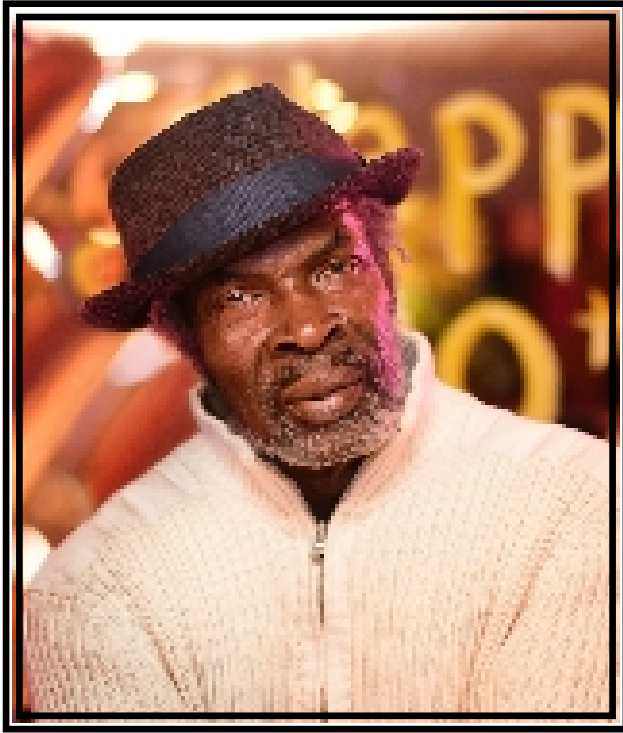

In Loving Memory of



Grantley Leroy Husbands

Sunrise
June 17, 1946

Sunset
January 21, 2020

Service

Saturday, February 1, 2020 • 9:30 a.m.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

59 Spring Street • Morristown, NJ 07960

Bishop Michael A. Yelverton, Officiating

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance” - Sonya Ruby Ward

Invocation.....Reverend Joseph Ford

Old Testament ScripturePsalm 23 - Peta-Gaye Williams

New Testament Scripture.....John 14: 1-7 - Schneider Rislin

Prayer of Comfort.....Lora Clark

Selection.....“Good Good Father”

Expressions (*Please limit to 2 minutes*).....Family & Friends

Acknowledgements.....Messages from Family & Friends

Obituary Reading.....Diane, Michael & Jamey

Selection...“His Eye is on The Sparrow” - Natalie Coache-Walker

Eulogy.....Bishop Michael A. Yelverton

Benediction.....Bishop Michael A. Yelverton

Final Instructions.....Rowe-Lantermann Funeral Home

Recessional.....“Sad To Know You’re Leaving”

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
65 Martin Luther King Avenue
Morristown, New Jersey

Obituary

Grantley Leroy Husbands, age 73, of Morristown, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on January 21, 2020.

He was born to Louise Daphne Husbands on June 17, 1946 in St. Joseph, Barbados. He grew up on the island that he loved so dearly enjoying sweet bread, flying fish and cou cou, the ocean, body building, riding motorcycles, and the sweet sounds of calypso and soca music. He finished secondary school and applied for a work visa in the United States. At the young age of 19, he left home with dreams of creating a better life for himself and his mother. He worked in Florida, for low wages and in conditions no human should have to endure, picking oranges from sun up to sun down. All the while, he never forgot home. He handwrote many loving letters to his mother and would consistently send a portion of his weekly wages home to his mother to ensure she was taken care of. He did so until her passing in 2000.

He made his way North to New York City and eventually to Morristown, New Jersey where he lived for many years. During this time, Grantley met and married Teresa Anne Stefanick in 1979. During their loving relationship they had two children, Diane Louise and Michael Grantley Husbands. Following their divorce, they remained devoted parents and grew to be friends. Grantley met and united with Julia Marie Woods-Long and they lived in Montclair, New Jersey. During their loving relationship, her children became his children. Her family became his family. Together they had one child, Jamey Leeanne Long-Husbands. After their relationship ended, they remained friends and continued to be devoted parents. Grantley returned to Morristown where he met and committed to Gladys Quarrie. During their loving relationship, her children became his children. Her family became his family. Through all of these relationships, Grantley created a large blended family filled with love and deep personal connections.

He became a skilled and sought-after Union mason and bricklayer by trade. He was a long-time member of Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen (BAC) Union Local #4. He worked for many contractors but was employed by Natoli Construction for a good part of his career. Much of his handy work can still be seen here in Morristown and the tri-state area, as he used his skills to help so many in the local and surrounding communities with their home improvements for things like brick steps, chimneys, retaining walls, and the like.

Grantley retired from working at the young age of 59 and was able to thoroughly enjoy his remaining years doing what he loved most - spending time with and caring for his family, friends and loved ones, playing in his weekly card games, playing dominos, cleaning his cars and occasionally visiting his home country of Barbados.

Grantley was preceded in death by his beloved mother, and his former partner Julia Marie Woods-Long. He is survived by his children Diane (Michael) Tidwell, Michael (Nubia) Husbands, and Jamey (Schneider) Rislin; his sister Una Gore; his long-time partner Gladys Quarrie; his ex-spouse Teresa Husbands; his grandchildren Keyara, Elijah, Joshua, Jocelyn, Josiah, Cairo and Milan; his great grandchildren Aubree and London; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Death Is Nothing At All

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away to the next room. I am I and you are you. Whatever we were to each other, that, we still are. Call me by my old familiar name. Speak to me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me.

Pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without effect. Without the trace of a shadow on it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same that it ever was. There is absolute unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you. For an interval. Somewhere. Very near. Just around the corner. All is well. Nothing is past; nothing is lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before only better, infinitely happier and forever we will all be one together with Christ.

Pallbearers

Michael Husbands • Michael Tidwell • Schneider Rislin
Alton R. Long II • Walter Sims • Curtis Mollineau

Acknowledgements

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece. If so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest word as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all but just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts - We thank you so much, whatever the part.

The family of the late Grantley Leroy Husbands

Services Entrusted To:

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