

## Burialbearers

Friends & Family

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### We Thank You

*We will always remember with deep gratitude your many kind words of sympathy which were a source of comfort to us at the passing of our loved one.*

***The Family of the late  
VERNESE EVANGELINE HINDS***

*There will be no reception after the burial since the family would prefer to spend this time in quiet reflection.*

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*With long life will I satisfy him and  
shew him my salvation. (Psalm 91 v16)*





*will be truly missed for your love. We love you always and may God be with you.*

**Kayla USA**

**16)**

*My fond memory of Ma is when my sister and I would sing songs for her she would clap along. Her favourite song was "Jesus loves me this I know".*

**Great granddaughter, Alyssa**

**17)**

*I will miss Ma touching me when I am looking in the mirror by her chair.*

**Great granddaughter, Abigail**

**18)**

*Ma is beautiful with Jesus in heaven.*

**Great grandson, Angelo**



**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
for the life of**

*Vernese Evangeline  
Hinds*

**AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS "MA"**

**AGED: 92**

of Rock Hall, St. Thomas

**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

**ST. THOMAS PARISH CHURCH  
Arch Hall, St. Thomas**

**Officiating Minister**

*Reverend Canon Coleridge Darlington*

**Interment**

The Churchyard

## *Tribute*

**O**ur mother was a deep thinker, a very private person, unpretentious, straightforward, confidential and not one to follow the crowd. She was devoted to her family and raised her grandchildren until they migrated to their parents. Ma liked to travel and preferred the serenity of Canada when she felt the need for a holiday.

Our ma was fiercely independent and took great pride in her ability to manage her affairs. When our father died leaving four of us still in school Ma carried out her responsibilities as a single mother commendably. She understood what was important—a roof over our heads and high-quality healthcare; no dental appointment could be missed. She believed in a sound education, proper discipline and the fear of the Lord. In our house reading was a must and each child had to join the library. She held firmly to the adage “spare the rod and spoil the child”. The singing of hymns was common in our home. We learnt many vital lessons from Ma’s regular use of Bajan proverbs and by her life she demonstrated to us the true meaning of ‘cutting and contriving’ and ‘saving for a rainy day’.

She was a skilled baker and fed many with turnovers, cassava pone, light-sweet bread, fish cakes and muffins. She mastered the making of confectionery and produced the best sugar cakes and tamarind glassy. Our cupboard was the opposite of Old Mother Hubbard’s for Ma shopped wholesale and while we were sleeping she was cooking. Ma had a green thumb; she would break off a piece of a plant, stick it in the ground and it would grow.

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*preserve. We love you, rest in heavenly peace forever and may God be with you always.*

**Chantelle Glaze CANADA**

**13)**

*In memory of my dear Great-grandmother Ma, It was such a great privilege, to have a wise, intelligent soul as yourself in my life. I will always remember your smile and your adorable face which was so loved by one and all. This world that we live in will keep turning and changing from day to day but the precious memories I hold of you will never ever fade away. I wish I can tell you today how much I love you, appreciate you and cherish you. I know that you are in heaven up above smiling down at me because you are finally at peace. Rest in heavenly peace. Ma, love you always.*

**Aliyah Glaze CANADA**

**14)**

*Ma, no words can express the gratitude I have for you, as you were the true architect that built the foundation of compassion, loyalty and friendship that I share now with the beautiful woman (Fontain, your granddaughter) who I am proud to call my wife. During the time that I got to spend with you I can truly say you had a very warm and loving spirit and you will forever be missed by all. God has called a true angel home. Rest in peace, Ma. Love you always.*

**Ron Williams ( Son-in-law) CANADA**

**15)**

*My great grandma is on her journey from earth to heaven. Grandma, as you enter your heavenly home, may you rest in the peace which you truly deserve. You*

