

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Elizabeth Joseph

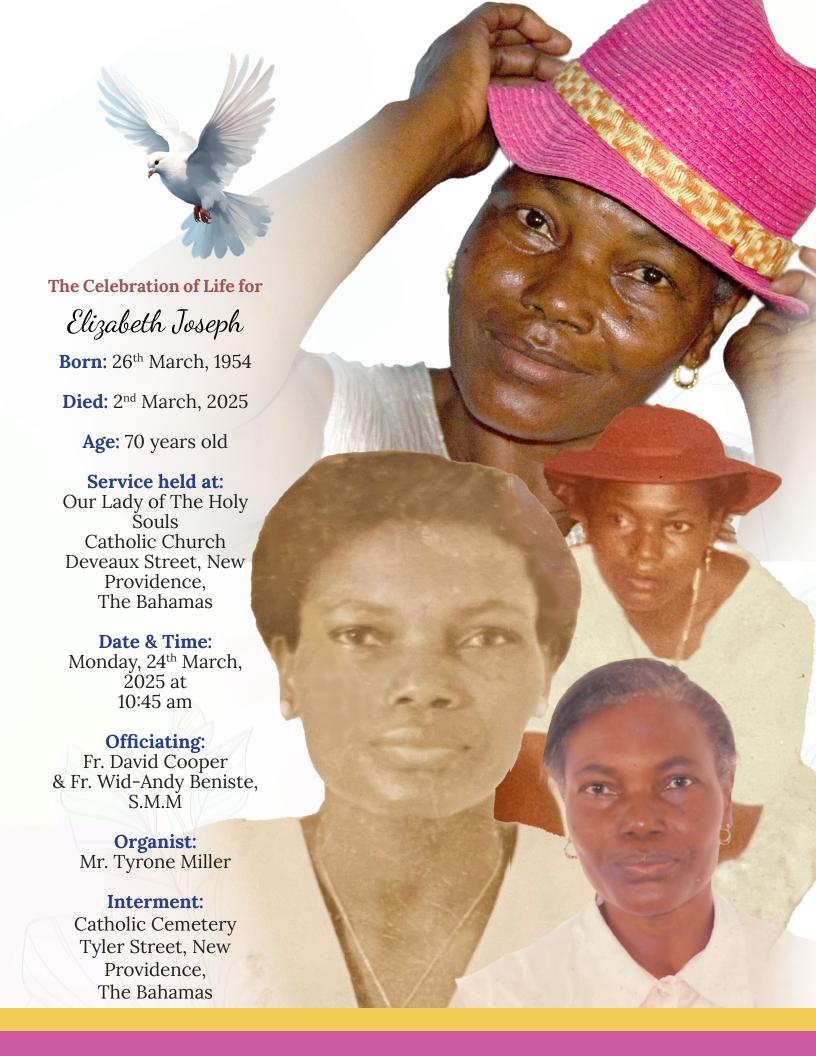
March 26th, 1954 - March 2nd, 2025

AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS MS. LIZ, ZABETH, OR BEBETH









Life Tribute

IN LOVING MEMORY AND HONOUR OF THE LIFE OF **ELIZABETH** JOSEPH.

Friday, March 26, 1954, was a picturesque day in Fort Liberté, Haiti-the perfect day for Louis Joseph and Cecile Guerrier to welcome their beautiful baby girl into the world at four in the afternoon. From that day forward, they called their daughter Elizabeth Joseph, and those who knew her affectionately referred to her as Bèbèt, Zabèt, or Miss Liz.

Elizabeth grew up in Fort Liberté and attended St. François d'Assise School, where she excelled academically and began honing her skills as a seamstress. Sewing was her passion, and with hard work and determination, she established her own business in Haiti, quickly gaining a reputation for her exceptional craftsmanship.

Bèbèt loved sharing vivid stories about her childhood adventures and had fond memories of her youth in Haiti. However, despite these cherished moments, the economic and social climate in her home country led her to seek opportunities in The Bahamas.

Elizabeth had five sons and a daughter, and she worked tirelessly to provide them with the best education possible. She made countless sacrifices to support her children, even when it meant doing more with less. Though she found success as a seamstress, no job was beneath her if it ensured an honest day's wage.

