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Antonio Benjamin
Carlos Hendrickson
Elijah Callwood

Asarheem Benjamin
Wallace Leonard, Jr.
Ryan John

Honorary Pallbearers

Winston Ryan
Khalid Merchant
Tashara Benjamin

Norrece Jonathan C. Dowell
Jason Callwood
Le'Moi Monsanto

Family Acknowledgements

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our time of great sorrow. There are really no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the love and support you have extended towards our family during this time of sadness.

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THE FAMILY OF ESTHER ROSE BENJAMIN HOLLOMAN

Interment

SMITH BAY EASTERN CEMETARY
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Warrior & Intercessor



IN
LOVING
MEMORY

Esther Rose

BENJAMIN HOLLOMAN

SEPTEMBER 4, 1948 - FEBRUARY 14, 2024

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2024
V.I. CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES
7600 BOLONGO BAY, ST. THOMAS, USVI
CELEBRANT: PASTOR ADELLE BROWN

9:00AM SERVICE

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

R E M E M B E R I N G

Esther

"To know even one life breathed easier because she lived is to know she truly succeeded while here." - Anonymous

Today, we gather to honor the life of a truly remarkable woman, a beloved sister, mother, grandmother, and faithful Christian.

Esther Rose Benjamin Holloman was born on September 4, 1948, on the island of St. Kitts to Eltruda Hendrickson. She grew up on St. Kitts with her siblings, Polly, Viola, and Winston. She was always a smart child. She read in advance of her age, and graduated from Basseterre Senior School.

In the mid-1960s, she moved to St. Thomas. She married Eric Benjamin, and had two sons and two daughters who gave her ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She loved and cherished her children. She raised them with strength and wisdom. She was also a loving grandmother, who was always there to offer a listening ear, comforting hugs, sage advice, and loads of food.

She got a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of the Virgin Islands. In 1977, she began working for the V.I. Government. Among others, she worked at Meals and Wheels, and Department of Human Services before retiring from the Department of Public Works in 2008.

Esther Rose was a woman of great strength and courage, who faced life's challenges with grace and dignity. She was a devout Christian, whose faith in God never wavered, even in the darkest times. She was a warrior and an intercessor, telling others about God's love. She found a second home with the V.I. Christian Ministries where she served in different areas of ministry. She Evangelized, led Intercessory Prayer, taught New Believers and Evangelism classes, worked and trained others on the projector, and assisted with the church's finances.

She was always the biggest cheerleader, encouraging others to follow their dreams and excel. She was also a generous green thumb gardener who shared her herbal knowledge and produce with others. And she was an active member in the community.

Esther Rose passed away on February 14, 2024, after losing her hard-fought battle against cancer. Preceding her in death-her sister Almaria "Polly" Hendrickson and her nephew Bernard Canning. She is survived by, among others, sons, Antonio Benjamin and Carlos Hendrickson; daughters, Erika Benjamin-Callwood and Diane Benjamin; siblings, Viola Merchant Williams and Winston Ryan; Brother- and Sister-In-laws, Oliver Williams and Marilyn Ryan; Son-In-Law, Jason Callwood; granddaughters, Tashara Benjamin, Ahzariah Benjamin, Carlesha Hendrickson, Jordann Callwood, Aviva Benjamin, Aurora Benjamin, Andrea Williams, and Diyana Simmonds; grandsons, Asarheem Benjamin, Elijah Callwood, Josiah Callwood and Diandre Simmonds; great grandchildren, Le'Moi Monsanto, Te'Mori Leonard, Ty' Lahe Leonard, Miyah Henry and Analie Guerrero; nieces and nephews, Tamzén Merchant, Khalid Merchant, Ryan John, Samantha Ryan-Vanterpool, Alexis Ryan, Stephan Ryan, Alecia Ryan, Ryan Maynard, Mannix Maynard, Diane Canning, Evette Nisbett, Elvia Foster David, Venetta Maynard Chittick, Sylvester "Sparrow" Herbert, and Minnie Alexandria Hendrickson-James.

As we say our final goodbye, we take solace that Esther Rose is now in the arms of her Heavenly Father, free from pain and suffering. We know that she is watching over us from above, guiding us and protecting us with her love and strength.

