

A STANDING OVATION FOR OUR DESERT ROSE



THE
LATE,
SIS.

Berthamae Thompson

PLANTED / January 21, 1947 **TRANSPLANTED** / August 23, 2024

"And she shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That bringeth forth her fruit in her season; Her leaf also shall not wither; **And whatsoever she doeth shall prosper.**" Psalm 1:3



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Obituary

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Née Knowles

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Three Score and Seventeen

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10:00 AM

Kemp Road Ministries

Kemp Road

Nassau, Bahamas

/ OFFICIATING /

Rev. Dr. Ivan F. Butler Jr.

Senior Pastor

Kemp Road Ministries

assisted by other Ministers

of the Gospel

God's beautiful creations surround us every day,
so He gave us our dearly beloved Berthamae.

Some say she was a bossy little girl child,
but "CC" and "Cinda" kept her from running wild.

She worshipped at Kemp Road Union for a long while,
with her hats, fashion, and unique style.

As the rowdy enforcer with pride,
she was the voice of reason.
Her patience wasn't often tried,
no matter the season.

Her perspective was always supplied;
her opinion she'd never weaken
If things were imbalanced,
she'd provide ways to make it even.

Always supportive, faithful and loving
from the moon to the sun,
she insisted the family worked together
and remained as ONE.

So long as her legacies continue,
and their stories have begun,
their greatness will have no ceiling,
and God's will be done.

With God's word in our spirits, everyone will see
why Berthamae's favorite song was
"God Will Take Care of Me."

Her children she never denied,
for in God's mercy they reside,
because she knew the Lord would always provide.

With grace granted, our minds know.
With love planted, our hearts show.
With wisdom chanted, our souls grow.
Just as the birds sing and the wind blows.

Its only natural to joyfully propose

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I HAVE **FOUGHT** A GOOD FIGHT:

I HAVE **FINISHED** MY COURSE:

I HAVE *Kept* **THE
FAITH!**

2 TIMOTHY 4:7 KJV

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But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only...

My favorite scripture

PSALM 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

³ Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident.

⁴ One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.

⁵ For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

⁶ And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

⁸ When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

⁹ Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

¹⁰ When my father and my mother forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

¹² Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

¹³ I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.





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Her children arise and call her
"BLESSED!"

PROVERBS 31:28





STANDING
Creation
FOR OUR DESERT ROSE *the Late*
BERTHAMAE THOMPSON

Obituary



On January 21st, 1947, on the beautiful Island of New Providence, a beautiful baby girl was born to the proud parentage of the late Cleophas Cornelius Knowles Sr. ("CC") and the late Lucinda Louise née Dean Knowles, ("Cinda"). She was number 11 of the Knowles clan of 15 children and the 4th of 5 girls whom they named Berthamae. Hers is a story of a life well lived, filled with love of family and those fortunate to be known as friends. She was always dedicated, determined, devoted and driven, which she will forever be remembered. The example she set mattered and is a steady reminder etched in the minds of many that the high road is the only road worth taking.

Berthamae attended St. Margaret's Anglican School, Shirley Street Prep School, Eastern Junior School and Eastern Senior School. Her father, the late "CC Knowles", started his career in teaching before becoming the 1st Black Bahamian Inspector, spending lots of time under the pear tree with his children reinforcing academic fundamentals. This shaped her love for reading the Royal Reader books with her favorite stories focusing on history and religious knowledge. Most notably, her most loved story was the *Three Little Pigs*. Berthamae also matriculated at the Bahamas Bible Institute, obtaining a certificate in Church Leadership and Training, and completed Typing, Upholstery, Floral and Baking courses at the Bahamas Technical and Vocational Institute.

