers of Religion

INTERMENT:

St. John's Native Baptist Cathedral's Cemetery

Meeting Street

"IT IS FINISHED AND JESUS IS LORD"

Obituary

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

PROVERBS 31:10

On September 19, 1903, in the settlement of Rolle Town, South Andros, Frances Flora, the second child of the marital union of George and Katherine Turtle Rolle was born. Sadly, her father succumbed to illness prior to her birth and was not present to celebrate her arrival.

She was christened as a Baptist and during her lifetime remained a stalwart member of the St. John's Native Baptist Society. In her early years, she worshiped at the St. John's Native Baptist Church in Black Point where she was an active member and a strong contralto. When her family relocated to New Providence she transferred membership to the St. John's Native Baptist Cathedral and remained a dedicated member until old age and ill health hindered her attendance. However, her inability to fellowship with her congregation did not prevent her praising and worshipping her God. With the passage of time, she developed an even more intimate relationship with Him.

In her formative years, she was reared by; her mother, paternal grandparents, (Frazer and Monah Drucilla Rolle) and her uncles. When her mother married Mr. Lincoln Rahming, she moved on the other side of the creek into Black Point. The union between her stepfather 'papa Lincoln' and her mother produced eight children. As the eldest daughter, she played an important role in the rearing of her siblings who fondly called her 'tita'. As a result, her children also referred to her as 'tita', but her second, third, and fourth generations affectionately called her 'Grammy'. But to many of them, she was more than a grammy, but a surrogate mother.

At aged six she was enrolled in the public school at Kemps Bay where she received her early education. On completion of her schooling, she continued to assist her mother with household chores and endeavors necessary for sustenance and her further development.

In 1922 she married a gentleman extraordinaire, Prince Albert Rahming. This union produced ten children: Flora [deceased], Gwendolyn, Rowena, Catherine, Edward, Willamae [deceased], Mozena, Donald [deceased], Althea and Runez. They had a long, productive and loving marriage which ended in 1988 on the demise of Prince after sixty-six years of marriage.

Frances was an industrious, innovative, supportive, courageous, dynamic, and fearless lady who sought out new frontiers and conquered them for her family and friends. She was a livestock and produce farmer, a straw artisan, a philanthropist whose hands and doors were always extended to those in need. As an entrepreneur, she operated small petty stores in Black Village and Ragged Island Street and engaged in other business ventures.

An officer of the Cooperative Trading Society of Black Point, a founding member of the Empire Union Burial Society of South Andros, she endeavored to improve the plight of her people. In addition, she embraced the opportunity to work 'The Contract' and thereby earn a higher standard of living for her family.

As an aspiring midwife, she was a protegee' of her mother-in-law, Susan Rahming, a seasoned 'granny'. To perfect her skills, she received formal training at the Bahamas General Hospital and in 1956 attained certification and became the first registered midwife in South Andros. She retired from the Maternity Ward of the Princess Margaret Hospital in 1975 at the age of 73, but continued to practice her craft well into her eighties. It is noteworthy that she delivered the first baby boy in an independent Bahamas in 1973.

In 1980, she received a Certificate and Badge of Honour from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for her dedicated community service. Frances was among the pioneering Bahamian women who struggled for the social and political advancement of The Bahamas, even when women had a miniscule role in the governance of our country.

Grammy was a woman of prayer who taught her children how to pray, and instilled in them the need to put God first in their lives. Even while on her sick bed she often quoted the scriptures and sang songs of praise to Almighty God. During visits from her family and friends, she continued to be a counselor, advisor, motivator, and a pillar of strength. Often when her family went into her room she was found praying and when one read the scripture to her especially the psalm, she recited along.

Over the last two years her health deteriorated significantly and she was hospitalized several times. On February 9 she ended her earthly sojourn and moved from time into eternity, having lived a full century.

