

Celebration of the Life of



June Veronica Degia

University Chapel
The University of the West Indies
Mona Campus, Kingston 7

Thursday, July 6, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Officiating Minister:
Rev Dr Alvin Bailey

Cremation at a Later Date

Order of Service

- 10:30 a.m. Open casket
- 10:55 a.m. Casket closed
- 11:00 a.m. Pall bearers bring casket to front of Chapel

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Rev Dr Alvin Bailey

Opening Hymn

“Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee” (Tune Beethoven’s Ode to Joy)

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of Love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Hail Thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand,
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

Scripture Reading - 1 Cor.13:

Dr Angella Stephens (*Friend*)

Mrs Janet Grant (*Friend*)

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

1. 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 wilt be.

Chorus:

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand has provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*





2. 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.

3. 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 ten thousand beside.

Chorus

Tributes:

Mr Keith Walker

(Cousin)

Mr Raymond Eytel

(EduCom Cooperative Credit Union Colleague / Friend)

Mr Sean Mock Yen

(University of the West Indies Colleague / Friend)

Dr Rachel Moseley-Wood

(Friend)

Musical Tribute

Mr Alfred Wood *(Uncle)*

Remembrance

Dr Chandra Degia *(Daughter)*

Musical Item

Akwaaba Drummers

Encouragement

Rev Dr Alvin Bailey

Offertory Blessing

“Divine Love through me blesses this Gift and the purpose for which it is intended. And so it is!”

Offertory Hymn

“All Things Bright and Beautiful” (Seated)

Chorus:

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
2. The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.
3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.
4. The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.
5. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Prayer for the Bereaved Family

Moment of Silence

Instructions for Recession

Benediction

Rev Dr Alvin Bailey

Recessional

Mr Peter Carter (*Soloist*) - *“Land of Love”*

Pall Bearers:

Mr Alfred Wood
Mr Noel Wood
Mr Durran Wood
Mr Allan Wood, KC
Dr Robert Kinlocke

*Thank
You*

The family of the late June Degia wishes to thank everyone for their love, help, kindness and support during this challenging time.

Special thanks to persons present celebrating with us today; and to Rev Dr Alvin Bailey, O'Neil Miller, The Creative Production and Training Centre, Aston Spaulding, Peter Carter and the Akwaaba Drummers.

The family of June Degia asks that due to to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, that all present:

- *Wear a mask*
- *Practise social distancing*
- *Sanitise hands regularly*