

*Celebration of Life*  
*Balvin Jackson*

**Sunrise: November 24, 1950 - Sunset: June 11, 2026**



**Saturday, June 27, 2026**  
**Viewing: 9-10am | Service: 10am**

**Maranatha Baptist Church**  
**112-42 Springfield Blvd., Queens, New York**

# Obituary

**Balvin Jackson best known as Bollo, Jacko or Stonewall Jackson** age 75, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 11, 2026. He was born on November 24, 1950, in Linstead, Jamaica, West Indies.

Balvin Jackson was born in Bermaddy St Catherine, Jamaica, West Indies. He was the son of Rehma Harrison and Clarence Jackson. He had four brothers and four sisters. Balvin later moved to Central Village, where he was raised by his great-aunt Mother Schloss. Balvin attended White Hall Primary School in Spanish Town and later moved to Kingston, where he continued his education. He attended Kingston Senior School and pursued evening classes in machine operation, demonstrating early in life his strong desire and determination to learn and work hard to better himself.

At the age of 18, he followed his cousin Horace Schloss and joined the Jamaica Defence Force. Balvin proudly answered the call to serve his country where he became a member of the 3rd Platoon, serving with the Bravo Company with the Infantry Division where he served for eight years achieving the rank of Lance Corporal. He took great pride in his military service carrying himself with discipline, honor, and dedication.

He met Beverly Lewis when he was 22 years old and produced a wonderful daughter Mahalia Jackson who resides in New York, subsequently he had a son Jessie Jackson who resides in Jamaica, West Indies. He had a very sharp, waspy tongue and as we know when his sense of what was fair and right was challenged he spoke up. He believed in Christian African spiritualism, giving and helping others in need which he expressed in many ways, but more so by cooking for others often at his own expense.

In April 2005, Balvin migrated to the United States of America and settled in New York City in search of better opportunities. He began working as an Aviation Security Officer at LaGuardia Airport. In 2011, he continued his career in public service by joining the New York City Department of Education Food Service. He took pride in his work and remained committed to serving others throughout his career. Through his dedication and years of faithful service, he touched the lives of many and retired on August 1, 2024.

Beyond his work, Balvin was a devoted family man. He enjoyed sharing laughs and spending time with friends and family. Those who knew him will always remember his sense of responsibility, and his unwavering love for those around him. Balvin had a deep love and passion for music, cooking, soccer and he enjoyed staying informed about current events and world affairs. He loved reading, watching the news and was always eager to share knowledge and engage in meaningful conversations. He was known for his strength, wisdom, discipline, and unwavering devotion to family and friends. Balvin will be remembered as someone who touched the lives of many. He was also known for his strong work ethic, hard work and kind heart.

He leaves to cherish his precious memories: his children, Mahalia Lawrence and Jesse Jackson; his son-in-law, Duane Lawrence; his grandson, Liam Lawrence; his brothers and sisters, along with a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family members, and lifetime friends.

# Order of Service

## **Viewing**

9:00 am – 10:00 am

## **Ceremonial Opening By (JESA)**

### **Opening Prayer**

Duane Lawrence

### **Scripture Reading**

Cherry Wallace

Joy Kong

### **Obituary**

Kyle Wallace

### **Tributes**

Shenesse Paupaw and Ricardo Buchanan

### **Sermon**

Sean Barnes

### **Musical Selection**

"Another Day Older" – Eddie Dalton

## **Ceremonial Closing by (JESA)**

### **Final Viewing**

### **Recessional**

### **Interment**

North Babylon Cemetery

Babylon, NY 11702

*"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course,  
I have kept the faith."*

*2 Timothy 4:7*



## 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

*The family would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them during these most difficult days. In the days ahead, we will need your continued prayers and support.*

*The Family*

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