

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Ena Maud Muir

April 12, 1933 - July 11, 2021

Full Life Gospel Center | Saturday, August 7, 2021

Viewing: 9:30-10:30 a.m. Service: 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Order of Events

Bishop Glen T. Prospere Officiating

Opening Prayer by Pastor Novlett Robinson

Song by Wayna Abrahams Laraque "Hear my cry, oh Lord"

Scripture Readings by Jacqueline Bansie James: Old Testament - Psalms 130:1-8 NIV New Testament - Romans 8:35, 37-39 NIV

Musical Tribute by Kellina Abrahams Laraque, Shanita Abrahams Laraque, & Wayna Abrahams Laraque *"Can't Give Up Now"*

Poem by Kameisha Muir

Personal Messages by Ena's Daughters: Lorna Muir-Thompson, read by her daughter Shenieque Bennett Claudette Wynter, read by her daughter Donnaree Wynter Grant

Personal Reflections by Family & Friends (1-2 minutes)

Obituary read by Tameisha Muir & Tameica Muir

Eulogy by Bishop Glen T. Prospere

Closing Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: Congregation

Interment: Forest Hill Cemetery

Scriptures

Psalms 130:1-8 NIV

Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD; Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy. If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you. I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Romans 8:35, 37-39 NIV

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Poem

"Paced My Heart" written by Kameisha Muir

We can shed tears that she is gone or we can smile because she lived

Eighty-eight years paced my heart through storms

We can light candles as symbolic tribute or we can hold fast to the memories we shared

Releasing angels to comfort us while we grieve Sixty six years paced my heart with faith

We can empty our hearts with sympathetic pain or we can hold onto each other with love and empathy

Thirty-three Dix street paced my heart with everlasting bonds

We can envision a life where she has departed this world or we can take comfort in knowing that she was a blessing Nineteen years paced my heart with hope

We can let our hearts wander restlessly or we can frolic beyond the dark horizon knowing that she touched many souls

Twenty one years paced my heart with shimmering laughter We can mourn the loss of a golden heart that stopped beating or we can rejoice in the golden hearts created Eighty-eight years paced my heart with afterglow

Chitnary

Ena Maud (Henry) Muir was born on April 12, 1933, in Bog Walk, St. Catherine, Jamaica. Ena was affectionately known to her family as "Mama" and to close friends as "Tina." Ena was the fourth child of her parents Isaac Henry and Veronica Ludford Pinnock. Between both her parents' children, Ena had a total of 20 siblings (13 sisters and 7 brothers). As a young child, Ena was sent to live with her grandmother, Matilda Henry, who raised her. Ena and her grandmother had a special and close relationship.

Growing up in Bog Walk, St. Catherine, Ena attended the local primary school. Although her formal education ended at the primary level, that did not stop her from moving to West Kingston as a teenager and making a life for herself. Although life was not easy, Ena used her street smarts and the fighting spirit she learned from her mother, Veronica, a strong "nononsense" woman, to pave the way for her survival and her future family.

While in West Kingston, Ena met a young man named Altiman Muir (deceased), fell in love, and later married. They had four children, Everton Sr., Claudette, Lorna, and Selvin. Ena was family-oriented and always made sure to provide for her young family and her extended loved ones. As Ena juggled the responsibilities of running a household, she also worked at different places, including Mother's "*Patty*" and Air Jamaica. When funds were tight, Ena was creative and strategic in paying bills and buying groceries so that her children were fed and had a place to live. Ena's love extended to her stepchildren and her neighbors' children whom she often cared for in her home.

Although Ena had begun enjoying the life she had made for herself in Jamaica, she knew she could strive for more for herself and her family. After resigning from her custodial position at Air Jamaica, Ena migrated to Boston, Massachusetts on June 12, 1985, with her 16 year-old son, Selvin, with the help of her sister, Clementina. Once in Boston, Ena secured several jobs—she was never one to sit around, she jumped on opportunities. She was a personal nanny to several families with young children, and a caregiver for the elderly and people with special needs. Ena also worked at the Museum of Science, the Sweetheart Cup Factory, and the Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. Federal Building in the environmental service department. Even though it was hard to leave her other children and family behind, once settled, Ena was able to assist as they also migrated to the United States.