Raised by a strict disciplinarian in the heart of Kemp Road, Berthamae along with her siblings were provided with much love, guidance, structure, rules and books. The Knowles clan would often attest that they had much love and understood what it meant to grow up as "ONE". Her early years were spent in Salem Mission Baptist Church (currently Kemp Road Ministries) for which her parents were founding members under the pastorage of her Godfather and the first Pastor of Kemp Road Ministries - The late, Rev. Henry Stewart. She submitted her life to Christ at an early age and later was baptized in 1969.

Berthamae met and married the love of her life — the late Deacon Aulice "Tommy" Thompson on June 8th, 1969. Theirs was a marriage that flourished for 52 years as they built a long-lasting friendship and undergirded each other with their bold love. From this union, the happy couple raised 3 children, whom they named Dion Demetrius, Donella Lucinda Samantha and Chavan Dominique. They brought their children up in a Christian home filled with love and structure.

Tommy, who she affectionately referred to as her "sweetie", was Berthamae's biggest cheerleader, provider, protector, phenomenal gift and caregiver until his death on December 6th, 2021.

Grateful for the many blessings, Berthamae was indeed a worshipper and a cultivator in the Kingdom of God. Throughout her Christian witness, she enjoyed serving on the Usher Board, as Children's Choir Director and singing in the church and Bahamas Baptist Union of Choirs. She was a proud "*Silver Saint*" of her childhood church - Kemp Road Ministries. She looked forward each year to celebrating annual Women's Month and Senior Day. She often bragged on her Pastor and First Lady, Drs. Ivan F. Butler and Joanne Butler and vividly recalled candid conversations "her Pastor" would have with her.

On May 24th, 1992, Berthamae humbly accepted a temporary ministry assignment as requested by the late Rev. Dr. Charles Saunders and Rev. Stafford Munnings to help plant the Carmichael Road Union Baptist Church. She was ecstatic to be a part of that germination process and often assisted in picking up others without transportation for choir rehearsals and worship service. Although Kemp Road Ministry was her church home, she loved and supported the CRUBC ministry and the families.

With faith and fortitude, Sis. Berthamae remained an active member of Kemp Road Ministries (KRM) until she transitioned to her temporary home in Nashville, Tennessee on December 18th, 2021. During this transition she FAITHFULLY tuned in to watch and re-watch the KRM worship experiences which allowed her during her physical absence to feel connected to her church family. Even when her physical strength became weak, she would often find the strength to yell "Preach Rev!". Psalm 27 was her absolute favorite scripture, printed herein, and her favorite song was "God will take care of me".

Berthamae's mind did not rest when it came to family as she kept her pulse on each arm of the Knowles clan. She was certainly perceived to be the "rowdy" enforcer, "Hazel Brady number 2", the "Controller", an avid supporter, and an anchor when it came to holding down the Heirs of the late CC Knowles. She was extremely vocal and opinionated, never hesitant to share her thoughts regardless of who liked or disliked it. She kept the conversations real and hyped with her sharp tongue that could argue to infinity. Much like her older brothers Stanley and Preston, she had a quick tongue and was fast to crack a joke, all for fun and at anyone's expense - - - - even if she was the only one in the room laughing! "Aunt Berthamae" was often relied on by her siblings, nieces and nephews to have tough conversations and to provide guidance and mentorship on relationships and parenting. She was present

to talk about what was really going on in their lives, hearts, minds, bodies, and reminded the family that **"All Ah WE Is ONE!"** She was intentional to encourage and support her nieces and nephews as if they were her very own.

She was always known to be the aunt to jump in the kitchen to either prep, cook, taste-test or critique the food. Many of the Knowles nieces that became master chefs (i.e. Alice Josey, Carol Sturup, Antionette Cumberbatch, Jacqueline Knowles and the late, Patsy McGregor) would quickly learn from "Aunt Berthamae" if the rice they prepared was swinged; if the johnny cake was dry; if the conch fritters were too greasy, looked like "red bread", if she couldn't taste the conch, or if they knocked the food out of the park and she needed a Tupperware to take some home to her "sweetie". In writing this obituary with her daughter, her sister (Barbara), Son-In-Love (Vincent), granddaughter (Etana) and Brother (McAllen), Berthamae wanted to make it crystal clear and let readers know she was **NOT a "toter"!** (Although she really was). In all things, she promoted unity, and at each family gathering or meeting, she insisted on singing "Bind Us Together". For her, it was about building, lifting and rebuilding that which was broken down to continue the strong family legacy set by her parents.