*figure I needed in my life. Because of all the knowledge that I learned from you at a young age, now that I am an adult it has made me stronger, it has made me wiser, it has made me smarter. Today I can stand tall and can truly say I am a better person because of you.*

*I will always remember the good times we cherished, like the weekly Sunday church services we attended together. It was surely a blessing singing and praising our heavenly father with you. Thank you for teaching me about God and for bringing me up in the house of the God at an early age. I will always remember the talks we had together when walking home with you from your job each day and the special moments you shared with me about your childhood and our family history. I will forever miss hearing your voice, holding your hand, seeing your beautiful smiling face, seeing your stylish fashion and hearing you calling my name. It is so very hard to say goodbye to you but God heard you crying and saw your pain and said it was finally time to take his special child home. I know you are now in heaven looking down at me; your suffering has now turned into joy and peace. Ma, I can never say goodbye to you so instead I am going to say see you later. Until we meet again, rest in heavenly peace, I love you more than you will ever know.*

**Your granddaughter, Fountain CANADA**

**12)**

*To my Darling Great-grandmother, Such a blessing it was to have witnessed the love, strength, courage and wisdom you have placed upon the four generations of our family. Ma, as you enter your new heavenly home, your memories will always live on within us. You will be truly missed and remembered for your love and honour in which we will*

*Ma was a longstanding member of St. Thomas Parish Church where her voice could be heard saying amen, glory and hallelujah. She was not just a hearer of the Word but a doer of the Word. Visiting and praying for the sick at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and district hospitals were among her regular activities. She assisted others in whatever way she could. During her years as a Janitor at the St. Thomas Primary School, Ma nurtured many children. She knew each child personally and readily gave them guidance, especially in matters pertaining to their nutrition.*

*Today is MOTHERS' DAY, and we write, but no single page would ever be able to capture the essence of such an extraordinary woman, OUR MOTHER, VERNESE EVANGELINE HINDS. Ma, we will miss our moments with you; the daily trips to the Jorris Dunner Senior Citizens Centre and your watching your default channels: National Geographic and the Food Network. Ma, your purpose is fulfilled and your duty is done. Thanks be to God. Travel on, Ma! God has granted you four generations and in each of us YOU WILL LIVE ON.*

***For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him ... Wherefore comfort one another with these words.  
(1 Thessalonians 4:14-18)***

KINDLY SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES

# Order Of Service

**Reception of the Body**

**Sentences**

**Hymn** ..... *Angel Voices Ever Singing*

**Collect**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:**

Wisdom 3:1-5, 9 ..... *Augustina Hinds*

**Psalm 46**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:**

John 14:1-6 ..... *Gladwin Campbell*

**Sermon** ..... *Rev. Canon Coleridge Darlington*

**The Apostles' Creed**

**Commendation**

**Prayers For The Family**

**Hymn** ..... *The King Of Love My Shepherd Is*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*walking the streets of gold with your lord God and Saviour. Rest in eternal peace, Ma. I LOVE YOU!*

*Your loving granddaughter,  
**Rhonda Wright USA***

**9)**

*Farewell to my Mother-in-law*

*You are the Mother I received the day I wed your son and from that union we gave you two grandchildren. As I look back in remembrance I thank you very much for all you have done.*

*Rest in eternal peace.*

*Your Daughter-in-law, Sheila USA*

**10)**

*The bible says there is a season for everything and at first we were at a loss for words at your passing. Then as we thought about each moment we spent with you a smile came to us. So in England we celebrate your amazing life.*

**Your grandchildren, Edward, Waveney and Henry and your greatgrands UK**

**11)**

*Ma, as I sit here wishing I can talk to you today because there's so much that I never got to say, Oh, how I miss your loving and smiling face! Oh, how I wish I had you here today! Ma there's so much that I wanted to thank you for so I will start right from the start. From the age of 3 - 14 you raised me, you loved me unconditionally, you moulded me, you taught me right from wrong and showed me what the meaning of hard work was surely about. Thank you for being that strong amazing mother*