In all of the jobs Ena held, she was a diligent worker and did all tasks to the best of her ability. Her hard work allowed her to purchase her own three-family house in 1992. Over the years, Ena's house was a central location for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Her home was often filled with her children, grandchildren, and later, many of her great-grandchildren. When Ena was not working or hosting family and friends, she enjoyed listening to her audio bible, singing, dancing, and shopping. In 2006, Ena retired from her job in the "Tip" O'Neill Federal Building after 21 years of dedicated service at the young age of **72**. After retiring, Ena moved to South Carolina in 2009 to enjoy the warmer weather and slower pace of life with her youngest daughter, Lorna, and her family. Ena also found time to travel with her eldest daughter, Claudette on several cruises visiting destinations around the world that included, Hawaii, Italy, Germany, London, and the islands throughout the Caribbean.

Ena not only fought to make a better life for herself and her family, but she also fought to improve her health. Once a smoker, her doctor said, *"if you don't stop smoking, you may not live to see 65 years old.*" With the encouragement of her children and family, Ena quit and lived to celebrate her 88th birthday in April 2021. However, her life was not without several health challenges and surgeries. Ena pushed through the challenges, and when she was knocked down she fought her way back.

Ena's last 48 hours were spent talking with family and friends over the phone, video chatting with one of her grandsons, Troy, and his bride, the day before their wedding, and connecting with several of her great-grandchildren. Being able to connect with loved ones gave Ena life.

Subconsciously, Ena might have known it was time to depart from this world because the night before she passed, Ena playfully told her home caregiver, Ann Marie, "*I'm ready to take my limousine (her wheelchair) and my suitcase (her medication bag) to my room for bed.*" After a full life, Ena transitioned from this world on the morning of Sunday, July 11 in South Carolina. Ena's legacy is survived through her devoted and loving daughters and their spouses, Claudette & Daniel Wynter, and Lorna & George Thompson; daughter-in-law, Violet Edwards; Sisters: Elaine, Emily, Loretta, Enid (Cherry), Olive, Gloria, Delcie, Maxine, Jasmine, Lisa; Brothers: Stanley, Wilbert, Arthur, Peter, Neville; Her 16 Grandchildren: Sonya, Shenieque, Donnaree, Troy, Damion, Kamiesha, Everton Jr., Kimeisha, Chantel, Cadianne, Tamiesha, Tamieca, Shamia, Nicola, Daniel Jr., Leon; and her 20 Great-Grandchildren: Kellina, Shanita, Wayna, Maleek, Shanice, Everton III, Aniyah, Mariah, Sage, Damion Jr., Ronan, Matthew, Layla, Jade, Riley, Ainsley, Demarie, Mikayla, Liam, Leon Jr.; and countless nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Ena was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac Henry and Veronica Ludford Pinnock; Sons, Everton Sr., and Selvin; her Siblings: Nathaniel, Lusell (Sis. Lus), Rookevent (Papa Son), Clementina (Baby Lou), and Adlin (Dimple).

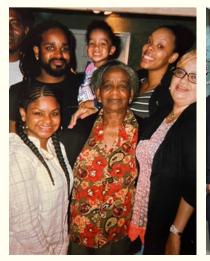




































































Acknowledgments

With gratitude and grateful hearts, we would like to share our appreciation to all our family, friends, and neighbors, for your kind words, thoughts, and prayers to console our hearts. We deeply appreciate your expression of sympathy and we feel your love.

We are grateful to Bishop Glen T. Prospere and the Full Life Gospel Center Church family for all their prayers. We also appreciate the special accommodations and services provided between both Riley Funeral Home in Boston, MA, and the Myers Mortuary in Columbia, SC so that Ena "Mama" Muir could be laid to rest in Boston. May God richly bless our family, friends, and loved ones both near and far.

From the bottom of our hearts,

-The family of Ena Maud (Henry) Muir "Mama"

Honorary Pallbearers: Shenieque Bennett Kamiesha Muir Damion Sampath, Sr. Everton Muir, Jr. Kellina Abrahams Laraque Shamia Thompson