

*Homegoing For The  
Late*



*Margaret  
Austin Allen*

**Sunrise: January 14, 1927 | Sunset: December 16, 2020**

**Tuesday, December 22, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

**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 great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, loving relatives and friends.





# *Order of Service*

Pastor Kelvin L. Baker, Officiating

Processional.....“I Surrender All”

Invocation .....Pastor Kelvin L. Baker

Selection..... Musician

“How Great Thou Art”

Scripture.....Pastor Kelvin L. Baker

Solo.....Kimberly Pacheco

“I Can Only Imagine”

Reflections:

Daughters.....Carolyn L. Austin

Anthensia Austin Jackson

Grandchildren (please limit to two minutes)

Acknowledgement/

Presentations.....Vista Funeral Home Staff

Solo.....Kimberly Pacheco

“His Eye Is On the Sparrow”

Eulogy.....Pastor Kelvin L. Baker

Recessional











## *Bellbearers*

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

## *In 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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