



## Acknowledgements

Our family wishes to thank all who sent expressions of sympathy by way of telephone calls, cards and floral tributes.

Thank you for your prayers and presence here today.

May God bless you all.



### In Loving Memory of



#### Lauren Velda Eunice Rawlins Gardiner

3rd February 1946 - 31st January 2017



Nottingham Northern Cemetery Friday 7th April 2017

### Order of Service

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION
Revd. David Ward

MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN Amazing Grace

TRIBUTES
Selena
Darrena

OPEN TRIBUTES

SCRIPTURE READING
Psalm 23

TIME FOR REFLECTION

PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN When We All Get To Heaven

Committal at Graveside



#### EULOGY.

Lauren Eunice Velda Rawlins Gardlner was born on February 3rd, 1946 in Pembroke, Bermuda

She was the Sixth Child born to Fredrick Rawlins and Elsie Rawlins.

She attended the West Pembroke Primary School and The Bermuda High School in Prospect, Devonshire. After Graduating from High School, She went on and got her first job at the Stop and Shop now called Arnold's Grocery Store on St. John's Road Bermuda.

Lauren then met Earlston Gardiner and went on to marry him in July 1965, they were married for 32years and from that Union they had three children, Mrs. Tanya Maynard-Outerbridge, Miss. Selena Gardiner and Mr. Olatunji (Ojay) Gardiner.

She had 8 Grandchildren, Darrena Gardiner, Shanikae' Smith-Gardiner, Jah'Rico Smith Gardiner, Luis Pontes Jr. (Nico), Nije Hypolite, Quasee' Daniels, Keiano Gardiner and Kaze Hall. She had 2 Great-Grandchildren, Darrion Gardiner and Amora Lightbourne-Gardiner.

She also worked for The Bermuda Telephone Company for many years along with many other jobs like Ralph Desilva's Bakery. She cooked the best beef pies you would ever taste and I mean the best in Bermuda. Her daughter, Selena spent many summers working with her Mum making Pies and goodies. She always had treats for us and our cousins and friends that frequently came to the house. Mum and Dad always had company over at the house having a good time. She kept her children close to home. Made our friends especially her son Jay's friends hang out at the house. She would feed all of them all even my Dad's friends while helping build the Family Home.

She loved travelling abroad. She went away for many years with her Sisters to New York & with her Sister In-Law's to Virginia.

Lauren was a quiet and humble woman never asked for much, She loved getting her hair done and going Bingo, were she won a lot of times and would come home and wake we kids up and throw the money up in the air. She didn't have to say much but when she knew you knew what she wanted you bests get it. Like a cool juice or ginger ale, she loved a cool drink. Mum always took we kids swimming a lot in the Summer Time. She and Aunt Glenda would make sandwiches and drinks and snacks and would take our cousins and friends out Admiralty House and have great time. She was the best Mum. She was a real family woman. Loved being up her Family Homestead up Mount Hill with all her sisters, brothers and other family members and friends. Those were some good old times.

Lauren then decide to go abroad to live in England on short noticed. She left September 2013 with her daughter, Selena and grandson LuisPontes Jr. We all started a new life with her grand daughter Darrena and grandson Darrion. Her second eldest grand daughter, Shanikae lived with her NaNa from birth so they were close and born in the month of February. Shanikae came to see her NaNa in Oct. 2015, she was so happy to see her NaNa. Grandchildren, Jah'Rico, Nije', Quasee', Keianos and Kaze she loved dearly. She loved spending quality time with all of them.

Kaze is her youngest grandchild, so he will only hear great things about a Great Woman. Darrion her is her first great grandson, he loved to visit his Nana G in Bermuda and in England. He always spent time with her hugging and kissing her and talking to her. Amora was her only great granddaughter. She spent a lot of time with her little princess as Darrena was Mum's Carer. Darrena was Lauren's first Grandchild and was very close to Her NaNa, she loved spending time baking and cooking with Mum. They had a lot of fun over the years going out with her sister Glenda and her grand daughter. Darrena spent most of her time up Government Gate every weekend with her NaNa.I now have to ask Darrena to make Johnny Bread and many other delicious dishes she taught her to cook. Darrena even grew up to want to be a Health Care Professional and can now pursue her dreams. When Mum got sick she stepped right up to the plate. I just want to thank my BabyGirl so much for loving my Mum just as much as Me.

She was loved by many in England. She got so far as to walking a little distance. She made us proud. We always was up her house spending quality time together talking and laughing. Lauren had a lot of Carers that ended up being more then her Carers and more like friends. They still came to see her once she moved to her new house. She touched a lot of people's Hearts in Bermuda and in England.

Lauren will be sadly missed by the Entire Family - Brothers and Sisters: Kimble Rawlins pre-deceased, Gary Rawlins pre-deceased, Millet Rawlins Devonny Rawlins pre-deceased, Royston Rawlins pre-deceased, Glenda Burchall Kay Brangman pre-deceased, Laurverne Mallory Wandra Rawlins,

Great aunt Delores, Best Friend Maxine, Carers from Comfort Call, Lymn Funeral Home and numerous other family & friends too many to mention.

GOD OFFERS his outstanding DEVOTION MAKES us OBEDIENT and READY for a NEW day with him. INSPIRE others please and NEVER forget GOD Loves You!



#### Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear;
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear;
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far;
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

And when this heart and flesh shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

# 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.

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

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, Clouds will over-spread the sky; But when trav'ling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh.

When we all get to heaven...

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.
When we all get to beaven...

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.

When we all get to heaven...