



*Celebrating the Life of*  
*Deriffe F. Gordon*

*March 19, 1935 - October 28, 2014*

*Viewing - 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.*  
*Saturday, November 8, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.*

**OLIVET GOSPEL CHURCH**  
3900 Dyre Avenue • Bronx, NY 10466  
*Rev. Dr. Russell McLeod, Officiating*

## *Obituary*

**Deriffe Fitzmore Gordon**, son of Louise and Winston Gordon, was born on March 19, 1935 in Bartons, St. Catherine Jamaica, where he enjoyed a happy childhood. He was the third of seven children and attended Bartons Primary School. He was affectionately known to many as Mr. G, Lester, Leslie, Daddy-O, Paps and Grand Pa.

He began working at a very early age at the Innswood Sugar Estate and later joined the Jamaica Farm Workers Program. His first trip was in 1957 to Wisconsin, United States and later went to assignments in various other states.

In 1967, he migrated to the United States permanently and established homes in both New York and New Jersey. He was an ambitious entrepreneur in many areas such as Cleaning Services and Courier Services. While working these jobs, he worked on the weekends at the Tice's Farm in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey where he developed a love for landscaping and gardening. In view of this, he further educated himself in the field of landscape architecture.

Mr. Gordon later established his landscaping company known as D&G Landscaping, working with many families in New Jersey. He later became the proprietor of his own trucking company known as DG Trucking from the late 1980's until he retired in 2003. Although Mr. Gordon was retired his passion for landscaping and gardening never ceased. Many of his neighbors admired his work in his own home and sought his advice for their own home improvement projects. He became the gardener and landscaper of the neighborhood which pleased him tremendously. In the summertime, he planted his vegetable garden which benefited his friends and neighbors and of course he had his flowers.

Mr. Gordon's health began to decline in 2010. In early 2011 his wife, May Clarke-Gordon and step daughter, Edith Walker began monitoring his health condition even more closely and became aggressive advocates for him, accompanying him to his various appointments including his medicals. His condition continued to decline and he was admitted as a patient to Montefiore Hospital and subsequently a resident at Mt. Sinai Rehabilitation and Workmen's Circle Rehabilitation Centers. In between his many stays at these various facilities, he was able to go home in January 2012. While at home he attended the Beth Abrahams Adult Day Care Program and was able to attend the Olivet Men's Fellowship annual retreat. It was during this time of spiritual refreshing that Mr. Gordon accepted the Lord as his personal savior. In July 2013 he had a stroke and returned to Montefiore Hospital and was later admitted to the Dumont Center. Further complications again took him back to Montefiore hospital where he went to be with the Lord on October 28, 2014.

Mr. Gordon is survived by his wife, May Clarke-Gordon, children, Novelette, Yvonne, Laverne, Newton and Jennifer, sons-in-law, Harold and Garfield, daughter-in-law, Lorna, step children, Garfield and Edith Walker, brothers, Barrington, Keith and Roylan, nieces, nephews, a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, great nieces, great nephews and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed by his community.

*Order of Service*

Processional

Hymn.....“Farther Along”

Prayer

Scripture Reading ..... Ecclesiastes 12:1-7  
Dwayne Gordon-White (grandson)

Hymn.....“In The Garden”

Scripture Reading ..... John 14:25-31  
Giovanni Simms (great grandson)

Obituary ..... Shamere Mckenzie (step granddaughter)

*Remembrances*

Jennifer Gordon (daughter)  
Darlene Monda (Beth Abraham Adult Day Care)  
Harold Smikle (son-in-law)  
Edith Walker (step daughter)

Praise and Worship

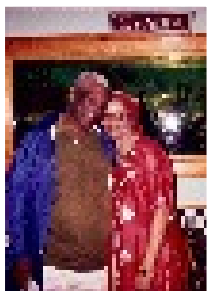
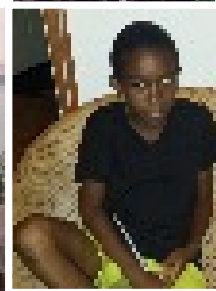
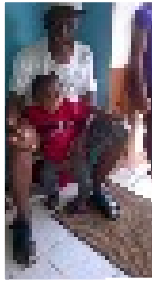
Homily ..... Rev. Dr. Russell McLeod

