



Tuesday, December 22, 2020 5:00 PM Vista Funeral Home

Vista Funeral Home 5755 NW 142nd Street Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Pastor Kelvin L. Baker, Officiating



Obituary

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants. Psalm 116:15 NIV

A TIME TO BE BORN

Margaret Frances Riggs was born on January 14, 1927, to Grant Riggs and Margaret Rabbs Riggs.

A TIME TO WED

Margaret Riggs married Charles Bethel in 1943. From their union were four children, the late Charles G. Bethel, Sr., Winston P. Bethel, the late Agnes F. Bethel, and the late Frederick C. Bethel

Margaret later married Elias Austin on April 17, 1958. From their union were two children, Carolyn L. Austin and Anthenisia Austin Jackson. Margaret and Elias were married for 38 years

until his death in December 1996.

Margaret later married Robert Allen in 1998. Through their union, Margaret gained three stepchildren, Ronald Allen, Barbara Wooten and Stephanie Mitchell whom she loved dearly. Margaret and Robert were married for nearly 14 years until his death in July 2012.

A TIME TO BE TAUGHT

Margaret achieved her Licensed Practical Nurse certificate from Lindsey Vocational School in 1959. She later achieved her Associate of Science/Registered Nurse degree from Miami Dade Community College in 1983, and her Bachelor of Science/Professional Management in Nursing Degree from Nova Southeastern University in 1992.

A TIME TO CARE

Margaret began her career in 1970 at Catalano's Nurses Register as a private duty nurse. In 1983, she worked for North Shore Medical Center as a Registered Nurse (RN). She later joined Jackson Memorial Hospital, where she retired as a nursing supervisor in 1998. After she retired from her career in nursing, she became a visiting RN at Douglas Gardens Home Care, Incorporated.

Margaret was a natural caregiver and willing confidant. People were drawn to her loving spirit and she developed personal relationships with everyone she knew. If ever anyone was in need,

she made herself available to them.

A TIME TO PRAY

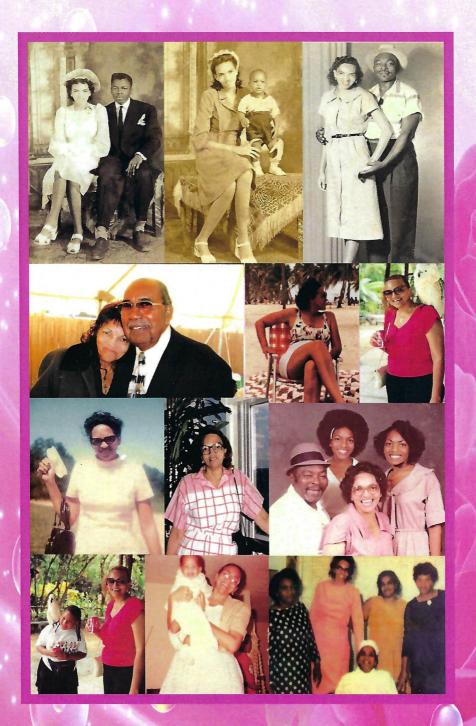
Margaret was a prayer warrior! She was a devout Christian and minister of prayer, who followed in her mother's footsteps. Not only did she pray for her children and grandchildren, but she also prayed for anyone who asked. Margaret had the gift of healing. She said that the Spirit of the Lord told her there would be none like her. She instilled in her children the importance and power of prayer. All her children and grandchildren knew they were covered by her prayers, without question.

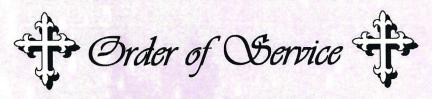
A TIME TO TRANSITION

On December 16, 2020, God called her home to His magnificent Kingdom.

A TIME TO MOURN

She leaves to mourn a **son**, Winston P. Bethel (Shirley); **two daughters**, Carolyn L. Austin and Anthenisia Austin Jackson (Phillip, Sr.); **three daughters-in-law:** Leatha Bethel, Geneva Bethel and Regina Bethel; a **stepson**, Ronald Allen (Debra); **two stepdaughters**, Barbara Wooten and Stephanie Mitchell (Eldridge); **grandchildren**: Marika, Charles, Jr. (Camille), Latasha, Frederick (Scherrie), Shanetta (Shawn), Tavares (Sharnette), Patrice, Kieta (Clarence), Candice, Caroiya, Renee, Phillip, Jr., Clifford, Julian, Shantel, Austin; and a host of greatgrandchildren, nieces, nephews, loving relatives and friends.





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Processional	"I Surrender All"
Invocation	Pastor Kelvin L. Baker
Selection	Musician
" I	I <mark>ow Great Thou Art"</mark>
Scripture	Pastor Kelvin L. Baker
	Kimberly Pacheco
"I	Can Only Imagine"
Reflections:	_ 10
Daughters	Carolyn L. Austin
	Anthenisia Austin Jackson
Grandchildren (please limit to two minutes)	
Acknowledgement/ Presentations	Vista Funeral Home Staff
Solo	Kimberly Pacheco
"His Eye	e Is On the Sparrow"
Eulogy	Pastor Kelvin L. Baker



Recessional





Rallbearers

Charles Bethel Jr.
Frederick Bethel
Tavares Bethel
Phillip Jackson Jr.
Clifford Bethel
Julian Jackson
Austin Jackson

Internment

Vista Memorial Gardens 14200 NW 57th Ave. Miami Lakes, FL 33014

On Appreciation

Perhaps you sang a lovely song or sent a dish of food. Perhaps you sent a potted plant or a bouquet to set the mood. Perhaps you sent a beautiful card or donated your care. Perhaps you sat quietly in a chair, if so, we saw you there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us all that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much for whatever the part.

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