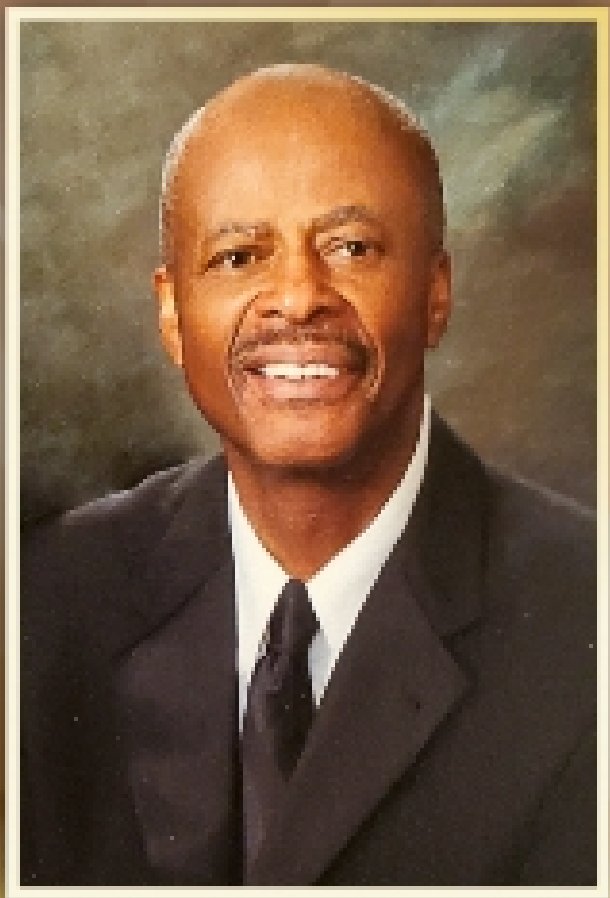


In Loving Memory of



Charlesworth L. Bridgewater

Sunrise: October 9, 1950

Sunset: June 9, 2019

Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Viewing - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Service - 11:00 a.m.



**FIRST COMMUNITY CHURCH
OF THE NAZARENE**
2101 Saw Mill River Road • White Plains, NY 10607
Rev. Dr. Leroy Richards, Pastor



Interment
Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

Order of Celebration

Prelude and Sentences

Opening Prayer

Congregational Hymn.....“What A Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23: 1-6.....Donna Joseph-Nelson (cousin)

Philippians 4: 4-9.....Jacqueline Bridgewater (sister)

Musical Presentation..... Gia Wyre (niece)

Tributes

Bjorn Bridgewater (son)

Chet Bridgewater (son)

Torraine Felisme (daughter)

Leslie Eustace Joseph (cousin)

Congregational Hymn.....“It is Well with My Soul”

Acknowledgements

Dr. Floyd Byfield (nephew)

Jaden Felisme (grandson)

Offering for the Chordoma Foundation

Eulogy Reading.....Lisa Willis, Esq. (niece) Harvard Law

Monique Hibbert (niece) Principal- P.S. x314

Musical Presentation.....FCCN Chancel Choir

Choir Director – Devon Bennett

Homily.....Rev. Dr. Leroy Richards

First Community Church of the Nazarene

Prayer for the Family.....Rev. Dr. Allen N. Pinckney

Butler Memorial United Methodist Church

Benediction

Closing Sentences

Obituary

Charlesworth Livingstone Bridgewater: October 9, 1950 - June 9, 2019

Charlesworth Livingstone Bridgewater was called home to glory and had his sunset on June 9, 2019. He was known for his remarkable and renowned skills as an executive gourmet chef by so many around the western hemisphere. Those closest to him knew him as Errol, a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, son, in law, and friend. Errol was extremely gifted with his hands and could create an elaborate three course meal with just a few ingredients. He also hand crafted an amazing life and legacy when he literally started with nothing.

Errol was born on October 9, 1950 in Freetown Village, Antigua. He was raised and loved by his maternal grandparents the late Gladys “Dada” Joseph and Benjamin “Dude” Joseph. His parents were the late Veronica Joseph and Charles Bridgewater. He grew up with his two cousins, Randolph Charles, and Leslie “Harley” Joseph. Money and food were scarce in the tiny house that he grew up in, and Errol knew he would have to mature quickly to help his family survive.

