

*Commencing The Life and Legacy
Of
Roland Henry McCubbin*

Sunrise
April 5, 1951

Sunset
June 13, 2016



Saturday, July 2, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey
Bishop De'Jean Gathers, Officiating
Mr. Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

On June 13th, 2016, **Roland Henry McCubbin** (popularly known as Grey-Beard, Santa or Souls) age 65, passed away at Columbus Hospital after fighting a long battle due to Lou Gehrig's Disease. Roland was born in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica on April 5, 1951. Born to Inez McDonald and Mr. McCubbin. Roland was the third of ten children.

After the death of his father, Roland lived with his grandmother and continued his education until her passing, he relocated to Kingston where he was then raised by his sister. Being a young man he ventured out on his own. He then got a job working with his uncle on a ship where he tried to gain as much experience. During this period he met Rosalyn White, who bore him six children (Huntley, Duwayne, Marlon, Damion, Roland Jr., and Romeo McCubbin). To better provide for his children he left working on a ship, and went on to become a fisherman/entrepreneur on Pedro Cay, hosting shows, selling groceries etc. to all that visited the Cay. He was successful in this venture, and was able to purchase a large fishing boat; but after a year disaster struck when Hurricane Gilbert destroyed his dream and almost took his life. Roland though distressed, never gave up.

He later met and married Elaine Coburne, who then bore him two children, Tanesha and Kemar. Together Roland and Elaine continued his dream of being an entrepreneur and went on to buying and selling foreign goods. In 1999, Roland migrated to the United States. He resided in Orange, NJ. He worked as a chef in many restaurants, until he was able to purchase his own. Eventually selling the business, and taking a full time job at The Westin Hotel, Morristown, NJ. Here he continued to dedicate his service as a Chef, until he became sick in December 2014. He was hospitalized in St. Barnabas Hospital, where he spent four months before being transferred to Windsor Gardens for long term care.

On June 2016, Roland was rushed to Clare Mass Hospital as he went into respiratory distress. Later being transferred to Columbus Hospital. He began a rapid decline, lost his battle, but peacefully passed on June 13th, 2016 with his wife Elaine at his side. Roland who enjoyed being with friends and family, entertaining and hosting many cook outs; will be missed by all.

Those left to cherish his memory are wife, Elaine McCubbin, Rosalyn White, daughters, Myralee and Tanesha, sons, Huntley, Duwayne, Marlon, Damion, Kemar, Roland, Jr., Chris, Clayton and Mark; sixteen grandchildren, four brothers, five sisters, a host of brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Roland was predeceased by his son, Romeo.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of comfort

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Poem Reading..... Geo-vonnie Taylor (grandson)

Obituary..... Shanique Narcisse (granddaughter)

SelectionMarilyn Taylor

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Committal

INTERMENT
Dovecot Cemetery
Jamaica, Saint Catherine

Repast
St. Style Cuisine aka Big Bamboo
1137 South Orange Avenue

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid 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 found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!
-author unknown*

Acknowledgement

With grateful hearts, the family would like to express sincere appreciation for every act of kindness and love during Roland's illness. Your prayers and expression of love have helped to comfort and sustain us during this difficult time. May God bless you.

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