



In Loving Memory Of

KRISTOFF DARIUS

Brent John

Sunrise: January 29, 1992 – Sunset: July 20, 2026



Always
In Our
Hearts



Service:
Saturday, August 15, 2026 – 10am

The Universal Church
100 Clinton Ave, Newark, NJ 07114
Officiant's: Bishop Carlos Da'Costa

Order of Service

Opening Song “Amazing Grace”
Opening Prayer & Remarks Carlos Da'Costa
Scripture Readings:
Reading I: Psalms 23:1-6 Kerry-Ann Peters
Reading II: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Beverly Joseph
Song “It is Well with My Soul”
Reflections..... Teevon Fowler
Obituary Jhessa Alcantara
Song “When we All Get to Heaven”
Tributes 2 minutes each
Sermon Carlos Da'Costa
Offering
Prayers & Comfort Carlos Da'Costa
Closing Song “How Great Thou Art”
Thank You Noreen Griffith
Final Viewing
Military Color Guard Folding and Presentation of U.S. Flag

Cremation:
Rosedale Cemetery
408 Orange Rd, Montclair, NJ 07042

Songs

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing Grace How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, But now am found; Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught My heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious Did that grace appear The hour I first believed!
Through many dangers, Toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought Me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
The Lord has promised Good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield And Portion be, As long as life endures.
Yea, when this flesh And heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, Within the veil, A life of joy and peace.
The earth shall soon Dissolve like snow, The sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me Here below, Will be forever mine.
When we've been there Ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days To sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace, like a river, Attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea
billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, with my soul. It is well, it is well, with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, Though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded My helpless
estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well, with my
soul, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss Of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the
whole, Is nailed to the cross, And I bear it no more, Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well, with my soul, It is well, it is well,
with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day When my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, And the
Lord shall descend, Even so, it is well with my soul. It is well, with my
soul, It is well, it is well, with my soul.

When we All Get to Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions, bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky;
but when trav'ling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh! [Refrain]
Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving ev'ry day. Just one
glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay. [Refrain]
Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold. Soon the
pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold. [Refrain]

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds
Thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home,
what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

Obituary

Kristoff Darius Brent John was born on Wednesday January 29, 1992, to Tessa Catherine John and Barry Guy. Kristoff was born at the Mount Hope Hospital in the town of St. Joseph, Trinidad and Tobago.

Kristoff attended St. Joseph Government Primary School followed by Mount Hope Secondary School. He migrated to the United States in May, 2006 with his mother Tessa. He attended George Westinghouse Technical High School in Brooklyn, NY and graduated in 2011.

In 2014, Kristoff joined the United States Army where he served as a 13B Cannon crewmember for 2 tours. He returned to the United States from Vilseck Germany and relocated to New Jersey. Upon his return from the Army, Kristoff studied electrical and plumbing at Apex Technical School and worked for a short time at a plumbing company.

In 2022 Kristoff began his career at Newark Liberty International Airport with the Oxford Airport Technical Services. Kristoff was beloved by many of his colleagues. He was a very kind, loving, gentle and respected young man who carried his on his sleeve. He was loved dearly by his mother Tessa and his mission in life was to help others.

Kristoff was known to his friends as “Trini”, he had an infectious laugh that his mother loved very much. He always listened attentively with just a smile.

“My son was a gift from God” as his mother often said to him. He showed me what unconditional love was. His mom always said to him “if I had to choose you, I would always choose you”. Kris would say to his mom, “you are blessed because you never held your head in shame” and mom would reply “yes, I know Son!”

Kristoff loved to play loud music in the house, whilst his mom always complained she would always find herself singing and dancing along. Oh, but Kris loved belly as well. He would come home and ask, “Tessa, what are you cooking today?” She would say “food”, he would get upset, and

ask every minute “Tessa how much minutes again? I am hungry”. Mom would say “who you calling Tessa?” He would reply “you”.

Kristoff would often tell his cousin (thought of as his brother) that he (Kristoff) can cook better than us. We are still waiting to taste that pot, we would just laugh and say “ok”. Sadly that day would never come for us to taste that pot.

Not a day would go by without his mom telling her son Kristoff “I love you”. His mother called him “Baba”, “Kris”, “my handsome dude”, “bebe”, and “my favorite child”. He would always say “I am your only child” and she would reply “yes you are, that is how much I love you”. This mother and Son relationship was a gift from God, a blessing of unconditional love.

Kris loved his Grandparent's, his grandmother Agnes Smith, whom he lost ten years ago. Four months ago, he also lost his grandfather Benedict John. This broke his heart, and he would say to his mom “I miss them so much!” then he would cry. His mother would reply, “son they are with the lord”.

Now I have three angles watching over me. Kristoff passed away at home on Monday, July 20th, 2026. He is survived by his beloved mother Tessa Catherine John. Grandson of Inis Guy, Step-Grandmother Venetta John, the late Agnes Smith, and the late Benedict John. Nephew of Cecelia McQueen, Velme Williams, Nicole Peters (husband Glen Peters), Kerry-Ann Peters (husband Jason Peters), Elizabeth Lalgie, Nicole Guy, Lincoln Smith and the late Naomi John. Cousin of Kevin McQueen (known as his brother), Kenny Smith, Abigail Carberry, Cindy Carberry, Lisa La Touche (husband Kelly La Touche), Makeba La Touche, Jerva John (wife Deborah John), Christopher John, Anthony Peters, Reina Peters, Skylar Peters, Regan Peters, Malon Smith, Junior Smith, Keisha McQueen and many other cousins. Godson of Deborah Paterson, Natalie McDonlad, Cheryl Ganer, and Jeffery Wint. Other friends and family including Noreen Griffith and family, Teevon Fowler, Heemz, Beverley Joseph, Jhessa Alcantara, Michelle, Yazier Evans, Red Man, Bryan, and Iskari Mckenzie, comrades for the United States Army and many other family and friends.

Kristoff will truly be missed and will forever be in our hearts. May his soul rest in peace.



Acknowledgement

*The family of Kristoff Darius Brent John wishes to express gratitude for your prayers, love, support and kind expressions of sympathy during this time.
May God bless you all.*

Professional Services Provided By

COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE
130 Main Street
Orange, NJ
973-675-6400

1025 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ
973-926-6400

cottonfuneralsvc.com

COTTON-PARKER FUNERAL HOME
37 Clinton Avenue
Jersey City, NJ
201-433-1000



www.honoryou.com