Rest in Eternal Peace Esther Rose. You will always be in our hearts, and we will never forget the impact you had on our lives. You were a true testament to the power of faith and love, and your memory will forever be a blessing to us all. We love you.



ORDER Of SERVICE

- Musical Prelude VICM Band
Congregational Song I Raise a Hallelujah
First Scripture Reading Carolann George
Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Remembrance Viola John Williams
Congregational Song Graves into Garden
Remembrance Dr./Rev. Yvette R. Leachman
Abba's Heart Ministries
Second Scripture Reading Josiah Callwood
John 11:21-27
Special Selection No Tears in Heaven
Oasis Church of God
Eulogy Grandchild
Remembrance Skeeter Dowell
Pray for Israel Mrs. Stella Antoine
Congregational Song Goodness of God
Remembrance Winston Ryan
Poem Tashara Benjamin
Remembrance Catherine Matthews
Third Scripture Reading Tamzen Merchant Kelsick
Revelations 21:1-7
Remembrance Feyi Victor
Congregational Song Worthy is Your Name, Jesus
Ministry of the Word Adelle Brown, D. Min.
Prayer
Postlude Joy Overflow

H Y M N S

I RAISE A HALLELUJAH

I raise a hallelujah
In the presence of my enemies
I raise a hallelujah
Louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah

My weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah
Heaven comes to fight for me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder,
you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah
With everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah
I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah
In the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah
Fear, you lost your hold on me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder,
you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive

Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Sing a little louder
Oh, sing a little louder

Sing a little louder
In the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder
Louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder
My weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder
Heaven comes to fight for me
Sing a little louder

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder,
you're gonna hear my praises roar
Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated, the King is alive (x2)
I raise a hallelujah (hallelujah)
I raise a hallelujah (I raise my hallelujah)
I raise a hallelujah (I raise my hallelujah)
I raise a hallelujah

GRAVES INTO GARDENS

Verse 1
I searched the world
But it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise
And treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along
And put me back together
And every desire
Is now satisfied
Here in Your love

Chorus
Oh, there's nothing, better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing, is better than You

H Y M N S

Verse 2
I'm not afraid
To show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord, You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace
Won't find me again

Chorus:
Oh, there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than You (x2)

Bridge: (x2)
You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Chorus: (x2)
Oh, there's nothing, better than You
Oh, there's nothing better than You
Lord, there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

NO TEARS IN HEAVEN (SPECIAL SELECTION)

1 No tears in heaven, no sorrows given,
All will be glory in that land;
There'll be no sadness, all will be gladness,
When we shall join that happy band.

Refrain:
No tears in heaven fair, no tears, no tears up there,
Sorrow and pain will have have flown;
No tear, in heaven fair, no tears, no tears up there,
No tears in heaven will be known.

2 Glory is waiting, waiting up yonder,
Where we shall spend an endless day;
There with our Savior, we'll be forever,
where no more sorrow can dismay.

3 Some morning yonder, we'll cease to ponder
O'er things this life has bro't to view;
All will be clearer, loved ones be dearer,
In heav'n where all will be made new.

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You, Lord
Oh, your mercy never failed me
All my days, I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

And all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that i am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night you are close like no other
I've known you as a Father
I've known you as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God,

H Y M N S

And all my life you have been faithful,
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God,

'Cause your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
Your goodness is running after,
it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered
now
I give you everything
'Cause your goodness is running after, it's
running after me,
'Cause your goodness is running after, it's
running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's
running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered
now
I give you everything
'Cause your goodness is running after, it
keeps running after me

And all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing

'Cause all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

WORTHY IS YOUR NAME, JESUS

It was my cross You bore
So I could live in the freedom You died for
And now my life is Yours
And I will sing of Your goodness
forevermore

Chorus

Worthy is Your name, Jesus
You deserve the praise
Worthy is Your name
Worthy is Your name, Jesus
You deserve the praise
Worthy is Your name

And now my shame is gone
I stand amazed in Your love undeniable
Your grace goes on and on
And I will sing of Your goodness
forevermore