Fond and loving memories are cherished by her one son: Edward Rahming; six daughters: Gwendolyn Evans, Rowena Newbold, Catherine Johnson, Mozena Sands, Althea Lewis and Runez Major; three sisters: Lerlean Newbold, Elnora Bain and Menecia Miller; fifty grand children, one hundred and eighteen great grandchildren, fifty-nine great great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends including: Marie Evans, Estelle Rahming, Mrs. M. Kelly, Maxwell Stubbs, Carranilda Outen, Dr. Maurice Brooks, Charles Clarke Sr., Lorraine Clarke, Hon. Cynthia Pratt M.P., St. John's Native Baptist Church Family, New Bethlehem Baptist Church Family, Cedar Crest Family and Doctor's and Nurses of The Female Medical Ward II.

And so, you must all go on now,
 And live and understand...
 God did not take me from you,
 He only took my hand

FOND AND LOVING MEMORIES ARE CHERISHED BY:

GRANDCHILDREN

Mebra Evans
 George Rolle
 Donna & Desmond Stuart
 Molifia & Montrae
 Donald & Marion Rolle
 Leonard & Yasmine Rolle
 Melva Gibson
 Paula Newbold
 Judymae and Glen Manson
 Rosemary & Andrew Gordon
 Allan & Debbie Newbold
 Sidney Rahming
 Rev. Angela & Halley Gray
 Randolph Sands
 Willamae Johnson
 Michael Johnson
 Richard Johnson
 Robertha Johnson
 Jethro Johnson
 Grethel & Carl Armbrister
 Edmund & Edda Rahming
 Susan & Stancil Taylor
 Norman & Sherrie Rahming
 Glendina Rahming
 Lamound Rahming
 Wilma & Nate Salley
 Lloyd & Jennifer Sands
 Joseph & Bunita Sands
 Gloria & George Brown
 Berolyn and Stephen Wells
 Joycetina & Peter Conliffe
 Hubert Jr & Lillymae, Sands
 Prince Sands
 Carolyn Sands
 Yorick & Hermia. Sands
 Deidre Rahming
 Donna Dinkins
 Paula Rahming
 Donald Rahming
 Donald Rahming Jr.
 Vernie Lewis
 Janet & Clifford Williams
 Nathaniel & Michelle Lewis

Elrona & Walter Ellis
 Catherine Lewis
 Christine & Kendall Turnquest
 Anthony Rahming
 Dewitt Farrington
 Latoya Farrington
 Amos Major
 Lorraine Ferguson

GREAT GRAND CHILDREN

Lorriane Evans
 Lateisha & John Farrington
 Carlos Evans
 Brian Roache
 Keno Rolle
 George Rolle Jr.
 Lateria Rolle
 Marvin & Italia Gordon
 Jamison Rolle
 Desiree Stuart
 Telford Bauld
 Ebony Bullard
 Nathalie, Rolle
 Donella Rolle
 Donald Rolle Jr.
 Lenice Rolle
 Kelly Rolle
 Retia & Ray Hall
 Regina & George Sands
 B. Abigail & Darryl Pyfrom
 Glen Manson Jr.
 Mario Gordon
 Andrea Gordon
 Jonathan Gordon
 Shanderia Newbold
 Allan Newbold Jr.
 Cathleen & Randy John
 Denise & Brian Foulkes
 Halley & Audra Gray
 Randolph Sands Jr.
 Alicia Sands
 Christopher Johnson
 Braedan Bain
 Ricardo Johnson

Jamal Johnson
 Pearlina Katrina Johnson
 Stasha Johnson
 Richard Johnson Jr.
 Cierra Johnson
 Tameka Rahming
 Cleveland Smith
 Lakendra Smith
 Tamson Rahming
 Trevor Rahming
 Takiya Rahming
 La'Keidrea Sands
 Chakara Rahming
 Rashad Gardner
 Geovanni Rahming
 Jacqueline Levia
 Gordon Levia
 Ann Levia
 Mark Barr
 Melinda Salley
 Nathaniel Salley
 Ralandra Sands
 Eltoneo Sands
 Seville Sands
 Kevin Sands
 Joel Sands
 Allan Sands
 Dawnalicia Sands
 Jovonya Sands
 Joeanna Sands
 Sherene Sands
 Alonzo Forbes
 Crystal Brown
 Georgina Brown
 Shavanna Brown
 Ashley Brown
 Lashanda Brown
 Perez Brown
 Brian Wells
 Stevette and Suzette Wells
 Stevandreae Wells
 Akero Johnson
 Bianca Sands
 Peter Conliffe