Errol received his elementary education at Freetown Primary School. At the young age of 9, he worked part time as a caddy at Mill Reef Club. He passed his secondary school entrance exam but chose not to further his education and opted instead to work and provide for his family in the kitchen at Mill Reef. He quickly wowed his employer with his God given culinary talents and solidified himself as an essential member of their team. He worked there into adulthood. One day, while he was working, Errol met country club members from the U.S.A. They were so impressed by his cuisine that they offered him seasonal employment at Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, in Long Island, NY.

On one of his work trips to New York, in 1980, he attended a party that his sister, Jacqueline, hosted. Her friend Julia Byfield attended the same party and was fixated on a man who took her breath away. When she described the handsome man to her friend the next day, she quickly learned that he was Jacqueline’s brother, Errol. Months later, when they finally met again, they had a whirlwind romance. They were married 11 months to the day they met, on September 19, 1981. They had two children Torraine and Chet. His son, Bjorn, later came to live with them in Hartsdale, NY from Antigua.

Errol continued to climb to the upper echelons of the culinary world and worked at some of the most prestigious country clubs, including Sleepy

Hollow Country Club, in Sleepy Hollow, NY; Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club, in Long Island, NY; and at St. Regis Sheraton Hotel, in New York, NY. Errol met general manager, Jeffrey Plain, at Dellwood Country Club, in New City, NY and they continued a partnership at Cresmont Country Club, in West Orange, NJ, and Inwood Country Club, in Inwood, NY. By this time, he had already prepared food for and served former presidents Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton, while they were both still in office. He told his family jokes about all the security checks that he had to go through. He then went to Whippoorwill Country Club, Westside Tennis Club, Lake Isle Country Club, and Greentree Country Club. Errol was a workaholic and his skills were almost robotic and ninja like. Wherever he worked, he was an invaluable, profitable, and an essential asset. Oftentimes his busy work schedule would force his family to make memories without him and that bothered him. Errol retired in December 2014 to spend more time with his family and grandchildren.

Shortly after retirement, Errol and his family discovered that he suffered from Chordoma, a rare form of embryonic bone cancer. After God saw fit to pull Errol through a grueling 16 hour surgery to remove the tumor, he decided that the best way to show his gratitude was to give himself to God and get deeper into his faith. He was a member of First Community Church of the Nazarene, in White Plains, NY. Errol began an ardent journey to make his faith an even larger part of his daily life. Philippians 4: 4-6 became his mantra. Errol got in touch with his emotions and spirituality and became a praying man. His battle with Chordoma allowed him to find God and he served Him steadfastly until he died at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, PA, from complications after another successful Chordoma surgery.

Errol's amazing life and memory will always be cherished by his devoted wife, Julia, his three children, Bjorn, Torraine, and Chet; his son in-law and daughters in-law, Jerry, Melissa, and Cynthia; and his grandchildren Jaden, Jared, Bryce, Blake, Narias, Dyani, and Keala. He is cherished as well by his God children, Dr. Shanta Shepherd, Sioban Massiah, Crystal Wilkinson, and Justin Byfield; his loving siblings, Carol Daniel, Eric Williams, Melvin and Jacqueline Bridgewater, Leslie "Harley" Joseph, Stuart, Gregson, and Andy Bridgewater; his uncle Franklyn Joseph and wife, Hildred; and aunts Hermie Browne and Audrey Joseph. He will always be loved by his in-laws, Muriel Kerr, Selvin and Reita Byfield, Beryl and Russell Chang, Haynes Daniel, Delores Byfield, Moreen Hylton, Carlys and Donald Mullings, and Doret Reid. Errol will also be missed by numerous other relatives and friends.





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The Bridgewater Family would like to express our deepest and most sincere thanks to everyone for their expressions of love, concern, and kindness during this difficult time. Although it would be impossible to list you all, please know that you have deeply touched us and will hold a special place in our hearts.

Charlesworth Livingstone Bridgewater, affectionately known as Errol, was loved by many and will be missed by even more. May God bless and keep you all as He continues to sustain us.

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“And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.” (1 Peter 5:10)

As there is yet to be a cure, in lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the

Chordoma Foundation for further research.

You can donate online at:

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