Chorus (2x)

Worthy is Your name, Jesus
You deserve the praise
Worthy is Your name
Worthy is Your name, Jesus
You deserve the praise
Worthy is Your name

Be exalted now in the heavens
As Your glory fills this place
You alone deserve our praise
You're the name above all names
Be exalted now in the heavens
As Your glory fills this place
You alone deserve our praise
You're the name above all names (x3)

H Y M N S

JOY OVERFLOW

I've got Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy
Joy, Joy Joy overflow, in my life (x2)

I come from a kingdom
A beautiful kingdom
Where we laugh, laugh, and laugh
Joy overflow haha

There is no sorrow, And there is no
weeping
We dance, dance and dance, Joy overflow

I've got Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy
Joy, Joy Joy overflow in my life (x2)

Instrumental (Joy everywhere)

Joy like a river
It's like a fountain
My life is Sweeter,
Sweeter, sweeter Joy overflow

I'm a heritage of God
Great things has spoken over me
My life is Greater,
Greater, Joy overflow (Everybody say)

I've got Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy
Joy, Joy Joy overflow in my life (x2)

Ah, I feel alright
Got the power and the Spirit in my life
Oooh I feel alright
Got the power and the Spirit in my life
1, 2, I feel alright
Counting my blessings name them one
by one
1, 2, 3, 4, I feel alright
Counting my blessings name them one
by one

I've got Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy
Joy, Joy Joy overflow in my life (x2)

G R A V E S I D E

H Y M N S

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with 10,000 beside

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His
blood

Chorus
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my
sight
Angels descending bring from
above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting, looking
above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His
love

HOW GREAT THOU ART

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of
acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

OLD RUGGED CROSS

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
The emblem of suffering and shame
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true
It's shame and reproach gladly bear
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away
Where his glory forever I'll share

And I'll cherish the old rugged cross (rugged cross)
Till my trophies at last I lay down
And I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it some day for a crown

I'LL FLY AWAY

Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away
I'll fly away, oh, Glory
I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end
I'll fly away
I'll fly away, oh, Glory
I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away
Yeah, when I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away

AMAZING GRACE

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

2 God's grace first taught my heart to fear,
his grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through every danger, trial and snare
I have already come;
his grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
my shield and stronghold he shall be
as long as life endures.

5 And when this earthly life is past,
and mortal cares shall cease,
I shall possess with Christ at last
eternal joy and peace.

Tributes

Mom,



We love you and will miss you dearly. You were truly a strong-willed and determined individual who looked out for us and others. You were always generous with your praise and prayers for your family. Every day we reach for the phone to call you, Its hard to believe you are truly gone. Your dynamic personality was such a light in our lives that it feels as if we are walking in darkness. We know you as a true warrior for the Lord and that you are in a better place with no pain, but it hurts not to have you with us. You are a special lady and a beautiful mom. Rest in peace, in the Lords arms.

LOVE ALWAYS, YOUR CHILDREN

My sister! My sister!

Esther Rose or Roses as I sometimes call her.
My running partner when we were younger.
My walking partner as we got older.
My bush doctor.
My sounding board.
My Friend Always.

Oh how I miss her.
I miss her no nonsense attitude.
I miss her sound advice.
I miss her plaster for every sore.

We did not attend the same church.
But on Sundays, after Church, we would have lunch together.
Sometimes, she would bring things from her garden.
Breadfruit, breadnuts, bananas, turmeric, chives. . .
She grew them all. She had a green thumb.

If I had to go to work, I would take a nap
and she would be on her iPad.
When I got up, we would talk some more
and then I would go off to work.
She never fussed if, and when, I fell asleep on her.

We always supported each other.
But now I must say,
Farewell my Sister. Fare thee well.
Rest In Peace.
Until we meet on the other side.
YOUR SISTER, VIOLA



Tributes

In loving memory of a remarkable woman, my grandma:

From the gentle embrace of your love, your words of wisdom, guidance, and your warm smile, we all found comfort. She was our pillar of strength that we always looked forward to.

