## HOME GOING SERVICE FOR

#### **COSWIN BENJAMIN SAM, SR.**

Sunrise: July 21, 1949 Sunset: November 13, 2018

<u>Service</u> Saturday, December 1, 2018 - 10:00 a.m. **UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.** 2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027 Rev. Lee Arrington, Officiating

### **OBITUARY**



Good Morning Everyone,

I am happy to see many of Coswin's friends and family here today to pay tribute to him. I know many of you travelled a long way to be here and I know he would have been so appreciative. Coswin's life was taken away from us too soon and it's hard to understand why things like this happen to such good people. However, this is a question without an answer. Therefore, let's not dwell on the loss, but let us celebrate the life of our dear friend, husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

Coswin was born on the Island of Aruba, but grew up in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. He had a passion for the outdoors and had many adventures with neighborhood boys. For example, he learned to milk the cows, tend to the sheep and pigs, and even rode the donkey. Coswin was a

sport enthusiast and even played soccer and basketball on the neighborhood playground.

Coswin was bless to grow up in a Christian home with his parents, the late Richard and Ruby Sam, two brothers and eight sisters of whom he was very protective over. Coswin was an active member of the St. James Anglican Church in Layou St. Vincent and became an Altar Server during his teenage years.

*Coswin was very intelligent, he started out his career as a Primary School teacher at the Barroullie Anglican School before migrating to the USA at the tender age of twenty-one.* 

Coswin was hard working, compassionate, and softly spoken. A lot of people who first met him thought of him as being shy and serious. However, as you got to know him, the better you realized that was not the case. As Coswin leaves behind the legacy of love and integrity with his family and those who knew him. He has left behind wonderful memories of a loving husband and father.

In the summer of 1980, Coswin met, befriended and fell in love with Therese Stanford, which at the time he was working as a limousine driver. Following a long career as a limousine driver he started to drive for an ambulette company in 1996 that he was very passionate about.

On July 19, 1996, Coswin and Therese were joined together in wedded bliss on the Island of St. Vincent. Together they have three children. Coswin is survived by eight children, Kenlyn, Athene, Coswin Jr., Denville, Shenell, Calvin, Kiese and Karina; sisters, Emily, Patsy, Althea, Hetty, Betty, Cheryl, Judith and Alice; brother, Earl; grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Let's remember Coswin for all his great qualities and appreciate the time we spent with him. We should make his memory live on in all of us as long as we live.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional	"When Peace Like a River"
Solo	Craig Stagg
Scripture Readings Old Testament - Psalm 91 New Testament - Romans 14:8-14	
Prayer	Rev. Lee Arrington
Selection	"How Can It Be" Hetty, sister
Acknowledgements	
Poem	"Brother" Judith, sister
Remarks	
Obituary	Patrick Horne
Poem	Zoe
Eulogy	Rev. Lee Arrington
Committal	Rev. Lee Arrington
Viewing	
Recessional	"Abide With Me"

#### **INTERMENT**

*Mt. Rest Cemetery Butler, New Jersey* 

#### **1'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

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

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