Separated from her immediate family by oceans, Elizabeth became a part of many other families throughout the years. She was the trusted seamstress for countless occasions-christenings, birthdays, school events, weddings, funerals, and everything in between. Ms. Liz, as she was often called, served the Centerville community and beyond with unwavering dedication.

She treated everyone with equal respect,



regardless of status or age, and rarely turned anyone away, even if it meant donating her time and talents.

On March 2, 2025, Elizabeth slipped from time into eternity. Although she no longer walks among the living, her kindness and love live on in the hearts of all who knew and cherished her.

Predeceased by: her father, Louis Joseph, and her mother, Cecile Guerrier.

Survivors

Left to cherish her memories are her:

Children: Eddie Lubin, Michaelle Antony, Jean Joseph, Charles Joseph (Nona Rose), Fritz Hong, Lee Hong (Xian), Adopted sons Dwayne Kemp, Patrick Nord, Sharif Chipman, and many others.

Siblings: Luisson Joseph & Dieudonne Joseph

Nieces & Nephews: Nephews and Nieces: Lucson, Lucnise, Crystal, Monise, and Amanda Joseph; & Wilmen, Vilsaint, Saintanise, Manette, Dieulène, Dieuseul, Dieula, and Julie Alcime.

Grandchildren: Christine M. I. Lubin, Kianaelle S. Lubin; Leonard Antony Mompremier, Michael-Kane Antony Mompremier; Caleb T. Joseph, Cherie B. Joseph, Cadeem M. L. Joseph

A host of other friends and loved ones: Valdarine Kemp, Shaneska Kemp, and Clelia Armbrister; Barry Saunders; Ivy Rolle, PC 4648 Craig Rolle (Godson), Miesha Rolle & Almarie Rahming; Loverne, Thomas, Trevor, & Tiffany Wildgoose; Shandella, Noel, Nicolas, Collin, and Sarah Dames; Lucia Dorgil, Edlyn, Linda, Lisa & Jean Phillipe, Janiah, Jaliyah, and Fugly Knowles; Yverose Theophile & Family; Simon Louis; Katrina Burrows and Family; The Chipman family; The King & Burrows Family and numerous others too many to mention.

Pre-service

Tribute

As I Knew Her (audio)......Children & Close Friends



Celebrant: I place all my trust in you my God; All my hope is in your saving word.

Celebrant: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord hear my voice.

People: O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading

Celebrant: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord who would survive?

People: But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. Celebrant: My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on His Word.

People: My soul is longing for the Lord more than the watchman for daybreak.

Celebrant: Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

People: Israel, indeed, he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Celebrant: To the Father Almighty give glory, give glory to his Son.

People: To the Spirit, most holy, give praise, whose reign is forever.

Celebrant: I placed all my trust in you my God: All my hope is in your saving word.

The grace and peace of God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And with your spirit.

(At Church entrance)

Celebrant: Praised be God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our afflictions and thus enables us to comfort those who are in trouble, with the same consolation we have received from him.

People: Blessed be God the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

(Blessing with Holy Water)

Celebrant: I bless the body of our sister Elizabeth with the holy water that recalls baptism into Christ of which St. Paul writes: "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death." By baptism into His death we were buried together with Him, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with Him by likeness to His death, so shall we be united with Him by likeness to His resurrection.

Entrance Hymn: First 2 verses of Rock of Ages

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

let me hide myself in thee;

can ful
let the water and the blood,

from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;

save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

In remembrance of her baptism, we place a white pall over the remains of our sister, Elizabeth. (Fritz and Lee Hong (sons) will assist with the placing of the white pall on the casket.)

Celebrant: On the day of her Baptism she put on Christ. On the day of Christ's coming may she be clothed with Glory.

People: Amen.

Entrance Hymn: ROCK OF AGES cont'd

3. Nothing in my hands I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling; Naked, come to Thee for dress, Helpless, look to Thee for grace: Foul, I to the fountain fly, Wash me, Savior, or I die. 4. While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyes shall close in death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

Ceremony of the Paschal Candle

Celebrant: Behold the light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life, the person who believes in me, though she dies, yet shall that person live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?

People: Yes, we believe that Jesus is the Anointed One, the Son of God, who is come into the world.

Celebrant: We must work the works of Him who sent us while it is day, for night comes when no one can work. "As long as I am in the world", Jesus says, "I am the light of the world."

