

TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE ROBINETTE

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It is with profound sadness of heart that I write This tribute of our founder and past director of the Robin's Nest Children's Home, although I wish I were writing a speech for her retirement instead of a funeral.

I have come to know Ms. Michelle through my husband who was working with her maintaining the Pool, in 1999 a few months after the inception of the Robin's Nest Children's Home...

Michelle asked him if I could come and work with her. I quickly accepted the offer seeing It was just a walking distance from home to work. She was a loving, caring, kind-hearted, gentle, God-fearing person. She was very passionate about what she did, a fun person to be around although very firmed.

She not only cared about the welfare of the Kids, but also the Staff. Each time she visited the states, she would bring back goodies for the children & staff. We could look forward for Birthday gifts, Easter gifts, School Supplies for our kids and Christmas gifts and bonuses. She would also extend her giving to the community as well. She was loved by everyone she came across There are times when the kitty get low on cash, and we would take it a pleasure to come to work even when we know we weren't going home with our wages. There was times when there was no money or food and Ms. Michelle would pray for the food truck to come and God answer her prayer. There was enough for the Nest and for each staff to take home. She was a mother of faith.

Ms. Michelle was very lively, we would have the Radio on Gospel Station for the entire day and We would sing & dance together. One of her favorite Song was, "There is No GOD Like Jehovah." She has sweet tooth. Ms. Joy and I would have to bake those cakes for her. Two of her favorite Snacks were hacamok and Salsa.

After retiring and back in the state, I felt like a part of me has gone. I would look forward to her visit at least 2-3 times per year. I would call her sometimes, checking up on her. Or I would keep in touch with Leah to hear how she was doing.

On Saturday February 11. I saw a missed call and a message from Leah stating that she was calling to let me know that her Nana has gone home to be with the Lord.

I want to borrow Paul's Valedictory on 2 Timothy 4, 7-8. Sleep on Ms Michelle, sleep and take your rest. Until that great and getting morning when Michelle has fought the Good fight, she has finished her race.... Finally, there is laid up for her a crown righteous Which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give to her on that day. The trump shall sound and all those that are asleep shall be awakened to be with the Lord."

Then we shall know each other Better By & By.