"Mae" as she was affectionately called by her City Market work family, functioned in various capacities for over 35 years until her retirement. She was a meat, fruits and vegetable clerk, deli cook and server. She was hard working and demonstrated a super-strong work ethic. Very much like her siblings, she never wanted to disappoint, believing that "Your word is your bond!", you should "ALWAYS put your best foot forward!" and that "Every tub has to stand on its own backside!"

Her favorite pastimes included working in the yard, finessing her succulent desert roses, making silk floral arrangements, watching religious films, participating in the Fox Hill Community outreach initiatives - particularly in support of the Hon. Fred Mitchell and the Progressive Liberal Party, vacationing and shopping with her siblings. Shopping for shoes, hats, bags, purses and clothes were the epitome of her happy place! Even during her last mobile moments in Nashville, she would often ask Donella to visit some of her favorite stores for a "peek" or to stop by Mary's house (her favorite dress-maker) so that Mary can make her "something nice" to wear to church for an upcoming celebration.

Although home and family were her number one destination, Berthamae traveled extensively around the globe including many states in the United States, the Caribbean, the Holy Land and Haiti.

She is predeceased by her **Parents:** the Late Cleophas Cornelius "CC" Knowles Sr. and Lucinda Dean Knowles; **Loving Husband of 52 years:** Deacon Aulice "Tommy" Thompson; **Son:** Dion Demetrius

Thompson; **Daughter-In-Love:** NaTasha Thompson-Ferguson; **Sisters:** Erma Beckford, Dorothy Rolle and Bettymae Knowles; **Brothers:** Stanley (Sr.), Kenneth, Cleophas (Jr.), Richard, Franklin Rodwell, Joseph, Preston (Sr.) and Colan Knowles (Sr.); **Brothers-In-Love:** Oscar Beckford, Donald Thompson and Pastor James Romer; **Sisters-In-Love:** Dorothy and Maxine Knowles.

Her legacy lives on in the hearts of her: **Daughter:** Donella (Pastor Vincent) Johnson; **Son:** Chavan Thompson; **5 Grandchildren:** NaDion (Trecia) Thompson, NaTikko Thompson Sr. (DeaVanti Ewing), Etana, Eyden and Emiah Johnson; **3 Great-Grand Children:** Tayvaughn Edgecome; Natikko Thompson Jr. and NaZai Thompson; **2 Brothers:** McAllen Knowles and Joel Knowles Sr.; **1 Sister:** Barbara Romer; **5 Sisters-In-Love:** Sybiline, Valderine, and Judy Knowles, Patricia Rolle and Patronella Thompson; **Godchildren:** Harvey Brown; Aaron Bodie, and Hornsby Rolle Jr.; **Many loving nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, great-grand nieces, great-grand nephews:** Heirs of the Late Cleophas "CC" and Lucinda Knowles Sr.; other relatives including The Dean, Taylor and Knowles Families; Heirs of the Late Aulice Alfred, Hugh Stanley, James Carmichael, Herbert William Nixon and Keva Nixon-Rolle; **Caring Cousins:** Violet Stewart, Alice Miller, Shevamae Morley, Rodney Miller and Beverly Barnett of Freeport, Grand Bahama; Crestwell, Debbie and Netty Sturup, Karen Neely, Shirley, Lillian and Irvin Dean of Deerfield, FL; Eloise Johnson of Miami Gardens, FL; Helen Adderley, Richard and Nelson Gardiner, Lloyd Gardiner of Freeport, Grand Bahama, Daniel Gardiner of Long Island, Jeanette and Delerice Gardiner, Sandra Knowles, Tony and Dee Dee Perpall, Naomi Symonette, Katherine Warren, Angela Achara, and Daniel Knowles Jr., Ellamae Knowles **Neighbors:** The Pratt Family, Sally Ferguson & Family, The Miller Family; The Pickstock Family and Norma Deane; **Other friends including:** Gloria Knowles; Denise Whymns & Family; The retired and former staff of City Markets Ltd.; First Lady Emeritus, Sis. Frankie Henry, The Iriogbe, Wilson and Sesanker Families of Nashville, Tennessee; Tommy's Dominoes Family; Rev. Dr. Ivan F. Butler Jr., First Lady Dr. Joanne Butler and the members of Kemp Road Ministries; Pastor Joseph Rolle, First Lady Vernita Rolle and the praying members of Carmichael Road Union Baptist Church; Pastor George Bodie Sr. and Family; Pastor Emeritus J Carl and Mother Evangeline Rahming and the St. Paul's Baptist Church Fox Hill; Pastor Trajean Jadorette; the Honorable Fred Mitchell and the Fox Hill Community; the Kemp Road Community and the Community Baptist Church Family in Nashville, Tennessee.