Celebrant: The Lord is with you.

People: And with your Spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty Father, You raised Your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead, so that we who believe Him to be the Light of the world may, with Him, be brought to the fullness of Light in His resurrection. Grant, we ask you, that our sister Elizabeth who has left this world will inherit eternal life, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

People: Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9

Read by: Marcel Sherman (Friend of Family)

1 But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. 2 In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, 3 and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. 4 For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. 5 Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; 6 like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. 7 In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. 8 They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. 9 Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Second Scripture Reading: First Letter of John 3:14-16 Read by: Tahnae Pratt (Friend of Family)

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a

murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. The Word of The Lord.

V: Glory and Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

R: Glory and Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

V: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life

R: Glory and Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please stand out of respect for the reading of the Holy Gospel.)

Gospel Reading: John 12: 23-28

Homily: Fr. David Cooper

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Read by: Jean W. Joseph (Son)

Celebrant: Confident that our Risen Lord will hear our prayers this day and answer them with the love he promised to all who believe in him. We now ask...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer:

Celebrant: Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Elizabeth, and dry the tears of those who weep... we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: That Elizabeth may now experience God face to face and enjoy the companionship of the angels and saints forever... we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: That all of us gathered here today, as mourners, may live our lives aware of the judgment that we too shall one day have to undergo ... we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: That all who have benefited from the goodness of Elizabeth strive to bring similar qualities into the lives of those they encounter each day ... we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

That any of our family members and friends, who are seriously ill, may be **Celebrant:** strengthened and consoled by our care and our prayer... we pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn death; that they may find strength and consolation in the hope that we have through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We pray to the Lord.

Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Loving God, comfort us, your sorrowing servants, who seek to know and do our will. Help us to know your saving peace and lead us to Eternal Life in your presence with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: I Am the Bread of Life

1. I am the Bread of life,	2. The bread that I will	You shall not have life
He who comes to Me shall	give	within you. [Chorus]
not hunger,	Is My flesh for the life of	
He who believes in Me	the world,	4. I am the Resurrection,
shall not thirst.	And he who eats of this	I am the Life,
No one can come to Me	bread,	He who believes in Me
Unless the Father draw	He shall live for ever,	Even if he die,
him.	He shall live for ever.	He shall live for ever.
	[Chorus]	[Chorus]
Chorus:		
And I will raise him up,	3. Unless you eat	5. Yes, Lord, we believe
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And I will raise him up, Of the flesh of the Son of And I will raise him up on Man And drink of His blood, the last day. And drink of His blood,

That You are the Christ, The Son of God Who has come Into the world. [Chorus]

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Valdarine S. Kemp & Clelia Armbrister

Preparation of the Altar:

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

People: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name.

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Preface:

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: And with your Spirit.
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

People: It is right and just.

The first acclamation of the people:

People: Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, haven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The second acclamation of the people:

Celebrant: The mystery of faith

People: We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

The third acclamation of the people:

Celebrant: Through Him, with Him, In Him, O God Almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours forever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Communion Rite:

At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

People: "Our Father... but deliver us from evil Amen."

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days. That, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People: For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever more. Amen

The Sign of Peace

(Note: Do not move from your seats. Please turn to the people near you and share the greeting of peace. This is not the time to move forward to offer condolences to the family of the deceased)

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And with your spirit.

Peace 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 hast 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. [Chorus]

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 and ten thousand beside. [Chorus]

Lamb of God:

(Note: Roman Catholics fully participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion. Catholics are encouraged to receive Holy Communion devoutly, and should be properly disposed for this special privilege)

Invitation to Communion:

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn: Here I am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them – whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me; I will hold Your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain.

I have wept for love of them; they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My Word to them – whom shall I send? [Chorus]

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them; My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,

Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them – whom shall I send? [Chorus]

Communion Meditation: Anne Calixte - Solo Tribute "You Raise Me Up".

Final Commendation: (Pall is removed and body is incensed in silence)

Priest: Let us Pray:

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Elizabeth. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet Elizabeth again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

SONG OF FAREWELL:

Celebrant: Saints of God come to her aid! Come to meet her, angels of the Lord People: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Celebrant: May Christ, who called you, take you to Himself, may the angels lead you to Abraham's side.

