

CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
AND HOMEGOING OF



*Merris Lee*  
**RAHMAN**

SUNRISE

November 20, 1950

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January 7, 2023

VIEWING

Friday, January 20, 2023

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

NEW BEGINNINGS FUNERAL HOME

1826 North University Drive

Pembroke Pine, Florida 33024

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FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, January 21, 2023

9:00 AM

METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

7200 Davie Road Extension

Hollywood, Florida 33024

# Order of Service

Musical Prelude ..... Organ - Dr. Reginald Smith  
Saxophone - Mr. Vincent Hawthorne

Procession, Opening Sentences,  
and Welcome ..... Reverend Arthur Connor, Jr., Pastor,  
Metropolitan Baptist Church

Officiant ..... Reverend Dr. Raymond Anglin

Hymn ..... *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Opening Prayer ..... Reverend Norman Stewart

Reading of Scripture ..... Rita Kerr-Edwards

## Scriptures (New King James Version)

*Psalm 116:15*

*“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”*

*Psalm 73:26*

*“My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*

*John 14:1-4*

*“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”*

*II Corinthians 5:1*

*“For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”*

Poem ..... Reverend Dr. Earl Hendricks

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## Tributes:

Tributes by Pastor's Wives ..... Led by Sister Jean Green  
Christway Baptist Church

Tribute by Neighbor and Pastor ..... Reverend Dr. Bob

Tribute by Bride of Christ Church Family ..... Sister Barbara Picart  
Bride of Christ

Tribute by Principal of Nova High School ..... Ms. Olayemi Awofadeju

Tribute by Mentee.....Shawanda

Tribute ..... Musical and Verbal  
Mr. Vincent Hawthorne

Bride of Christ Scholarship Program | Mervis Rahman Phillips  
Reverend Jeffeth Brown (Bride of Christ) and Reverend Donald Lawrence  
Parkway Baptist Church

Musical Presentation..... The Virtues

Eulogy

Sermon..... Reverend Dr. Aubrey Fredericks

Prayer of Consolation ..... Reverend Dr. Gerald Gallimore

Hymn ..... *It Is Well With My Soul*

Benediction..... Reverend Dr. Richard Ledgister

Expression of Thanks ..... Reverend Headley Phillips  
Husband and Pastor of Bride of Christ

Acknowledgement by New Beginnings Funeral Home

Recessional Hymn ..... *Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory*

# Funeral Service Hymns

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy pow'rful hand; Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven, Feed me till I want no more. Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, Whence the healing stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloudy pillar, Lead me all my journey through; Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be thou still my Strength and Shield. Be thou still my Strength and Shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside; Death of death, and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to thee. I will ever give to thee.

## It Is Well With My Soul

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

3. My sin—O 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, O my soul! It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

4. O 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.

It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

## Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

2. I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded him an altar in the evening dews and damps; I can read the righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps; His day is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of all before his judgment seat; O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea, With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me; As he died to make us holy, let us die that all be free! While God is marching on. Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

# Burial Hymns

## My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

1. My hope is built on nothing less, Than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, But wholly lean on Jesus' Name. On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.

## Blessed Assurance

1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending bring from above, Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

## What A day That Will Be!

1. There is coming a day, When no heartaches shall come No more clouds in the sky, No more tears to dim the eye. All is peace forevermore, On that happy golden shore What a day, glorious day that will be. What a day that will be, When my Jesus I shall see When I look upon His face, The One who saved me by His grace, Then He'll take me by the hand, And lead me through the Promise Land. Oh what a day, glorious day that will be.

2. They'll be no sorrow there, No more burdens to bear. No more sickness and no more pain, No more parting over there. And forever I will be, With the One who died for me. Oh what a day, glorious day that will be! What a day that will be, When my Jesus I shall see When I look upon His face, The One who saved me by His grace Then He'll take me by the hand, And lead me through the Promise Land. Oh what a day, glorious day that will be! What a day that will be, When my Jesus I shall see When I look upon His face, The One who saved me by His grace Then He'll take me by the hand, And lead me through the Promise Land. Oh what a day, glorious day that will be Oh what a day, glorious day that will be.

*Cemetery*

Fred Hunter Memorial Garden

6301 Taft Street

Hollywood, Florida 33024



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*On behalf of Sister Mervis' family, we wish to express deep appreciation for the many expressions of loving concern and support throughout her illness and to invite your continued prayers for the members of her family.*

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