

In Loving Memory of

Andrew Tyrone Greaves

Sunrise January 14, 1967 Sunset June 16, 2019

Service

Tuesday, June 25, 2019 • 4:00 p.m.

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9222 Flatlands Ave. • Brooklyn, New York 11236
Min. Reginald Alvarez, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament Scripture - Ecclesiastes 3: 1-11 New Testament Scripture - Romans 8:28-30; 35-39

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Selection

Obituary

Acknowledgements and Condolences

Expressions

Musical Selection

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Recessional

<u>Interment</u>

Coral Ridge Cemetery Barbados, West Indies





Andrew Tyrone Greaves, affectionately known as Ty, was born on January 14, 1967 in Barbados, West Indies to Wilfred Meyers (deceased) and Janet Greaves.

Ty received his formal education in Barbados, West Indies and graduated from Alleyne High School with certificates in six subjects. Ty worked his way through school and, after graduation, he was employed with R.R. Donnelley as a Preliminary Technician in the Graphics Department; at the time of his departure in 1996, he had been promoted to Prepress Supervisor with responsibility for forty employees on the night shift.

Ty gave his life to Christ at a very young age and never wavered from the faith. Under the guidance of Bishop Harry Gentles of Mount Olive United Holy Church, Bishop Elcott and others, he grew in Godly wisdom and dedicated his talents to the Lord. Ty faithfully served as a member of the Voices of Praise and the Barbados District Choir; he also drove the church's van to transport young people and the elderly to and from church services; he was especially fond of Mother Bristol (deceased) who would only ride in the church's van if he was driving.

Ty emigrated to the United States in 1998 and initially settled in Baltimore, Maryland; he was married shortly thereafter and helped raise his wife's daughter. Ty attended UMBC Computer College and obtained several certifications in Cisco and A+ while working for Comcast. He also became a licensed general contractor of his own flooring business as well as a licensed insurance agent. Ty probably thought that he wasn't busy enough, so he also found time to coach high school soccer, teach Sunday School classes and mentor young people on and off the field. After his marriage ended in dissolution, Ty relocated to New York to get a fresh start.

Ty didn't slow down once he arrived in New York in 2008. He lived in the Bronx and worked as a Helpdesk Technician at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He also enrolled as a part-time evening student at New York City College of Technology--all while driving back to Maryland on weekends to complete flooring projects. Thankfully, a childhood friend convinced him that he couldn't burn the candle at both ends and he decided to focus on his education. He later lived with friends in Brooklyn and became an IT Assistant at Brooklyn College while continuing to pursue his Bachelor of Technology in Computer Information Systems. Ty received several honors and awards while attending New York City College of Technology and he was scheduled to complete his degree in December 2018. However, it became increasingly difficult for him to attend class while battling cancer so he laid that dream aside.

Despite his many accomplishments, Ty remained humble, helpful and hopeful. He sent barrels to Barbados, at least twice a year, to make sure that his family and friends had everything they needed. He continued to pour his wisdom and life lessons into the young people he encountered and encouraged them to reach for their dreams. Everyone who knew Ty loved him, his love for life and his infectious laughter--some of our most precious memories of him will certainly make us laugh or smile in the days ahead. Ty's life was well lived and we celebrate that life today.

With God's grace, Ty was able to work right up until May 24, 2019—he would have wanted it no other way. After a series of hospitalizations and a rapid decline in his health, the Lord called him home to rest.

Ty leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Valerie Fletcher; mother, Janet Greaves; brothers, Toney Greaves and Radcliffe Atkins, Jr.; aunts and an uncle; nieces and cousins; mother-in-law, Petlyn Fletcher; father-in-law Knolly Fletcher; sisters-in-law Lisa Fletcher and Gail Fletcher; several half-siblings and a host of other relatives and friends.

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!

Heknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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