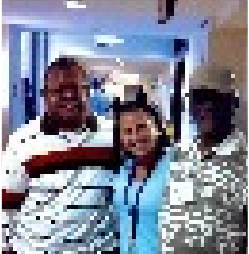
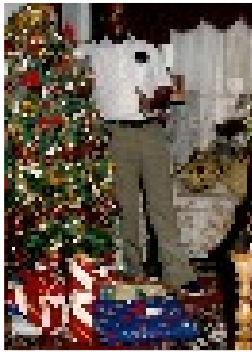
Passing Glimpse.....*Eternity Funeral Services Director*

Benediction.....Rev. Dr. Russell McLeod

Recessional

*Interment*  
*Kensico Cemetery*  
*Valhalla, New York*





## *Farther Along*

Tempted and tried, we're oft made to wonder  
Why it should be thus all the day long;  
While there are others living about us,  
Never molested, though in the wrong.

Refrain:

Farther along we'll know more about it,  
Farther along we'll understand why;  
Cheer up, my brother, live in the sunshine,  
We'll understand it all by and by.

Sometimes I wonder why I must suffer,  
Go in the rain, the cold, and the snow,  
When there are many living in comfort,  
Giving no heed to all I can do.

Tempted and tried, how often we question  
Why we must suffer year after year,  
Being accused by those of our loved ones,  
E'en though we've walked in God's holy fear.

Often when death has taken our loved ones,  
Leaving our home so lone and so drear,  
Then do we wonder why others prosper,  
Living so wicked year after year.

"Faithful till death," saith our loving Master;  
Short is our time to labor and wait;  
Then will our toiling seem to be nothing,  
When we shall pass the heavenly gate.

Soon we will see our dear, loving Savior,  
Hear the last trumpet sound through the sky;  
Then we will meet those gone on before us,  
Then we shall know and understand why.

## *In The Garden*

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses.

### Refrain

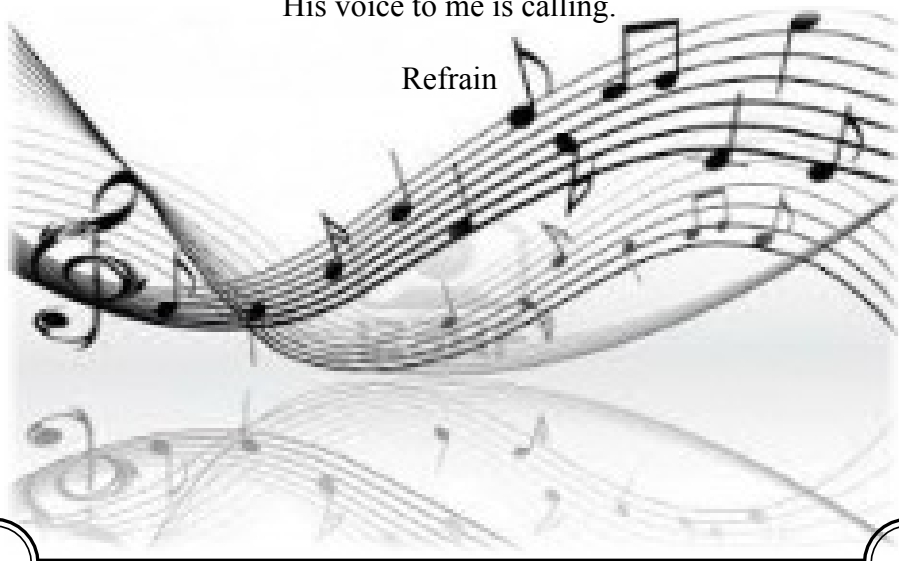
And He walks with me, and He talks with me,  
And He tells me I am His own;  
And the joy we share as we tarry there,  
None other has ever known.

He speaks, and the sound of His voice,  
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,  
And the melody that He gave to me  
Within my heart is ringing.

### Refrain

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling,  
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling.

### Refrain





**Pallbearers**

Newton Gordon (son)  
Garfield Walker (step son)  
Stephen Willis (grandson)

Dwayne Gordon-White (grandson)  
Deriffe Smikle (grandson)  
Roylan Gordon (brother)

***Acknowledgement***

*The family of **Deriffe F. Gordon** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*



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