



*Thanksgiving Service
for the Life of*

Patrick Adrian Bryan

*Sunrise
December 25, 1972*

*Sunset
June 27, 2011*

Saturday, July 9, 2011 - 4:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, NJ

Officiating Ministers

Bishop Clive McBean • Reverend Audrey Manning

Obituary

Patrick Adrian Bryan was born on the 25th of December 1972 to Everard Bryan and Jenifer Thomas Harris. He is known to family and friends as John. He was the first of six children of his mother and the first of three children for his father. He attended Derry All Age School in St. Mary, thereafter he attended Tacky Junior Secondary School, where he was the Head Boy for his class.

Patrick migrated to the United States on June 24th 1988. Patrick was always seeking new adventures, so three months after his arrival he left for Florida to reside with his uncle in Fort Myers. He resided there for two years. He was always concerned about his sister Jackie and moved to Connecticut to join her in 1991. Through rough times, Patrick stuck with Jackie. In 1993, they both moved back to New Jersey with his only niece, Keisha, and resided at 88-90 Grace St. until his death.

In 1994, Patrick started working at Hamilton Park Hotel and Conference Center as a Chef and then moved on to the Engineering department. That position he held until his passing. He has been a loving and caring brother and uncle.

He loved music, and played music at cook-outs and parties. John enjoyed spending time with friends and family. He was well known for his easy going manner and generous heart. He maintained his trademark of helping others all the way to the end. Never said no when it came to giving a helping hand; whether it was to fix something within a house or to give someone a ride. He was always concerned with the welfare of others. He has been a comfort and strength to many. He was never a person to create a fuss or a fight and was considered the peacemaker among friends.

John's life would seem too short to many, but those who were touched by him understood that the quality of existence far exceeds the quantity of time in which one lives. His gentle smile, easy going spirit and generosity brought so much joy to family and friends.

Left to mourn his death: his mother, Jenifer; father, Everard; grandmothers, Ivy and Adassa; three sisters, Jackie, Marshel and Michelle; two brothers, Gesford (Jr) and Luscién; niece, Keisha; four nephews, Kashawn, Gerard, Garren and Tobore; fourteen aunts, four uncles, forty-seven cousins; dear friend, Tanya; and a host of other relatives and numerous friends whom were blessed to know him. John will be greatly missed.

Always a smile, instead of a frown,
Always a hand when one is down,
Always true, thoughtful and kind,
Wonderful memories he left behind.

Order of Service

Opening Sentences *Rev. Audrey Manning*

Opening Hymn *"I Come To The Garden Alone"*

Prayer *Bishop Clive McBean*

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 90:1-12 *Roel Manning*

Selection *Marshel Webb*

New Testament Lesson - Hebrews 12:1-11 *Althea Christian*

Tributes (3 minutes)

Douglas Manning

Representative: Hamilton Park Hotel

Jacqueline Holiness

Grace Street Family

Open Tributes (2 minutes)

Obituary *Michelle Harris*

Selection *Praise Temple Church of God*

Message *Bishop Clive McBean*

Closing Words

Interment

Thomas Family Plot

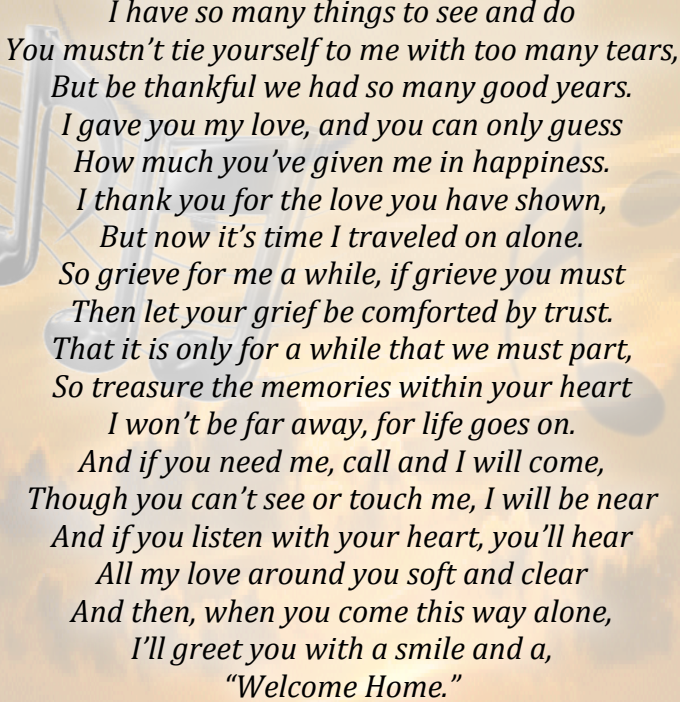
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Following the service family and friends are invited to the repast held at:

Hamilton Park Hotel and Conference Center

175 Park Avenue • Florham Park, NJ 07932

I Am Always With You

A background image featuring a soft, golden sunset sky. On the left, there are several musical notes and a treble clef. In the center, a white dove is shown in flight, wings spread, with a bright sun or moon behind it. The overall mood is peaceful and comforting.

*When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.
I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love you have shown,
But now it's time I traveled on alone.
So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
That it is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart
I won't be far away, for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come,
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear
All my love around you soft and clear
And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a,
"Welcome Home."*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.*

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