

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
*Stephen Gary Karl Mills*

Sunrise March 22, 1969 - Sunset July 24, 2026



Friday, August 14, 2026 at 11:00AM

**The Shekinah Youth Church Of the  
Greater Allen A.M.E. Zion**

**111-54 Merrick Blvd (at Sayres Avenue)  
Jamaica, New York 11433**

**Rev. Dr. Errol Yarru, Officiating Minister**

# Order of Service

The Prelude

The Processional

The Final Viewing

The Opening Hymn ..... “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Scripture Reading:  
OLD TESTAMENT  
NEW TESTAMENT

The Acknowledgement of Condolences

The Family Tribute

The Obituary ..... Read Silently

Hymn..... “I Come to the Garden Alone”

The Moments of Meditation ..... Rev. Dr. Errol Yarru

The Closing Prayer

The Benediction

Final Remarks

The Recessional ..... “Nearer, My God, to Thee”

## **Interment**

Maple Grove Cemetery  
Kew Gardens, New York

# Obituary

**Stephen Gary Karl Mills** transitioned on Friday, July 24, 2026, at the emergency room of Montefiore Nyack Hospital. Stephen was born to Anne-Marie and Karl Mills in Park Royal Hospital, London, England. Alison, Stephen, and I emigrated to the USA in 1979. Stephen and Alison attended Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School and later went to Murry Bergtraum High School. During his high school years, Stephen worked at several jobs, one at Federal Plaza and later Republic National Bank with his sister in Brooklyn. After graduating high school, Stephen attended Polytechnic University in Brooklyn (currently known as NYU – Polytechnic School of Engineering) where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science.

Stephen was the youngest of two children and shared a close bond with his sister Alison, and her children, August, Tatum, and Ella.

Stephen was extremely smart and excelled in math and computer science. If he did not know how to do a particular task, he would research it until it was figured out. He was the go-to person to figure out a problem. I can attest to all the things he fixed for me and others. I once said to Stephen, "Why did you not become a basketball player? He said, "I did not buy him the proper shoes."

Stephen had many close friends who came to my apartment in Bushwick, Brooklyn to visit. To name a few, I recall Dwayne, also known as Steady, and John Brown. They all came by while I cooked, and I always fed them all. It was my greatest pleasure. He also spent countless hours touring each year with his close friend Master Ace. It was nice to know he had the opportunity to visit many places in Europe while touring with his friend. My son was very secretive, and he kept his illness from me for a long time, I only found out on July 4th that he was ill. I guess he did not want to bother, or make me ill with worry. I appreciate this, but I just wish that he had shared his illness with me and the family, along with his friends sooner. It was worse for all of us to find out about his illness this way. I know he would have had endless support had he told us sooner.

My son Stephen is survived by his mother, Anne-Marie Mills, father Karl Mills and sister, Alison St. Louis, his nephew, August St. Louis and his wife Jerrika St. Louis, nieces Tatum St. Louis and Ella St. Louis, great nephew, Jeremiah St. Louis. Siblings on his father's side Jamena, Diandra, Adina, Jason and Wayne. Including many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends all who cherished him and his family.

*Rest in peace, my beloved Stephen.*

# I'm 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 peace to thee,  
God wanted me now-He set me free.*

## Acknowledgements

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation  
all acts of kindness extended to them during this  
bereavement hour. God bless you for all your  
thoughtfulness and concern.*

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