

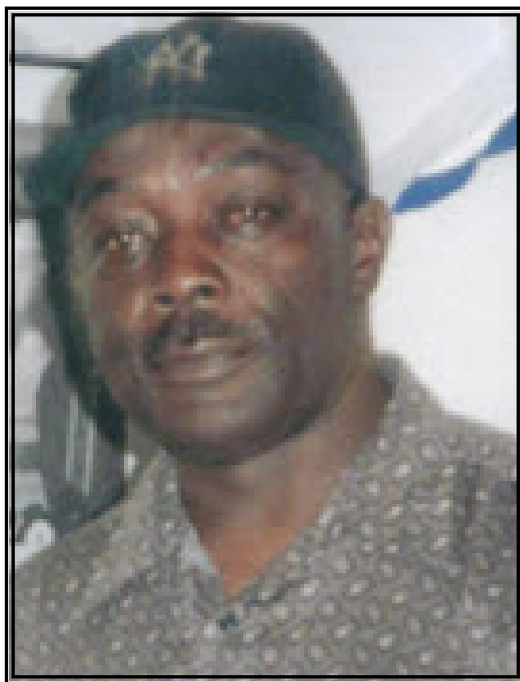
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*Celebration Service for The Life Of*  
*Cleveland L. Francis*  
*“Benno” “Uncle Cleve”*

Sunrise  
August 28, 1942

Sunset  
February 1, 2011



**Service**

Friday, February 18, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

375 Van Houten Street  
Paterson, New Jersey 07504

*Rev. Dr. Adrian Anthony McFarlane, Officiating*

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## *Reflections of Life*

**Cleveland L. Francis** affectionately known as “Beno” was born on August 28, 1942 in Manchester, Jamaica West Indies to the late George Francis and Marion Butler. He obtained his education at Shortwood Secondary School and University Extra-Mutual Center, where he studied political science, Kingston, Jamaica, W.I.

After graduating he was employed to Masterton Welding Company, Kingston, Jamaica W.I. for over twenty years. In 1968 he met his childhood sweet heart, Francine “Beryl”, they were married in 1980, two children were born from this union, Robert and Randy.

He migrated to the USA in the early eighties and was employed by several welding companies, but settled down with “VINCENT IPPOLOTTO SANITATION COMPANY”, for over ten years. From 1998 he went independent and operated a successful business named “FRANCIS BURNING & WELDING COMPANY, SPECIALIZING IN SANITATION & HEAVY DUTY EQUIPMENT” until his time of death.

Cleveland’s friends recalled the day he named himself “Beno”. It happened during one of their many Saturday afternoon cricket games when he scored an inning and he shouted “I am RICHIE BENO”. “RICHIE BENAUGH” was distinguished Australian Cricketer, whom Cleveland admired. From that day on he became known as “BENO” and carried himself like the true champion he was. He had many athletic interests, including cycling from 1962 - 1965 he won numerous championships and awards at the Jamaica National Stadium. He was an ardent supporter to the Shortwood Major League United Team of the Kingston & St. Andrew Football Association. He was a life long enthusiast. Also, lover of Thoroughbred Racing from Cayman’s Park, Kingston, Jamaica W.I. and the Meadowlands Race Track, where he would socialize with his friends.

Beno wore many hats due to his mature responsible and caring nature. He was a big brother and father to a large extended family, giving advice and re-directed many wayward young men and women in his community. He was a wealth of knowledge and information, which he was willing to share with any and everyone.

His wife, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews were the special source of his joy and they miss the sound of his voice and his concern for their well-being.

Cleveland is survived by: his wife, Francine “Beryl”; sons, Robert and Randy; grandchildren, Maurice and Warren; his only sibling, Olive; nieces, Dawn and Sharon; nephews, Colin, Dave and Dion; daughter-in-law, Nicole; sisters-in-law, Pewee, Joy and Yvonne; brother-in-law, Gordon; special friend, Patsy Nelson; and a host of cousins, numerous friends and his dog, “TUFFY”.

# *Order of Service*

Musical Prelude

Invocation..... Minister

Hymn ..... “How Great Thou Art”  
African Hymnal (AA) #148

Scripture Readings

Old Testament Psalm 121 ..... Michael Hyman (cousin)

New Testament 2 Timothy 4:7-8 ..... Bertie Wright (cousin)

Choral Selection..... “Some Where Around The Throne”  
Shirley Willis (former Grace Trillers)

Tributes ..... Collin Francis  
Moderator

Solo ..... Osbourne Reid

Acknowledgements

Reading of Obituary ..... Orlando White (in-law)

Poem ..... Randy Francis

Hymn (Congregation) ..... “The Lord’s My Shepherd”  
(offering for UPC Building Fund)

The Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. Adrian Anthony McFarlane

Prayer of Comfort ..... Minister

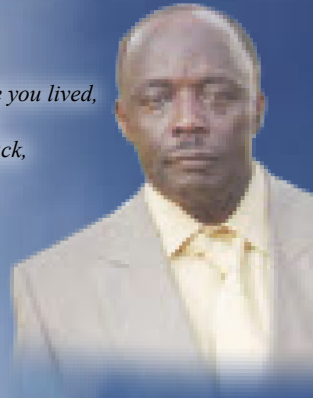
Hymn ..... “It Is Well With My Soul”  
(When Peace Like A River)  
African Hymnal (AA) #377

**Interment**  
*Laurel Grove Cemetery*  
*Totowa, New Jersey*

Please join the family after the interment for a repast in the Fellowship Hall.

*Donations may be made to the UPC Building Funds.*

## *To My Uncle Beno*



*When I sit and think about the good times we shared I smile because you lived,  
I will shed many tears because you are no longer with us,  
I would like to close my eyes and pray that you will come back,  
My heart will be empty because I can't see you again,  
Beno you gave me advice no one has ever given me,  
You believed in me,  
You were my second daddy.*

*If I could turn back the clock on tomorrow and live yesterday  
I would be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
Beno - God saw you getting tired, when a cure was not to be.  
So He wrapped His arms around you and whispered,  
"Come to me."*

*You didn't deserve what you went through,  
so He gave you rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.  
I picture you sleeping so peaceful and free from pain,  
I could not wish you back to suffer that again.  
I am so happy that I came to see you last week,  
I find comfort in my heart that you are in a better place (heaven) you will have no pain.  
Goodbye Beno, be on your way. Until we meet someday, up in Heaven.  
Some say I will miss you a little - but not for long,  
I say... I will miss you each and everyday,  
I love you.*

~Your "Little Angie"  
(In-law)  
Nassau, Bahamas

### **Pall Bearers**

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Robert Francis (son)       | Randy Francis (Son)    |
| Maurice Francis (Grandson) | Michael Hymn (Cousin)  |
| Norman Wright (in-law)     | Orlando Whyte (in-law) |
| Berti Wright (cousin)      |                        |

### *In Appreciation*

*The family of **Cleveland Francis** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this time of bereavement.  
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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