Your love and generosity for whoever crossed your path had no bounds. You loved and treated everyone as your own. I can reminisce on whenever I traveled through St. Thomas, she would always pick me up. She would meet me with loads of breakfast and lunch dishes to feed everyone traveling with me. Oh and we always had a variety to choose from. What we couldn't eat on the short ride to the airport, she packed it for us to carry on our flight. I can hear her saying "Shara don't forget your food!" A boss she was.

Even though we lived in different places our love for each other never wavered. Each day that I look in the mirror I see you. Grandma with each passing day, your absence is felt deeply, but your presence lingers in the cherished memories I hold dear. Though you have bid farewell to this earthly realm, your spirit continues to shine, brightening my path with your unwavering love and your vibrant spirit.

I will cherish the memories that we shared, and embrace life with the same zest and compassion you had. You will continue to live in our hearts. Grandma you will live on, and be an eternal beacon of love, to guide me through life's journey. I love and miss you.

YOUR PRECIOUS,
TASHARA "SHARA" BENJAMIN

Dear Grandma,

I want to say that you were the best great grandmother anyone can find. I remembered the times where I would call you at anytime or have my mommy call for you to come and get me so that I can play with my cousins for the day and ended up staying the entire weekend by you instead. I remember waking up to breakfast as you already knew what I like to eat. Grandma, it was so hard to see you, a woman so full of joy and energy, get ill. Grandma, thank you for the fun times we shared together. You will be missed.

YOUR GREAT GRAND SON, LE'MOI MONSANTO



Hey Grandma,

Thank you for the pancakes
and always picking us up
from the boat and taking us
to the plane to go by our
mommy. We will miss your
smile and joyful spirit.
Please watch over us.

LOVE,
YOUR GREAT GRANDCHILDREN,
TE'MORI AND TY'LAHR

Tributes

I remember Aunt Esther, Auntie Rose

She was Often called Rose,
The universal symbol for Love.
And just like A Rose,
She was beautiful and tender.

And as she was originally from Sugar City St. Kitts,
She couldn't help being Sweet.
As this was her nature.
Caring and kindhearted was she.

Loving and supportive to all who knew her.
The loudest Cheerleader.
Whose words and cheers of encouragement,
Often catapulted you to do your best.

When she was in your corner
You were a winner
Long before the competition even started.

Aunt Esther
I remember Aunt Esther the faithful and stern Warrior for Christ.
I remember Aunt Esther, the teacher and preacher.
I remember that she loved the Lord with all her Heart.
And in her latter days she made it her duty to win souls for Christ.

With the motto "Don't go to heaven alone, Take somebody with you."
I remember Aunt Esther.

Auntie Rose
My Support system
Just a phone call or Facebook message away
My loudest Cheerleader in the audience.
Today she is in the audience of the King.

Today She sings with the Choir of Angels
and she walks the streets of Golds
Reaping the rewards of doing the masters service.

Today I remember her in a special way.
She may not be physically here but spirit
and her legacy will forever live with us so

She will forever be remembered
So rest on
My dear Auntie Rose, Aunt Esther
You have left a mark on our hearts
And you will forever be remembered.

So rest on
Until we meet again in that great
Hallelujah Morning
Rest on....
ALEXIS S. RYAN, NEPHEW

Auntie Rose,

Your unwavering faith in God
guided your life, and you were a
shining example of faith and
dedication to the church.

We mourn your passing, but we
take comfort in knowing that you
are in the loving embrace of our
heavenly Father.

May your soul rest in peace,
knowing that you were loved and
will be missed by all.

TAMZÉN, KHALID, AND RYAN



Auntie Rose,

On December 15, 2023, you said to
me, "Leynia is getting there, enjoy
her while you can." A reminder to
me that life is a mysterious and
uncertain journey.

Your voice still sings in my ear.
Your spirit will always be a part
of me. Love you as you know. May
your spirit rest in the arms of the
Almighty forever. Our
condolences from my family to
yours.

LOVE ALWAYS,
KEITH BENJAMIN AND FAMILY

Tributes

To Tony, Erika and Carlos

We are one with you in mourning the
passing of your mother, Rose, especially
so soon after the loss of your father,
who she cared and comforted during
his time of need.

A mother's love is a blessing that lives
with us beyond time and death. May
you find comfort in the memories
shared. Your mother will be dearly
missed by many.