Martin Conliffe
Alicia Sands
Rakeem Sands
Chris Stuart
Lamont Stuart
Eric Dinkins
Justin Rahming
Gerald Rahming
Crystal Ann Lewis
Craig Lewis
Renaldo Lewis
Danny Lewis
Denise Lewis
Eugene Lewis
Genesta, Williams
Felicity & Richard Williams
Silas Williams
Angelica, Williams
Santana Williams
Nathaniel Lewis Jr.
Nathandra, Lewis
Kendall Lewis
Lavard Russell
Shavonne Lewis
Water Ellis Jr.
Deon Ellis Jr.
Alexander Lewis
Nadm Turnquest
Corey Lewis
Kermit Ferguson
Matthew Lewis
Jenero Farrington
Dewhitney Farrington
Dablique Farrington
Damien Farrington
Andrea Major
Alexandria Major
Ania Major
Henry Ferguson Jr.
Loren Ferguson

**GREAT,GREAT
GRAND CHILDREN**

Mebra, G. Evans
Johnauy Farrington
John Farrington
Monette & Andrew Butler
C'eria Evans
Brian Roach Jr.
Brinique Roach
Brion Roach
Marvin Gordon Jr.
Whit-tia Morley
Geante Sands
"Zion" Devonte Sands
Darryl Pyfrom Jr.
Clair Brown

Perez Davis
Shamya, Manson
Blair John
Brittany John
Tyler John
Brian Foulkes Jr
Brinesha Foulkes
Lenisha Sands
Alicia Johnson
Terraneka Rahming
Deja McNeil
La'Shania Stubbs
Nyia Smith
Takia Bain
Mark Barr Jr.
Lakitress Salley
Jamisha Young
Jerome Young
Kevin Sands Jr.
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Jamisha Young
Jerome Young
Kevin Sands Jr.
Selique Woodside
Petranique Conliffe
Azha Lord
Avont Saunders
Mariah Lewis
Va'Doyle Lewis
Vadero Bain
Jerome Bain
Vondrea Cox
Fabrea Bain
Denicko Lewis
Syneeka Davis
Rickeeya Willimns
Rickiesha Williams
Silas Williams Jr.
Nado Curtis
Mickayla Kemp
Keiajnae Lewis

SISTERS

Elnora Bain
Lerlean Newbold
Menencia Miller

SISTER-IN-LAW
Florence Rahming

SONS-IN-LAW
Hubert Sands
Osbourne Lewis

DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW
Ellen Rahming
Betty Rahming

NIECES & NEPHEWS

Helen Rodgers
Maud Sturrup
Beverley Smith
Willfred Taylor
Joseph Duncombe
Henry Duncombe
Kendal Duncombe
Leslie Duncombe
Edward Duncombe
Rose Saunders
Ulric Rolle
Starlin Rolle
Annmarie Anaje
Maedawn Harper
Cosetta Ranson
Katherine James
Nora Storr
Monica Foulkes
Oral Thompson
Dorothy Henfield
Florsetta Johnson
Glendamae Williams
Darville Thompson
Audrey Stanley
Kenneth Rahming Jr.
Katherine Brown
Cypnthia Rahming
Charles Rahming
Clyde Miller
Nazera Miller
Lennord Miller
W. Elliot Nfiller
Narissa Hart
Norome Smith
Patricia Brown
Ismae Rahming
Katherine Roker
Isadora & James
Eldridge Sands
Rachel Sands
Audley Sands
Rachel Munroe
Laura Barr
James Sands

MAY HER SOUL REST IN PEACE

Order of Service

Opening Sentences

Invocation

SelecionSt. John's Native Baptist Cathedral Sanctuary Choir

Hymn**"Master Speak"**

Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,
Waiting for Thy gracious word;
Longing for Thy voice that cheereth,
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee:
What has Thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name,O Master!
Let me know it is to me;
Speak, that I may follow faster,
With a step more firm and free,
Where the Shepherd leads the flock,
In the shadow of the Rock.