*for me; all the times you looked out for me at home, at school and in the neighbourhood. It made me know deep down inside how much you really care. I'll miss you. Rest in eternal peace.*

**Your grandson, Anthony Forde USA**

**7)**

*Until Grandma*

*It saddened me when I heard of your passing. As the days passed my thoughts went back to the life we shared. As a child I always looked forward to visiting you on Sundays. When I started school I stayed with you and you cared for me. After I left Barbados and I came home for vacation I always made sure I visited you.*

*Ma, I will be eternally grateful for all you have done for me. I have suffered a great loss but I know you are at rest in the arms of Jesus. I'll miss you. Rest in eternal peace.*

**Your grandson, Hendy Forde USA**

**8)**

*Ma. Ma. Ma.*

*It's so hard to believe that I'm sitting down right now writing this. As I put pen to paper, I reflect on the love and times that we shared as grandmother and granddaughter together. I can distinctively remember the many Sunday afternoons when my mom would make sure that Hendy and I were bathed and dressed nicely and we would walk down to Rock Hall to see you. Those visits with you were something that I looked forward to as a child and will treasure forever. Ma, you were a very loving and giving grandmother and anything that you could do to help...you did. For that, I'm eternally grateful. Well Ma, you're home now;*

## *At The Graveside*



### **THE COMMITTAL**

#### **HYMNS**

- *To God Be The Glory*
- *I Shall Know Him*

## Angel-voices Ever Singing

Angel-voices, ever singing  
Round thy throne of light,  
Angel-harps for ever ringing,  
Rest not day or night;  
Thousands only live to bless Thee  
And confess Thee  
Lord of might!

Thou, who art beyond the farthest  
Mortal eye can scan,  
Can it be that thou regardest  
Songs of sinful man?  
Can we feel that Thou art near us,  
And wilt hear us?  
Yea, we can!

Yea, we know that Thou rejoicest  
O'er each work of thine;  
Thou didst ears and hands and voices  
For thy praise design;  
Craftsman's art and music's measure  
For thy pleasure  
All combine.

In Thy house, great God, we offer  
Of thine own to Thee;  
And for thine acceptance proffer  
All unworthily  
Hearts and minds and hands and voices,  
In our choicest  
Psalmody.

Honor, glory, might and merit  
Thine shall ever be,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Blessèd Trinity!  
Of the best that thou hast given,  
Earth and heaven  
Render Thee.

*until we meet again. I love you, Ma.  
Shalom!*

***You daughter, Maymona CANADA***

**4)**

*God knew why she was chosen to be my mother.  
I am thankful for this great teacher  
A mother who has taught me many lessons.  
Her teachings have certainly helped shape my life  
With Gratitude and Love always, Ma  
Peace!*

***Augustina***

**5)**

*If roses grow in Heaven, Lord  
Please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my grandmother's arms  
And tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her,  
And when she turns to smile  
Place a kiss upon her cheek  
And hold her for a while.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I'll do it every day.  
But there's an ache within my heart  
That will never go away.*

*Your wings were ready, but our hearts were not.*

***Kathy-Ann V. Mayers USA***

**6)**

*To my Grandma  
I was sad when I heard of your passing. As I reflect on  
your life I remember the many things you have done*

## *Tributes To Ma*

**1)**

*MA,  
I am heartbroken.  
A light from my life has gone,  
A voice I heard is still.  
A place is vacant in my heart  
Which never can be filled.  
Until we meet again,  
**Your son, Merrick USA***

**2)**

*Ma, I miss you so much.  
I love you forever .  
Rest in peace.  
**Your loving daughter, Moreena UK***

**3)**

*I miss you Ma  
Although your soul is at rest and your body is free of  
pain I wish I had one last time to see that wonderful  
smile on your face again. I will always have you in  
my thoughts wherever I go because I truly love you  
so. I will forever be grateful for all of our years; I will  
always remember and cherish the special moments  
we had together. I will miss our talks over the phone  
and the laughter that we both shared. Ma, I thank you  
for being a loving mother to all your children, your  
grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I pray that  
God will always give me the strength to face each new  
day.  
Peace and grace always, Ma. You will be in my heart*

## *Wisdom 3:1 -5, 9*

1 The souls of those who do what is right are in God's hand. They won't feel the pain of torment.

2 To those who don't know any better, it seems as if they have died. Their departure from this life was considered their misfortune.