People: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Celebrant: Give her eternal rest, O Lord, and let your light shine on him forever,

People: Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION:

Priest: To you, O Lord, we commend the soul of Elizabeth Joseph, your servant; in the sight of this world she is now dead; in your sight may she live forever. Forgive whatever sins she has committed through human weakness and in your goodness grant her everlasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: In peace let us take our sister to her final place of rest.

Recessional Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills of this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

+ CEMETERY +

RITE OF COMMITTAL:

Priest: Let us pray:

Our sister Elizabeth has gone to her rest in the peace of Christ, May the Lord now welcome her to the table of God's children in heaven!

With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist her with our prayers.

Let us pray to the Lord also for ourselves. May we, who mourn, be reunited one day with our sister; together may we meet Christ Jesus when he who is our life appears in glory.

Priest: We read in Sacred Scripture:

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

PRAYER OVER THE GRAVE:

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, by Your own three days in the tomb, You hallowed the graves of all who believe in You and so made the grave a sign of hope that promises resurrection even as it claims our mortal bodies.

Grant that our sister Elizabeth may sleep here in peace until You awaken her to glory, for You are the resurrection and the life. Then she will see You face to face and in Your light will see light and know the splendor of God, for You live and reign forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us Pray:

Celebrant

By your coming as Man...

By your birth...

By your baptism and fasting...

By your suffering and cross...

By your death and burial...

By your rising to new life...

By your return in glory to the Father...

By your gift of the Holy Spirit...

By your coming again in glory...

People

Lord, save your people.

COMMITTAL:

Priest: Because God has chosen to call her from this life to himself, we commit her body to the earth for we are dust and unto dust we shall return.

But the Lord Jesus Christ will change our mortal bodies to be like his in glory, for he is risen, the firstborn from the dead.

So let us commend our sister Elizabeth to the Lord, that the Lord may embrace her in peace and raise up her body on the last day.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Priest: With longing for the coming of God's kingdom, let us pray as Jesus taught us: People: Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

Priest: God of holiness and power, accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Elizabeth; do not count her deeds against her, for in her heart she desired to do your will. As her faith united her to your people on earth, so may your mercy join her to the angels in heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE:

Priest: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

Merciful Lord, you know the anguish of the sorrowful, you are attentive to the prayers of the humble. Hear your people who cry out to you in their need, and strengthen their hope in your lasting goodness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Priest: Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

People: And let perpetual light shine upon her.

Priest: May she rest in peace.

People: Amen.

Priest: May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

People: Amen.

Priest: May the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. People: Amen.

Priest: May almighty God bless you - the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.



COMMITAL

HYMNS

It is Well

1. When peace like a river, attendeth my way

When sorrows like sea billows roll Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,

"It is well, it is well, with my soul!"

Refrain: It is well With my soul It is well, it is well with my soul

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come

Let this blest assurance control That Christ has regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul [Refrain]

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!

My sin, not in part but the whole Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul! [Refrain 2x]

It's Alright Now

1. There was a time I travelled a lonely sinful road; Beneath a heavy burden bending low; But now all things are different, since Jesus took my load It's alright now, I'm His I know.

(Chorus)
It's alright now, for I am in my Saviour's care It's alright now; my Saviour hears and answers prayer. He'll walk with me, (He'll walk beside me) Till I climb the heavenly stair, And everything (And everything is alright now)

- 2. A' down a lonely pathway, without a friend to guide, I walked in sin and sorrow all alone 'Till Jesus came and found me, and drew me to His side; It's alright now, for I'm His own. [Chorus]
- 3. No more in sin I wander, no more in darkness roam. The Lord has placed my feet on higher ground; Each day new heights I'm gaining, my soul is nearing home. It's alright now, I'm heaven bound. [Chorus]

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. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

- 3. The Lord hath promised good to me, `His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
- 4. 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.





















MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

"Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Comforted by these words, we the family of the late Elizabeth Joseph extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who has called visited, prayed, and showed us love and kindness during our time of sorrow. Your presence has helped us to navigate our pain and grief. Please keep us in prayer and we will also pray for you.

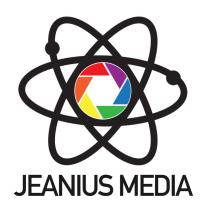
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