




Praise God, from Whom all blessing flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.





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CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

ELLEN PAULINE GIBSON

SUNRISE: JULY 10, 1916 ~ SUNSET: MARCH 16, 2020

FUNERAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020 AT 11:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

ORGAN PRELUDE

Elijah Jones

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Sterling Hawkins

OPENING PRAYERS

Rev. Sterling Hawkins

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm 23

- Rev. Sterling Hawkins

THE READING OF THE GOSPEL

John 11:21-27

- Rev. Sterling Hawkins (all stand)

REMEMBRANCES OF PAULINE

Obituary (To be read silently)

HOMILY

Rev. Sterling Hawkins

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

Rev. Sterling Hawkins

THE COMMENDATION

Rev. Sterling Hawkins

THE COMMITTAL

Rev. Sterling Hawkins

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Elijah Jones

The Wardens, Vestry, and people of the Church of the Crucifixion extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Pauline Gibson who was a beloved member of the church family. We recognize her son Charles Gibson and all those who follow her example of love and loyalty as servants of Christ. She will never be forgotten.



OBITUARY

ELLEN PAULINE GIBSON (née Benson) was born in the Settlement of Savannah Sound, Eleuthera Bahamas, on July 10th 1916, to parents Edwin Benson and Rebecca Hilton. She was the last of six children and was a twin, her twin died at birth.

Ellen's future husband, Charles Gladstone Gibson lived in the same settlement and knew her growing up. At an early age, Ellen relocated from Savannah Sound and moved in with her older sister, Gwendolyn Styles, to a house on Okra Hill, in Nassau, New Providence Island. She spent the bulk of her time with her older sister, her brother, Arnaud (Naudy) Benson and baby sat for her niece, Stella, with whom she remained close over the years.

Ellen attended Government High School for a time, then began working at various jobs in the village. In 1942, Ellen immigrated to the United States and stayed with her future sister-in-law, Esther Gibson Belle, in Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida. Charles, her husband-to-be, moved from Florida to Virginia and enlisted in the United States Navy; he was stationed in Newport News, Virginia. After his stint in the Navy, both Ellen and Charles moved to Harlem, New York and married in the summer of 1944. Their first child, Sonya Adele, was born on March 18th 1947 and their son, Charles Anton was born on July 29th 1951. The family lived on Edgecombe Avenue (Sugar Hill) overlooking Colonial pool.

Ellen was a very religious woman and in the mid 40's, joined the Church of the Crucifixion on 149th and Convent Avenue. She was involved with the church vestry, the choir, and taught Sunday school. Ellen took a job as a school aide at PS 90 in Harlem and worked there from 1963 until retirement in 1985. After her husband passed in 1980, she decided to relocate to Concourse Village in the Bronx in 1981. She lived there until 2014, when she was placed in nursing home care at 97 years. In 2016, Ellen celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by her children, family and friends. During the same year, she finally settled in King's Harbor nursing home, where she passed on March 16th, 2020.

She is predeceased by her husband in 1980 and daughter in 2017. Ellen is survived by her son, Charles Anton Gibson, daughter-in-law, Caroline, two granddaughters, Michelle and Sherry, three great-grandchildren, Shakirra, Alexis and Elijah and two great great grandchildren, Cameron and Leeah.

She will be greatly missed by her surviving relatives and friends.