Accept our condolences on your loss
and know that we are keeping you in
our thoughts and prayers. Eternal rest
unto her and let his perpetual light
shine upon her. May she rest in peace.
UNCLE JUANITO BENJAMIN & FAMILY

Sincere sympathy to my niece,
Erika, and nephews, Tony and
Carlos, on the passing of their
beloved mother, Esther Rose
Benjamin Holloman.

As their eyes are filled with tears
and their hearts with sorrow, may
they remember to say, "not my will,
but Thine be none." Trust God to let
you see through the mist, beyond
death and the grave to the
resurrection and life assured by the
glorious victor of our Savior Jesus
Christ over death and grave, as I am
sure you have heard from your
mother on my occasions.

Remember her fondly as she now
rests in peace.
AUNT MARION

Dear Rose,

You've lived a good life
You've finished your course
You've admonished your children
And have no remorse

You've given to many and all
And now you've simply answered the call.

Yes, we will miss you
Your smile and your grace
The way you handled people with
kindness,
Even those in your face
We will miss you here in person
But your memories will live on
In us, and through us—
Always in our hearts!
THE TODMAN FAMILY

I got to know Ms Esther through
her friend Euston David. We
became friends when I realized
she was a Believer and one who
really loves the Lord. I have
known her to be an intercessor
for children, grandchildren and
anyone who crosses her path in
need of prayer. She was more like
a mother to me. She was very
helpful. She would keep my
children anytime I asked her. She
was someone who tells me the
truth even if it hurts. She was
very generous, she would bless
me with produce from her yard.
She will truly be missed. May the
Lord bless her memories and
continue to watch over her
children, grandchildren and the
rest of the family.
FEYI VICTOR

Tributes

TONY, CARLOS, ERIKA!

Be at peace in the comforting arms of the Lord as you remember mommy.

She was saved.
She was sanctified.
She was filled with the Holy Spirit.
She was a woman of faith.
She was a warrior of prayer.
She received no doubters in the camp.
The Lord never let go of her hands.
She was his daughter.
She was redeemed.
She will walk on streets of gold.
She will rise again.
She won the race.
She did well.
She blessed many.
She blessed me.
She has the victory.
You three will serve God.
You will see her again.
I loved your mom.
I love you.

Be at peace in the comforting arms of Jesus as you reflect. 🙏

MINISTER CHERYL T.

The first thing I noticed about Esther was her determination through life. Her ability was so joyous that her whole body would gleam and her eyes would light up. It was infectious; you couldn't stay sad around her. That's the Esther I want to celebrate today: someone who lived life to the fullest. I can recall many memorable stories but I'll treasure the phone calls/texts to fix any electronic issues you had. Most importantly, your prayers over myself and my family. Despite the difficulties to surprise you, it was an honor decorating for your birthday celebration in 2022.

LOVE ALWAYS, ABIGAIL

To the family of Esther,

Esther is someone that poured so much into my life that I will never forget her. The last time I visited with her, I told her that she had made such an impact in my may life that I will never forget her. I called her Queen Esther.

She was strong in faith. When she prayed, she just believed that what she prayed for would happen. When we went evangelizing, it was a joy to go with her. I learned a lot from her during those times.

I pray strength and love to her family.

Love you. Bless you.

SISTER ELIZABETH GUMBS

Esther's passing came as a surprise as I envisioned Esther "in Esther's style" Sharing her testimony saying "it was a challenge but I won the battle."

However, I believe she got a glimpse of Glory and decided to stay there.

Esther's presence and contributions will be missed as she worked tirelessly for VICM.

AL & JANET LLOYD

Esther loved the Lord Jesus Christ with her whole heart! She loved to pray & was a formidable intercessor in the body of Christ. My heartfelt condolences to her entire family! May the Holy Spirit continue to comfort you in this time of grief!

CHERYL CYNTJE

Tributes

Tribute for Esther Rose Benjamin Holloman

Lady Esther was a Warrior Intercessor that feared her God, loves her family dearly and a lady that's true to her words.