May the soul of our dearly departed Mother, Sister, Aunt, Cousin, and Friend rest in eternal peace and in the everlasting arms of Jesus Christ.

Please forgive us for any names inadvertently omitted in error.





Absent from the body,
Present with the Lord...

Rest in the Arms of Jesus!



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Presiding: Pastor Emmanuel K. Butler

Family Processional | Gathering Buds

Invocation | Bishop Carlton Adderley, Nephew
Senior Pastor, Southwest Cathedral Church of God

Prayer Response | Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Old Testament Scripture | Rev. Shawnwell Knowles, Nephew | Psalm 24:1-10 KJV

Selection | Kemp Road Ministries Sanctuary Choir

New Testament Scripture | Melissa Knowles Major, Niece | I Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV

Solo | Kenyatta Taylor, Cousin

Video Tributes

Don Kevin Knowles, Nephew | **Accent Care**

Liturgical Dance | Crystal Miller, Grand-Niece

As I Knew Her | Please limit to 3 minutes

Min. Kimbley Josey-McPhee, Grand-Niece
First Lady, Coopers Terrace Cathedral Highway Church of God

The Hon. Fred Mitchell

Minister of Foreign Affairs & Minister of Parliament for Fox Hill

Congregational Hymn | Heaven's Jubilee

Words of Comfort and Condolences | Please limit to 3 minutes

Rev. Trajean Jadorette

Senior Pastor, New Covenant Church

Rev. Dr. J. Carl Rahming

Pastor Emeritus, St. Paul's Baptist Church, Fox Hill

Rev. Joseph Rolle

Senior Pastor, Carmichael Road Union Baptist Church

Apostle Delton Fernander

Senior Pastor, New Destiny Baptist Cathedral
President of the Bahamas Christian Counsel and
President of the Bahamas Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention

Selection | Kemp Road Ministries Sanctuary Choir

Sermon | Rev. Dr. Ivan F. Butler Jr.

Senior Pastor, Kemp Road Ministries

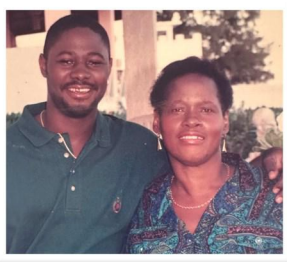
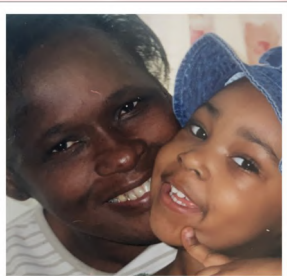
Prayer for the Family | Vice-Bishop Carlfred Curry, Cousin

Heirs of the Late Aulice Alfred Nixon

Recessional Hymn | Glad Reunion Day

INTERMENT FOLLOWING AT WOODLAWN GARDENS CEMETERY, SOLDIER ROAD

GRAVESIDE HYMNS: SEE PAGES 30/31



Service Songs

Gathering Buds

Jesus has taken a beautiful bud,
Out of our garden of love,
Borne it away to the city of God,
Home of the angels above.

