

In loving memory



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RENENTIA “NANCY”
IDELLA ROSENA LEE

NOV 23, 2024 // 1:00 PM

Calvary Bible Church
Nassau, Bahamas

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOMING COMMENTS

Pastor Anthone Wallace

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Billy Knowles, Sr.

"WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN"

SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. 21:1-4

Winter Rose & Noah Lee (Grandchildren)

"JESUS IS THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:25-26 | Isaiah 41:10, 13 | Psalms 30:5

Brian Lee (Grandson)

EULOGY

"Nancy Lee - Whose Life We Celebrate Today"
Maria Lee Strohmayer (Granddaughter)

TRIBUTES

"As We Knew Our Sister"
Hazel Wells & Violet Cartwright

"As We Knew Our Sister-in-Christ"
Cyd Ward, Betty Allen & Pastor Rob Elliot



“MY SAVIOUR, FIRST OF ALL”

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Cor. 5:1-10

Cindy Lee, Timothy Lee & Allan Lee Jr.

TRIBUTES

“As I Knew My Mother-in-Law”

Laura Lee

“As We Knew Our Mom”

Sandy Lee

“As We Knew Our Great-Grandma”

Song by Violet, Cora & Ruby Strohmayer

PRAYER TRIBUTE

Dr. Pastor Rex Major (Video)

“I SHALL BEHOLD HIM”

Bea Fowler

MESSAGE

“Someone Nancy Wants You to Know”

Sr. Pastor Lyall Bethel

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor Fred Arnett

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Hallelujah Chorus!”

Repass immediately following in the Earl Weech Auditorium



WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus,
Sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.

Chorus:

When we all get to heaven,
What a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
We'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
Clouds will overspread the sky;
But when traveling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
Soon the pearly gates will open;
We shall tread the streets of gold.



JESUS IS THE SWEETEST NAME I KNOW

There have been names that I have loved to hear,
But never has there been a name so dear
To this heart of mine, as the name divine,
The precious, precious name of Jesus.

Chorus:

Jesus is the sweetest name I know,
And He's just the same as His lovely name,
And that's the reason why I love Him so;
Oh, Jesus is the sweetest name I know.

There is no name in earth or Heav'n above,
That we should give such honor and such love
As the blessed name, let us all acclaim,
That wondrous, glorious name of Jesus.

And someday I shall see Him face to face
To thank and praise Him for His wondrous grace,
Which He gave to me, when He made me free,
The blessed Son of God called Jesus.

MY SAVIOR FIRST OF ALL

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.

O 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 prepare for me a mansion in the sky.

O 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.

Thru 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.



Remembering the Life of Renentia “Nancy” Lee

Renentia “Nancy” Idella Rosena Lee nee Wells, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, daughter, aunt, and friend, left this world peacefully in the early Saturday morning hours of October 5, 2024 in Tampa, Florida at the age of 86. Though she is now absent from her body, we rejoice that she is present with her precious Lord and Savior. She was renowned for her deep love for God and family, her encouraging and nurturing spirit, dedication to her church community, impeccable fashion and elegance, her love of gardening, sports, scrabble, gospel music, and the color purple, and her unforgettably radiant smile.

Nancy was born on May 28, 1938, in the rural settlement of Grays, Long Island in The Bahamas. Growing up, she lived with her parents Nathaniel and Hilda Wells and helped to take care of her younger siblings. After finishing her own studies at the age of 14, she helped to teach other children in their local all-age schoolhouse. She often shared fond memories of growing up in Long Island such as grinding corn and catching land crabs at night with a stick as well as memories of attending Saint Theresa’s and Saint Mary’s Anglican churches.

As a young adult, Nancy moved to the capital city of Nassau, New Providence. She began working for Prince George Hotel on Bay Street as a receptionist. She also started to attend church at Central Gospel Chapel where, in 1954, Nancy first met her future husband, Allan Lee. Allan recalls, “ I had never seen such a beautiful woman in all my life. I soon discovered that it was because her inner beauty, shaped by her love for Jesus Christ, enhanced and radiated her entire person.” It wasn’t until 1959 that the two officially began dating when Allan returned home from seminary in the United States. Within a year, Nancy and Allan were married on June 24, 1960 at the same church where they met. In the years that followed, they joyfully welcomed four children into the world: twin daughters Cindy and Sandy, son Timothy, and later, son Allan Jr whom Nancy loved to dress in coordinating outfits. They bought their first home in the San Souci neighborhood in Nassau where they enjoyed having a large yard with many native fruit trees to raise their young children.