- Has a deep caring, compassionate, loving heart for God's people.
- She goes out of her way to bless others.
- Easily misunderstood by many, but demonstrated a repented, forgiving, consecrated heart to all.
- Loves to worship her God in dancing.
- Her wisdom of natural produce and blessings, she happily shared.
- Her life is still impacting many by the seeds she has sown in and on good grounds for years to come.
- I'm honored and will always treasure the memorable moments God has divinely shared with my family and I.

LOVE, SKEETER GUSHARD DOWELL

Tribute for Esther Rose Benjamin

The Oasis Church of God of Prophecy family owes a great deal to Sister Esther Benjamin. She was a constant and powerful presence on our prayer line. Her prayers of intercession for others resulted in many testimonies of what God did in their lives. She was a voice of encouragement and strength. She was a woman that was committed to the Word of God and everything she believed was grounded in the promises of God found in the Scriptures. We were saddened to hear about her passing while at the same time being assured of her ultimate triumph. Our prayers are with her family. Her influence continues to impact the ministry of Oasis and anyone that she came in contact with. May she rest in peace and be resurrected in power.

BISHOP DR. CARSWELL A. LEONARD

SENIOR PASTOR, OASIS CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

REGIONAL BISHOP, PARAGON REGION CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

Viola, you are more than a friend,
You are a sister and aunt to the David Family.
We stand with you and your family in your time of need.
Lean on us for strength and comfort.
Just like you've been there for us, we are there for you.

ECLAN SR, PETRONELLA, ECLAN JR, JASON, AND KENSON DAVID

Tributes

Esther,

I've known you from time I was a little girl coming to Public Works with my mother. It's rare for people to find lifelong friends at work, but you and mommy did that. I don't think it was by chance, that was all God's Work. You both talked every, every day and I don't know what ahu could talk about so, lol. But I know it's always about God, yourselves and your family! I am thankful for you and the opportunity to know you! Thank you for Always being there for mommy and our family! You are a Great Woman and Friend! I Am missing you dearly, it feels like I lost an aunt because that's how close you were. Rest Peacefully in the Father's Arms Esther, We Will Never Forget You!
LOVE ALWAYS,
KERRIE WHEATLEY-KNIGHT & FAMILY

My deepest condolences to the family and many friends of Esther Rose Benjamin. I will never forget her generous and welcoming spirit. She extended her assistance to me at crucial times throughout the years, to include welcoming me as a guest in her home. I know she will be deeply missed, especially by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. I wish you all much love and trust that you will take some comfort in your many good memories.
WITH LOVE,
NICOLE BOLLENTINI & FAMILY

To my dear friend Erika,

My family and I would like to extend our deepest condolences to you and your family. Although I heard that your mom's health had deteriorated, the news of her passing took me by surprise. Your mom was someone to be admired. She was strong, independent, outspoken, and loving. Those are just a few words used to describe this powerful woman of faith. She will truly be missed. May you find comfort in knowing that your mom has already made peace with her Lord and Savior to which he delivered her out of her pain and suffering and took her to the great beyond. May the Lord continue to give your strength to move forward in the days ahead. Rest In Eternal Peace Ms. Esther.

JOZETTE GUMBS

I only had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Holloman a short period of time. However, in that short time, she made a huge impression on me. She had a light that shined bright. I will miss our conversations. I could always count on her for a good laugh. If I had to describe her in one word, I would say she was FEISTY!

GREG BOWEN, ISLAND IV

Tributes

Esther-Rose, as I affectionately called her, and I was her Precious or Sweet Pea. We had a very special and loving bond. She offered me guidance, wise counsel, discipline, and, most of all, love. She was like a second mother to me in so many ways. She never held her tongue. She always told me like it was. Esther-Rose was a woman of strong faith, an intercessor, and a devoted and mighty Woman of God. She exemplified what it meant to walk by faith.

I have so many fond memories of my dear Esther-Rose. I miss hearing her say, "I have a life," every Sunday as she runs out the door. I thank God for her being a part of my life.

The Bible says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Esther-Rose fought the good fight, she finished her race on her terms, and she graduated to her glorified body. She has won the victory!

I thank God for sending strength, love, and healing to Erika, Carlos, Tony, Viola, and the rest of the family.

