



Graduation of The Life of

Ariel C.S. Edwards

Sunrise

September 1, 1988

Sunset

May 10, 2012

Service

Thursday, May 17, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR EPISCOPAL CHURCH

116-42 Farmers Blvd. • St. Albans, New York

Canon Bernard O.D. Young, Officiating

Obituary

Ariel Cecil Stanton Edwards was born on September 1, 1988 in Brooklyn, New York. He was the second son of Carolyn A. Peters and Stanton S. Edwards. His older brother Pele A. Edwards was Ariel's biggest influence and you could often hear him say that "you're the only person that I can talk to that tells me something that I didn't think about". Pele taught him some of the most basic things in life like how to brush his teeth and take a bath.

Ariel at the tender age of six years old went to Girard College a boarding school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with his older brother Pele and older cousin Lakysa. He then went to Public School 36, Intermediate School 59 and then to Francis Lewis High School. After High School he went to Queensboro Community College where he was studying business law. Ariel earned his series 7 at the age of twenty.

Ariel's main goal was to be financially independent. The only job he had was working on Wall Street where he was an independent stock broker. He could always be heard talking about new business ventures or different ways to earn money. He was just about to get into a new business venture with his best friend but more like a brother Nicholas Sinclair. If there was a way to make money Ariel would either be in it or about to try it.

Ariel always did things his way. He would very seldom seek the opinions of others when making decisions. Ariel was a natural leader motivating others to be independent. Ariel would lend friends money to get started but it would only be once and everyone he helped would always find success. He would want all people around him to have their own so they could live the high life. Ariel had big dreams to be rich and we all know he had the determination to get there.

Ariel was a born again Christian baptizing at the age of thirteen. He later went to Nigeria where he was initiated into IFA.

Ariel Cecil Stanton Edwards will be remembered by friends and family dearly missed by both. He leaves behind his Loving mother Carolyn A. Peters, Father Stanton S. Edwards, Brothers Pele A. Edwards, Stephon L. Mark, Nicholas Sinclair, Raymond Sanchez, Tristian Quammie, Corey Quammie, Kazeem Odunfa; Sisters Iyanna Glaud, Khafayat Edwards, Mariam Chandass and Terry-ann Edwards; Grandmothers Gloria P. Peters, Virginia Edwards; Aunts Janet Peters, Allison Edwards, June Peters, and Claudette Belowa; Uncles Leonard Peters and Lincoln Best; Cousins Lakysa Gordon, Michael Gordon, Gloria Gordon, Shannen Peters, Tisanya Simmons, Joel Best, Isaiah Simmons, Joshua Simmons, Aliyah Best, Shanie Belowa, and David Belowa; Nephews Kysaire Gordon, Jordan Mark; Nieces Maya Edwards, Naomi Edwards, Ariyana Gordon, Kymanii Gordon, Heaven Mark, Areana Easterling, Alyssia Sanchez, Aliyah Easterling; Godparents Joy Hyde, Anthony Furgeson and Kittie Odunfa. Ariel was well known and leaves behind many friends that he has touched and will miss him dearly.

We all LOVE and MISS him and we are sure that he has taken his place in heaven where he is resting peacefully.

Order of Service

The Rev. Canon Bernard O.D. Young, DD Rector
The Rev. Margaret Blackett Deacon Assistant
Mr. Donald B. Morton Organist/Choirmaster
MASS OF RESURRECTION ARIEL CECIL EDWARDS
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PRELUDE “The Trumpet Shall Sound” - G.F. Handel

Hymn “My Faith Looks Up To Thee” - LEV. 88
Collect Pg. 493

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Readings Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33
Psalm 116 - Pg. 759
Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39

Hymn “There’s A Wideness In God’s Mercy” - 469
The Holy Gospel Matthew 10:26-31
Homily
The Nicene Creed Pg. 496

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Pg. 497

The Peace
Hymn “Jesus Lives!” -194

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving Pg.361
Proper Preface Of The Resurrection
The Lord’s Prayer
The Breaking Of The Bread
Angus Dei
The Distribution Of Holy Communion
(To Family and Friends)

Communion Hymn “Lord Make Us Servants of Your Peace” - 593
Post Communion Prayer Pg. 498

Closing Hymn “Because He Lives” LEV. 43
The Commendation

POSTLUDE “We’re Marching To Zion”

Interment

Maple Grove Cemetery
Kew Gardens, New York

If Tomorrow Never Comes

*If I knew it would be the last time I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly and pray the Lord, your soul to keep,
If I knew it would be the last time that I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and kiss and call you back for more.
If I knew it would be the last time I'd hear your voice lifted in praise,
I would video tape each action and word, so I could play them back day after day.
If I knew it would be the last time, I could spare an extra minute or two
to stop and say "I Love You", instead of assuming you would KNOW I do.
If I knew it would be the last time I would be there to share your day,
well I'm sure you'll have so many more, so I can let just this one slip away.
For surely there's always tomorrow to make up for an oversight,
and we always get a second chance to make everything right.
There will always be another day to say our "I love you's",
And certainly there's another chance to say our "Anything I can do's?"
But just in case I might be wrong, and today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you and I hope you never forget,
Tomorrow is not promised to anyone, young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance you get to hold your loved one tight.
So if you're waiting for tomorrow, why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes, you'll surely regret the day,
That you didn't take that extra time for a smile, a hug, or a kiss
and you were too busy to grant someone, what turned out to be their one last wish.
So hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear,
Tell them how much you love them and that you'll always hold them dear,
Take time to say "I'm sorry," "please forgive me," "thank you" or "it's okay".
And if tomorrow never comes, you'll have NO regrets about
Today.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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