



*In Loving Memory of*

*Mr. Gaston Maheia*

*Sunrise*  
July 15, 1934

*“Scotty”*

*Sunset*  
May 28, 2012

Service  
Friday, June 8, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

**ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
49-55 Edgecombe Avenue • New York, NY 10027

## Obituary

**Gaston Edney Maheia** was born in Mullins River, Belize (formally) British Honduras on July 15, 1934 to Stella Neal Maheia and William Maheia. He was the youngest of eight children, seven boys and one girl.

Gaston or Scotty/Scat, which he was affectionately called, attended the Methodist school in Mullins River during his earlier years and went on to Wesley College in Belize City.

Because of his religious background as a youth he did not hesitate to join the church choir and become an active member in the Wesley Methodist Church. He was also a member of the C.B.A (Colonial Band Association) "Junior Band" of which he played the drums. Scotty was an avid swimmer especially since growing up with boats, with his father and brothers. The post of chief scout was given to him. He was very proud of being in the position as skipper of the sea and rescue and even prouder when he shuck the hand of Princess Margaret (Queen Elizabeth of England sister) when she visited Belize. He was taken up with sailing as he was, every March 9th (A holiday in Belize) Baron Bliss Day he could be seen on the boat with his father on "Cosmo" of which his father was the captain. All the boats were in the harbor to race and "Cosmo" was victorious in many occasions.

Scotty worked at Belize Estate and Produce Company Limited a very reputable establishment in Belize City. He was employed by this company for a number of years and made many lifelong friends. He migrated to the United States in the 1960's where he worked for a garment company in Bergenfield, NJ and attended St. Marks United Methodist Church in New York. Gaston was a fraternal brother in the Lebanon Lodge # 25 in New York and was a beloved employee in his final years at the Mary McCloud Bethune and A.P. Randolph Senior Centers in Harlem.

Scotty was outspoken and loved to express himself on matters he was well versed on. He loved to socialize with relatives and friends and reminisce on older days. Before departing this life for his eternal rest on Monday, May 28, 2012, Scotty enjoyed a fulfilled day with his friends and family in his beloved neighborhood park in Harlem, New York.

He was preceded in death by his six brothers and one sister, Stanley Maheia, Collet Maheia, Berisford Maheia, William "Banjobill" Maheia, Hubert Maheia, Darin Maheia, Lenthon Maheia and Pearl Flowers nee Maheia. He was also preceded in death by his first wife, Laura and his second wife, Equilla, daughter, Phyllis and son, David.

Scotty is survived by: his long time companion and love, Juanita Myrant, his children, William Maheia, Berisford Maheia, June Maheia, Noel Maheia and Gaston Maheia; stepdaughters, Carol Maheia and Yolanda Myrant. In his legacy he leaves a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was loved and will be missed.

# *Order of Service*

Organ Prelude .....Mr. Elmer Hammond

Words of Grace

Invocation

Hymn of Our Faith - Hymn 19 ....*"Rejoice Evermore With Angels Above"*

Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 23

New Testament Lesson - John 14:1-6

Obituary

Eulogy

Commendation

Closing Hymn .....*"It Is Well With My Soul"*

Benediction

Organ Postlude

**Interment**

Fair Lawn Cemetery  
22-21 Maple Avenue  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

## *I Am Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard him call'  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now- He set me free.

### *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Gaston E. Maheia** wishes to convey their thanks and appreciation to everyone for the many and varied expressions of compassion and kindness during this time of bereavement. May the peace and the love of God be with you always.*

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