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS,
NANYAMKA, JUNIOR, GLEASON AND GEQUAN

Esther,

I think of you and I always laugh at how you spoke to me. Your voice sounded harsh but, I knew that's just who you were because you loved me. During my time back at UVI you became my close friend but also a strong mother figure. We talked about everything but, oh how you loved it when we spoke about different herbs/bush and their healing properties. You were my clinic if I ever needed some type of natural medicine. You were a no-nonsense type of woman. And each time you touched me, I knew that you were saying a prayer for me. Thank you!!! For always sharing what you had with me. For always waiting with me as I closed the gym at the UVI or as I packed up after classes just so we could talk on our way out together. You were the best example of what it means to be a good Christian woman and I love you for that. I know that you are still praying for me. And, my heart is full knowing that I got the time with you while you were here. Forever my angel. Love you to the moon! From all of us, rest in peace.
COACH EALIANE

Tributes

To the Esteemed Family of Esther Benjamin,

It is with a heavy heart that I extend my deepest condolences for the loss of your beloved mother, Esther. She was an extraordinary soul whose presence enriched the lives of all who knew her, including mine. Our collaboration at the Department of Public Works remains a cherished memory, and I am eternally thankful for the wisdom and spiritual guidance she imparted upon me. Esther's profound faith and dedication to her work have left an indelible mark on my heart. The void left by her passing is profound, and I mourn the loss of a dear friend.

May you find solace in the promise of peace that transcends our earthly understanding, as reflected in the scripture, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27). May this message bring comfort to your grieving hearts during this difficult time.

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY,
DAYNA CLENDINEN

MY GIRL ESTHER

M- Much Loved by All
Y- Your memory is my keepsake

G- Generous, kind, and helpful
I- I thought of you and smiled
R- Remembering your laughter, jokes and the many things you would say.
L- a Life well lived for the Lord

E- Energetic! Will miss seeing you dance
S- a Servants heart, Faithful, Caring and Committed
T- Thanks for being my Friend
H- Heart of Gold, Happy, and Loved a good chuckle
E- Esther
R- Rose
Gone but will never be Forgotten. Rest in eternal peace.
SHEILA TATEM, FRIEND

Tributes



From the Desk of Bishop Kenneth M. Benjamin Sr. ¶

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A Note of Consolation ¶

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To The Benjamin Family in memory of the passing of your Mother Esther Benjamin. ¶

Dear Family of Esther Benjamin, ¶

My family and I, share our sincerest condolences with you and the family. In the midst of life, there is death, for death is not the end, on the other hand, death serves us, as the children of God, as an exit from this life and leads to the entrance of life eternal. I would like to share with you the words of Job recorded in Job 1:21b KJV: "the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." ¶

We would like for you to be of good cheer and trust in the Lord. Our God will comfort you as He comforted Mary and Martha, during the death of Lazarus. Our God is "the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves received from God. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done. (2 Corinthians 1:3b) ¶

I would like to leave this blessing with you during this time of your bereavement. ¶

The Lord bless thee and keep thee: ¶

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, ¶
and be gracious unto thee, ¶

The Lord lift up the light ¶
Of His countenance upon thee, ¶
And give thee peace, ¶

Amen ¶

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Yours in the Master's Service, ¶

Bishop Kenneth M. Benjamin, Sr. ¶

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Tributes

Your life was a blessing; Your memory, a treasure



Kenneth L. Gittens
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In Memory of Esther Rose Benjamin

I extend condolences to the family and friends of the late Esther Rose Benjamin. As we mourn her loss and prepare to give her our final farewells, my deepest sympathy goes out to her children, my cousins – Tony, Carlos, and Erika. I know all too well the void that is left when your mother departs this life.

Miss Rose will be mourned by many in our community, to include her Public Works Department and Church families. She was known for her loving concern for all those around her and I will never forget the care and support she provided to my late Uncle.

I pray that her family will be able to look to the memories that they shared with her over the years to ease the burden of their loss. It is my hope that God will continue to guide her circle of loved ones and grant all His love, peace, and strength as they go through this very difficult time.

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”
Romans 8:28*

With Sympathy,

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