Master, speak! though least and lowest,
Let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! for O Thou knowest
All the yearning of my heart,
Knowest all its truest need;
Speak! and make me blest indeed.

Master, speak! and make me ready
When Thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady,
Still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;
Master, speak, oh, speak to me!

Old Testament Scripture**Psalm 90**.....Retia Hall and Denise Lewis
(*great-grand & great-great- granddaughters*)

As I Knew HerOral Thompson (*nephew*)

Selection.....Grandchildren

Condolences

SelectionGreat-Grandchildren

TributeAmos Major and Donna Stuart (*grandchildren*)
Evang. Catherine Roker

Trumpet SelectionDonald Rolle (*grandson*)

ObituaryWillamae Johnson (*granddaughter*)

Hymn**"We Shall See The King"**

There's a blessed time a comin comin soon
Maybe even mornin night or noon
The wedding of the bride united with the groom
We shall see the King when he comes

(chorus)

**We shall see the King
we shall see the King
we shall see the King when he comes
He's coming in power we'll hail the blessed hour
we shall see the King when he comes**

Are you ready should the Savior come today?
Would Jesus say well done or go away?
My hope is for the pure, the vile can never stay.
We shall see the King when he comes.

O my brother are you ready for the call
to crown your Savior King and Lord of all
the kingdoms of this world will soon before him fall
we shall see the King when he comes

New Testament Scripture*1 Corinthians 15:50-58*Richard Johnson (*grandson*)

SelectionSt. John's Native Baptist Cathedral Sanctuary Choir

EulogyRev'd Dr. Hervis L. Bain Jr.

Recessional Hymn**"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"**

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
The Cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a Table in my sight;
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure Chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus:
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture, now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not:
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hopes for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

IT'S ALRIGHT NOW

There was a time I travelled
A lonely sinful road,
Beneath a heavy burden bending low;
But now all things are diff'rent,
For Jesus took my load,
It's alright now, I'm His I know.

Chorus:

**It's alright now,
For I am in my Saviour's care,
It's alright now,
My Saviour hears and answers prayer;
He'll walk beside me
'Til I climb the heav'nly stair,
And ev'rything is alright now.**

A-down a lonely pathway
Without a friend to guide,
I walked in sin and sorrow all alone:
'Til Jesus came and found me,
And drew me to His side,
It's alright now, for I'm His own.

No more in sin I wander,
No more in darkness roam,
The Lord has placed my feet on higher ground:
Each day new heights I'm gaining,
My soul is nearing home,
It's alright now, I'm heaven bound.