Chorus:

**Gathering buds, gathering buds,
Wonderful care will be giv'n;
Jesus is gathering day after day,
Buds for the palace of heav'n.**

Full blooming flowers alone will not do,
Some must be young and ungrown;
So the frail buds He is gathering, too,
Beautiful gems for His throne.

Fathers and mothers, weep not or be sad,
Still on the Savior rely; You shall behold them
again and be glad, Beautiful flowers on high.

Blooming in beauty in heaven they are,
Blooming for you and for me;
Follow the Lord, tho' the city be far,
Till our bright blossoms we see.

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word
Just to rest upon His promise
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord"

Chorus:

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus
Oh, for grace to trust Him more**

Heaven's Jubilee

Some glad morning,
we shall see Jesus in the air
Coming after you and me
joy is ours to share
What rejoicing there will be
when the saints shall rise
Headed for that jubilee
yonder in the skies

Chorus:

**Oh, what singing,
Oh, what shouting
On that happy morning
when we all shall rise
Oh what glory, Hallelujah
When we meet our
Blessed Savior in the skies**

Seems that now
I almost see,
all the sainted dead
Rising for that jubilee,
that is just ahead
In the twinkling of an eye,
changed with them to be
All the living saints to fly,
to that jubilee!

When with all that heavenly
host we begin to sing
Singing in the Holy Ghost
how the heavens ring
Millions there will join the song
with them we shall be
Praising Christ through ages long
what a jubilee!

Glad Reunion Day!

There will be a happy meeting
in Heaven, I know
When we see the many loved ones
we've known here below
Gathered on that blessed hilltop
with hearts all aglow
That will be a glad reunion day!

Chorus:

**Glad day, a wonderful day,
Glad day, a glorious day
There with all the holy angels
and loved ones to stay
That will be a glad reunion day!**

There within the holy city
we'll sing and rejoice,
Praising Christ the blessed Savior
with heart and with voice;
Tell Him how we came to love Him
and make Him our choice,
That will be a glad reunion day!

When we live a million years
in that wonderful place
Basking in the love of Jesus,
beholding His face
It will seem but just a moment
of praising His grace
That will be a glad
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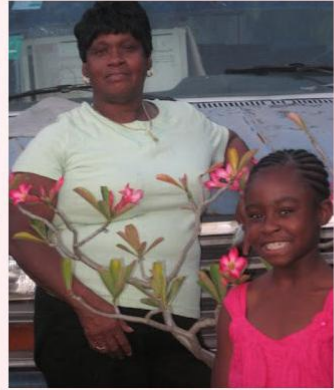


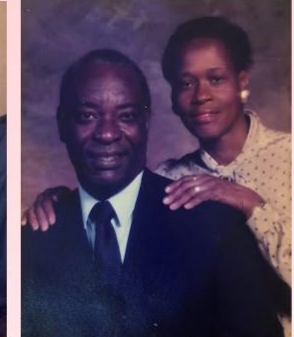
7 YEARS

ALL MY LIFE GOD HAS BEEN *Faithful*



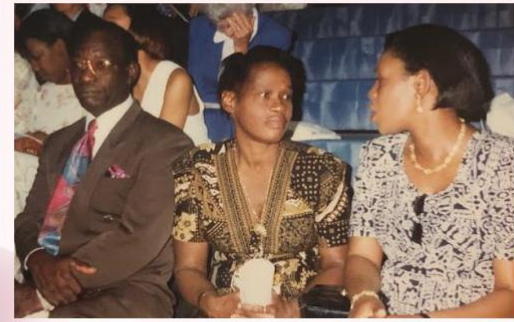












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GRAMMY

You made Christmas special,
the way it was meant to be,
Filled with love and kindness and generosity
You were our dearest Grammy,
we know that you were blessed
And pray that sweet Christmas angels
bring you sweet eternal rest

The memories of you are stored in our hearts and souls.