3 Their leaving us seemed to be their destruction, but in reality they are at peace.

9 Those who trust in the Lord will know the truth. Those who are faithful will always be with him in love. Favor and mercy belong to the holy ones. God watches over God's chosen ones.



## Psalm 46

God is our mighty fortress,  
always ready to help  
in times of trouble.

And so, we won't be afraid!  
Let the earth tremble  
and the mountains tumble  
into the deepest sea.

Let the ocean roar and foam,  
and its raging waves  
shake the mountains.

A river and its streams  
bring joy to the city,  
which is the sacred home  
of God Most High.

God is in that city,  
and it won't be shaken.  
He will help it at dawn.

Nations rage! Kingdoms fall!  
But at the voice of God  
the earth itself melts.

The Lord All-Powerful  
is with us.  
The God of Jacob  
is our fortress.

Come! See the fearsome things  
the Lord has done on earth.

God brings wars to an end  
all over the world.

## I Shall Know Him

When my lifework is ended and  
I cross the swelling tide,  
When the bright and glorious morning I shall see;  
I shall know my Redeemer when  
I reach the other side,  
And His smile will be the first to welcome me.

### Chorus:

**I shall know Him, I shall know Him,  
And redeemed by His side I shall stand;  
I shall know Him, I shall know Him  
By the print of the nails in His hand.**

Oh, the soul thrilling rapture when I view  
His blessed face,  
And the luster of His kindly beaming eye;  
How my full heart will praise Him for the mercy,  
Love and grace  
That prepared for me a mansion in the sky.

Oh, the dear ones in glory,  
How they beckon me to come,  
And our parting at the river I recall;  
To the sweet vales of Eden  
They will sing my welcome home,  
But I long to meet my Savior first of all.

Thro' the gates to the city in a robe of spotless white,  
He will lead me where no tears will ever fall;  
In the glad song of ages I shall mingle with delight,  
But I long to meet my Savior first of all.

## To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

### Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice:  
O come to the Father,  
Through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory;  
Great things he hath done!**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us,  
Great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

He breaks the arrows,  
shatters the spears,  
and burns the shields.

Our God says, "Calm down,  
and learn that I am God!  
All nations on earth  
will honor me."

The Lord All-Powerful  
is with us.  
The God of Jacob  
is our fortress.

## St. John 14:1-6

Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have faith in God and have faith in me.[a] 2 There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. 3 After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together. 4 You know the way to where I am going."

5 Thomas said, "Lord, we don't even know where you are going! How can we know the way?"

6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life!" Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father.

## The Apostles' Creed



I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and was born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,  
died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge  
the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:  
according to the word. For mine eyes have seen thy  
salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of  
all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory  
of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the son; and to the Holy  
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be; world without end. Amen.



## 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 for ever.

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,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O 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 for ever.

## Prayers For The Family

(To Be Said By All)



Gracious Creator, who has blessed us with the presence of our loved one for these past years, we thank you for the gift of her presence in this world and the opportunity to share in all that she has brought. We ask your tender love for the family here gathered and pray that they will find comfort in you and strength to embrace the wonderful love that you offer to carry them through this life. Be with them in their moments of sadness and give them a foretaste of your heavenly love, that they may find in you renewed hope and joy for the days ahead. We ask that in your mercy you will hear our prayer, through Christ our Lord. Amen