A faithful and loving wife and mother, Nancy supported their growing family as Allan worked through many years of business endeavors and theological studies. In 1972, the Lee family relocated to the United States so that Allan could complete studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Libertyville, Illinois and later Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas. Nancy loved growing large rose bushes in their backyard and being a part of their town’s Garden Club, attending Texas Rangers baseball games, knitting the family’s winter accessories, and listening to gospel music artists from the SonLife Broadcasting Network and Bill Gaithers. In 1979 as their children were transitioning to college years, the family moved again to Racine, Wisconsin so that Allan could take a senior pastor-teacher position at Racine Bible Church. Nancy continued to join another local garden club, build strong friendships with women and families at the church, and take care of their black-furred poodle Mandy.

By 1989, Nancy and Allan officially returned to The Bahamas where Allan assumed a senior pastor-teacher position at Calvary Bible Church in Nassau. By then, Allan had also founded Teleios Ministries with the purpose of training Bahamians for Christian ministry without needing to leave their homeland. For several decades, Nancy was a long-time member of Calvary’s women’s bible study group and Helping Hearts prayer ministry. Allan loved having Nancy go with him on hospital visits because of her powerful and soothing prayer and scripture readings.

Nancy was able to reunite with many of her old friends and siblings who had also relocated to Nassau and also have easier access to travel back to her Long Island home and family. Nancy loved growing and nurturing orchids and other potted plants and flowers on the balconies of their Grosvenor Court condominium on Paradise Island across the bridge from Nassau. Nancy and Allan also enjoyed the arrival of three grandsons and three granddaughters through Tim and Allan Jr and regularly took them on outings to Wendy's restaurant on Friday afternoons which their grandchildren excitedly looked forward to every week. She also enjoyed traveling for long visits with her daughters Cindy and Sandy who lived in Tallahassee, Florida and later, New Orleans (Sandy) and Tampa (Cindy).

No summary of Nancy's life would be complete without mentioning her love for the color purple, her love of sports, scrabble, and her amazing ability to recite scripture and hymns. Famously, Nancy's clothing were almost always various shades of light and dark purple along with purple nail polish and accessories. Sports also held a special place in her heart, even in her final days, tediously following the scores of her children and grandchildren's favorite baseball and football teams. Scrabble was always found nearby on her coffee table or on her iPad as she played remotely with relatives and friends. She loved sending cards to family and friends filled with her own poems and words of encouragement as well as her favorite scripture verses often in purple writing.

In the late 2010s, Nancy and Allan began gradually transitioning from Nassau to moving permanently into their devoted daughter Cindy's home in Tampa, Florida due to the challenges of aging, access to specialized medical care, and Allan's pastoral retirement. Cindy graciously took on the role of primary healthcare manager and advocate for her parents. As Nancy's health battles intensified within the last year, her calm, sweet, and gracious demeanor captivated her nurses and others who cared for her. Sandy (Denver) came to visit for extended months at a time, and Tim (Nassau), and Al (Salisbury, England) all spent extended weeks in support of their mother. Nancy also had a handful of visits from grandchildren and great-grandchildren as her time in this world was coming to an end. Her favorite scripture, Isaiah 41:10, were some of her final words to Allan in the early morning hours before she passed.

Nancy is survived by her adoring and grieving spouse, Allan, her four loving children and their spouses, Cindy, Sandy, Timothy (Julia), Allan Jr (Laura), grandchildren Brian, Maria, Hailey, Solomon, Noah, and Winter-Rose, great-grandchildren Violet, Cora, Elliot, Ruby, and Lana — all of whom rise up and call her blessed (Proverbs 28:31). She is also survived by her sisters Violet (Winston) Cartwright, Hazel (Randolph) Wells, brothers Franklyn (Cheryl) and McKinley (Barbara) Wells, numerous family members through marriage, cousins, nieces and nephews, as well as scores of loyal friends all over the world. She was predeceased by her parents Hilda and Nathaniel Wells, brothers James and Sydney Wells, sisters Edna Fox and Rena Cartwright, and great-grandchild Blair Elise.

Her life was a testament to the virtues of faithfulness, kindness and love, and she will be deeply missed by all who knew her. We will keep Nancy in our hearts forever until we meet again.

*"Don't be discouraged, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you
up with my victorious right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10 NLT

TRIBUTE FOR MUMMY

Three scriptures remind me of the deep and far-reaching impact of Mummy's love for Jesus. The verses are about Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet, put expensive perfume on his feet and then wiped them with her hair.