#OneBloodForever #OurDesertRose!



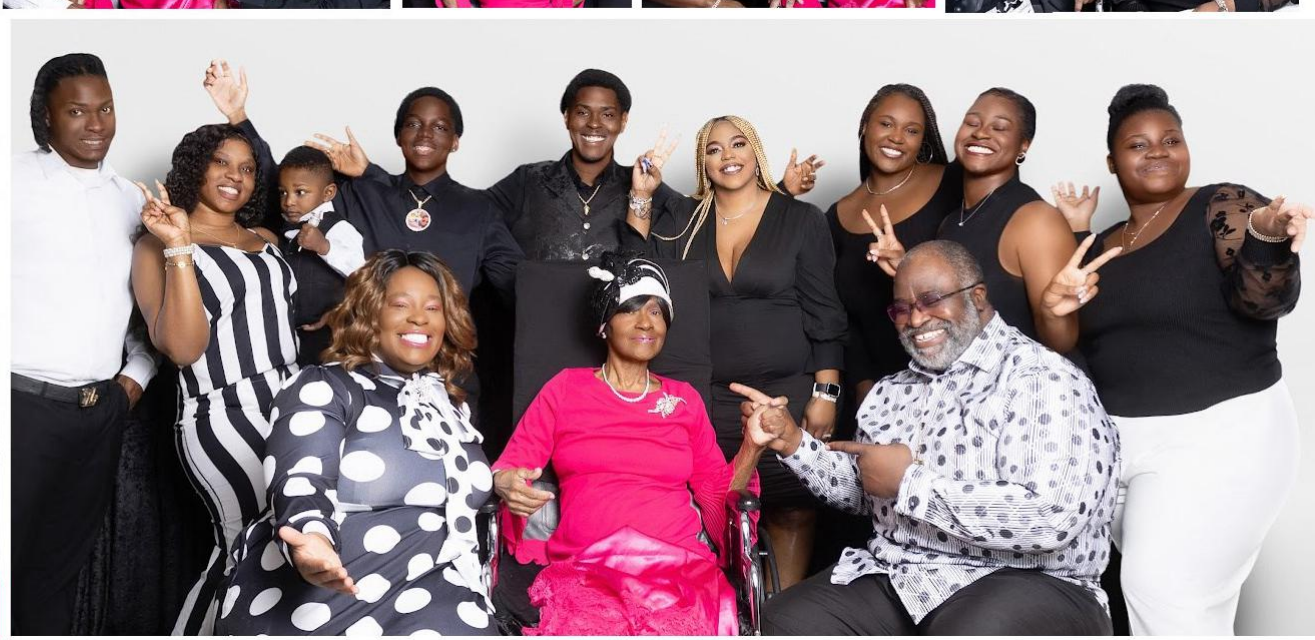
MY LEGACY LIVES ON!

What is a legacy?

" It is **planting** a seed in a garden you may never see. Its **nurturing** something, just like a plant and **watching it grow**....That's a legacy! "

- *Berthamae*







The **COMMITTAL**

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Rev. Dr. Ivan F. Butler Jr.
Senior Pastor, Kemp Road Ministries

Prayer

Song | It's Alright Now!

Song | It is Finished

Committal

Song | Glad Reunion Day

Song | It is Well

It's Alright Now!

There was a time I traveled
a lonely sinful road
Beneath a heavy burden,
bending low
But now all things are different,
for Jesus took my load
It's alright now, I'm His I know

Chorus:

**It's alright now,
for I am in my Savior's care
Its alright now,
my Savior hears and
answers prayers'
He'll walk beside me
'till I climb the heavenly stair,
And everything is alright now!**

And down a lonely pathway,
without a friend to guide
I walk in sin and sorrow all alone
'Till 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 height
I'm gaining,
my soul is nearing home
It's alright now,
I'm heaven bound.