IT IS FINISHED

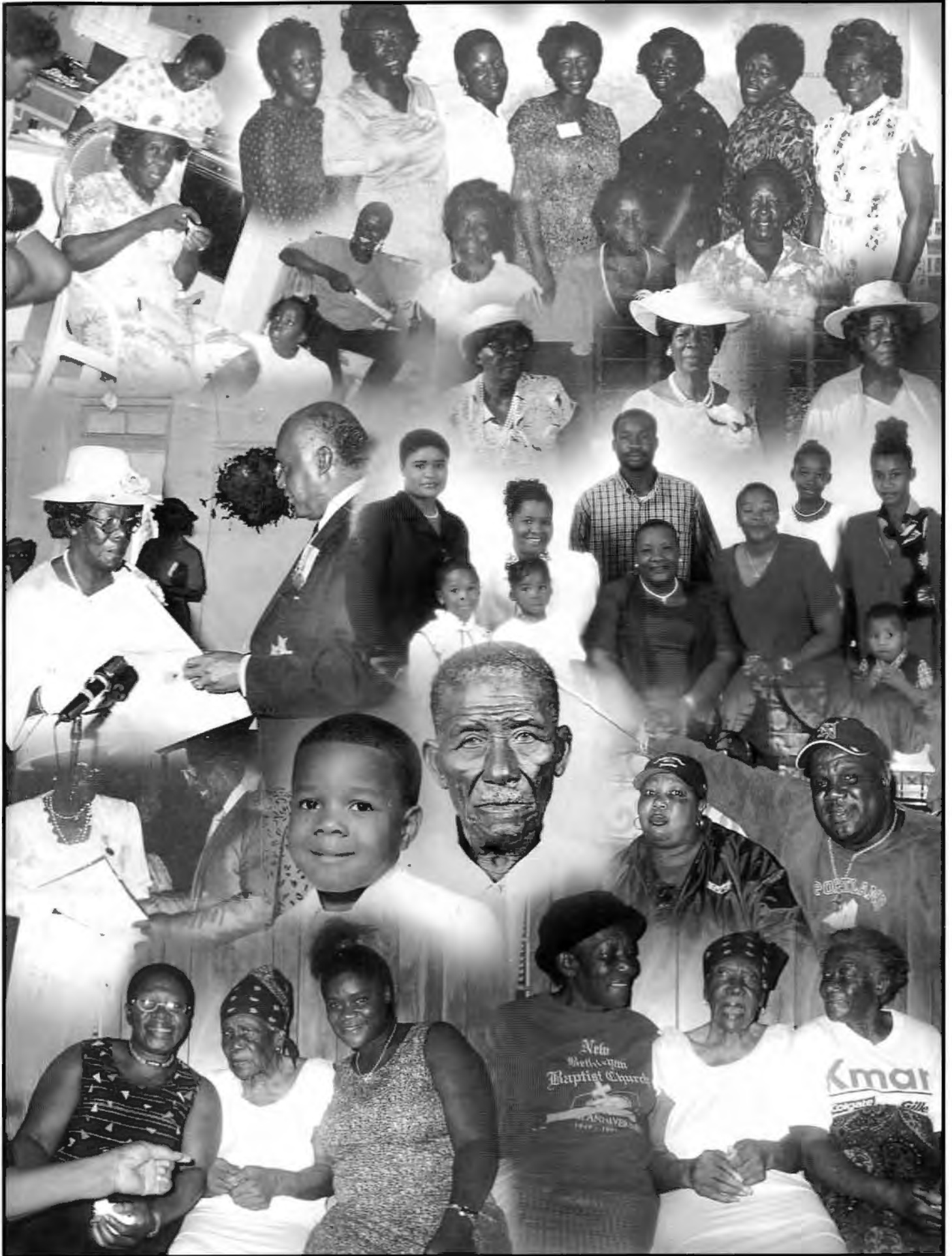
There's a line that's been drawn through the ages
On that line stands the old rugged cross
On that cross a battle is raging
For the gain of man's soul or his loss.

Chorus:

**It is finished, the battle is over
It is finished, there'll be no more war
It is finished, the end of the conflict
It is finished and Jesus is Lord.**

On one side march the forces of evil
All the demons and devils of hell
On the other the angels of glory
And they meet on Golgotha's hill.

The earth shakes with force of the conflict
And the sun refuses to shine
For there hangs God's Son in the balance
And then through the darkness He cries.



PALL BEARERS

NATHANIEL LEWIS
MICHAEL JOHNSON
EDMUND RAHMING
LLOYD SANDS

ALLAN NEWBOLD
LEONARD ROLLE
DONALD RAHMING
AMOS MAJOR

HONORARY PALL BEARERS

EDWARD RAHMING
ORAL THOMPSON
SIDNEY RAHMING

WILFRED TAYLOR
HUBBERT SANDS
JOSEPH DUNCOMBE

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We wish to express our heartfelt love, gratitude and appreciation to you, our relatives and friends, for your support, care and acts of kindness, by way of your prayers, telephone calls, visits, floral arrangements and other kind gestures. Our great loss has been made easier because of your sympathetic expressions of love and concern.

May God Bless You All!

- THE FAMILY

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