"The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume." John 12:3

"Truly I say to you, wherever the Gospel is preached in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her." Matt. 26:13

"She has done a beautiful thing for me." Mark 14:6

The fragrance which flowed from Mummy's love for Jesus showed up in many ways. I will speak about three ways. One of the most important ways was her prayer life. She was consistent in praying. If she said she would pray for you, she would pray for you and would continue to pray until there was an answer. Sometimes the person would forget they asked for prayer, but not Mummy. For years, I have prayed consistently for different groups of people every week. These people know my Mummy because they know I have learned the importance of intentionally praying for others from her. One of my girls who I have not seen in years said Sandy, her legacy of prayer goes on because you are still praying for us even after all these years. Mummy did not sit down and tell me this is how you should pray. I just saw her praying over the years and then I started praying and eventually it turned into a way of life that is now impacting many people. This is the beautiful aroma.

Another way this fragrance showed up was her smile. Her smile would light up the room and shine directly into your heart and make your day, no matter what kind of day you were having. When she was in the hospital, one of the hospital techs was taken aback by her smile. He said her smile made him feel seen, accepted and loved. The nurses and techs in the hospital loved coming to her room for her smile and the way she made them feel like people.

Finally, Mummy showed her love for Jesus through her peace and kindness. In a chaotic world, on any given day, she could bring calm. If you didn't feel like calming down, you would because you couldn't keep being chaotic in the presence of her sweet spirit. Mummy loved to send cards (Christmas, Birthday etc) every year to family and friends. What made those cards extra special were the poems or words of deep sweet encouragement that she would write. I now do the same. Mummy would go with Daddy on hospital and home visits. Daddy said Mummy was the better prayer and counselor. Her presence would bring peace to everyone.

Mummy, although quiet, had a sweet competitive spirit. She loved to watch sports, play scrabble and watch Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy. I love how Maria, her granddaughter, described her: "She was a fierce prayer warrior, lover of baseball and football, scrabble, and all things flowers and purple. She was a quiet yet such a powerful helpmate to my grandpa Allan Lee as he pastored in the Bahamian church community for decades, having her own strong impact on so many around her through her love and compassion."

Our Mummy was a deep lover of her Jesus, her family and all people. That deep love attracted others to Jesus. She was the beauty in our family. And that smile will totally envelop you. She was a prayer warrior. She loved her family well, along with her friends and all people. Mummy's love for Jesus was a sweet aroma that lavishly flowed over to others and for which she will forever be remembered.

Sandy Lee (Daughter)







TRIBUTE TO NANCY

Nancy,
You have been my sister-in-law for over 60 years.
I was a flower girl in your wedding.
I remember you and Allan using a scooter for transportation.
I think I can recall you two, riding on that, even when you were expecting the Twins.
Mama and I baby-sat all the time.
You went with me to Miami to buy my wedding dress.
You were known as a prayer warrior and a woman of God.
We would be playing Scrabble online and if I mentioned I was not feeling well; you will then message me with scriptures and a prayer.
So happy we got to see you in September, to give you a goodbye hug.
I know you were waiting to see me.
I am sad you left us. But, rejoicing to know that you are in your new mansion in heaven and along with beautiful gardens with purple flowers and angels all around.
The colors Purple and pink, will always be a special reminder of you, Nancy.
You will always be Allan's China Cup.
Rest in peace.

Always in my heart,

Cheryl (Cheri) Lee (Sister-in-Law)

MEMORIES THAT LAST FOREVER

Dear Sister,

Precious and beautiful friend and prayer partner. This is how our story began: Not long after relocating from Curaçao to the Bahamas in 2008 for Karels work, The good Lord directed my path to Calvary Bible Church. when invited to the women bible class, I was asked to introduce myself. Told the ladies, had to leave everything behind to follow my husband: missing church family , friends ,especially my prayer partner. After class a humble and kind sister approached me, saying that she would love to be my prayer partner. This was NANCY.... Oh how I thank The Lord for that day. A beginning of a beautiful relationship . Especially the very frequent prayer moments over a long period...what a faithful prayer warrior.

Many many topics and concerns to pray for. Many burdens and prayer requests and Nancy always said "more prayer, more power!" and "We have to pray without ceasing" for the sick and the suffering. Nancy always asked God to "renew, restore and revive...". Nancy was a star, how she encouraged others and me with God's Word. I admired how she just instantly had a verse from the Bible ready to comfort and encourage. With her kind, sweet, humble, and warm spirit - Nancy always made me feel at home. Loved to listen to hymns and songs of praise. Always praying, a wise woman of God, very patient, NEVER complaining. Humble, when asking how she is doing she would say, "I'm pretty good" and " but they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31. Nancy also had a good sense of humor and was a good chef in her kitchen too. She loved loved flowers, especially orchids, from purple to pink.

Love,

Wil Knake-Green (Friend)