Graveside Songs

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
the 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

Yet in my heart the battle was raging
Not all pris'ners of war have come
home
They were battlefields
of my own making
Didn't know that the war
had been won

Glad Reunion Day

There will be a happy meeting
in Heaven, I know
When we see the many loved ones
we've known here below
Gathered on that blessed
Hilltop with hearts all aglow
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Chorus:

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beholding His face
It will seem but just a moment
of praising His grace
That will be a glad reunion day!

It is Well!

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

Chorus:

**It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul**

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

My sin, oh 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



Thank You...

"I thank God for every remembrance of you!" • Philippians 1:3-5

Words cannot express our thanks and gratitude for your love and prayers. We sincerely appreciate the numerous expressions of love and kindness extended to us. Your concern warms our hearts with the realization of how fortunate we are to have family and friends like you. Special thanks and hugs to those that reached out during mom's illness, during her time of bereavement in the absence of my father or have called to have prayer with her. Your kindness and thoughtfulness will forever be remembered!

I am eternally grateful for my parents and my brother Dion for the legacies they have left behind. I would often tease mommy that she was my "homegirl" and poke at daddy that he was my "homeboy". We would giggle hysterically until we couldn't catch our breath as we exchanged those fun names..... and when it seemed like no one understood our crazy conversations..... my daddy would pause, shake his head, sigh, and say "..... Boy, the English language is H-A-A-R-D to understand!" It was a blessing that both my parents enjoyed the life they lived for 77 years!

One million thank yous to my husband, Pastor Vincent Johnson and our girls, Etana, Eyden and Emiah for assisting me in the care of mommy, and for your patience when Grammy reminded us "Ya'll are NOT doctors!" Kudos and big ups to my awesome nephews, NaDion and NaTikko Sr. for being the running, lifting and jumping boots on the ground during some of the most challenging days. Your grandparents and Dion were so very proud of the five of you, and you most definitely were their heartstrings! I am so proud that Papa and Grammy's legacies and generosity live on through each of their 5 grandchildren. #OneBloodForever! #FantasticFive!

Blessings upon blessings upon blessings to my mother's very supportive siblings: Aunt Barbara, Uncle Mack, Uncle Joel, Aunt Sybiline, Aunt Pat, and a special thank you to the Heirs of the late CC & Lucinda Knowles - you ROCK!

To mom's phenomenal physicians and A+++ team that always made yourselves available for a quick call or long conversation - thank you Dr. Richard Garman and the late Dr. Damita Bryant of Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Jung Lee of Springfield, Tennessee; Nurse Practitioners, Mandy Lampe, Mark Trent, Nikko Velasco, and Marketta Crutcher; Nurse Aide: Chanda Givens; Volunteer Coordinator, Heather Heavy; Chaplain Dr. Lyn Carr; Music Therapist, Mr. Drew Michel, Mr. D.B. Fuller, Rebecca Beale, Tashaw Stringer and the outstanding Medical, support and volunteer staff of Accent Care Hospice and Palliative Care; Blue Sky House Call Physicians of Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Bitmal Francis and Dr. Omala Ablack of Nassau, Bahamas, the Hendersonville Church of Christ Medical Ministry in Hendersonville, TN and to my life-lines and the absolute best physician cuddies on planet - Dr. Kendra Josey-Saunders, Dr. Shantalasha Knowles and Dr. Dawn Karen Forbes - thank you so very much for your wisdom, love, guidance and for undergirding me in prayer and for lifting my spirits through some of the most challenging days. You are God's hands on earth!

May God bless each of you and your families!

Yours in Christ,
Donella Thompson-Johnson

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prepared by the Late Berthamae

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