



*Celebrating  
The Life  
of*

*Alfred Maragh Banton*

*June 7, 1951 - April 30, 2020*

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2020**

**Service: 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM**

**ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC**

725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467

*Bishop Owen Z. Martin, Officiating*

*Min. Mark Stewart, Organist*

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Procession

Opening Prayer ..... Bishop Owen Z. Martin

Hymn..... When The Roll is Called up yonder

First Lesson: Psalms 60: 1-6 ..... Alex (Son)

Second Lesson: 1Corinthians 15: 51-58 ..... Deon (Grandniece)

Obituary ..... Morris (Nephew)

Selection..... Organist

Remembrance ..... Marvia Smith (Niece)

Tributes .....Life Worship Center COGOP Bronx, New York

Faith Walk COGOP Jamaica

Joan (Sister)

Sherena (Daughter-in-Law)

Sermon ..... Bishop Owen Z. Martin

*(Life Worship Center COGOP)*

Prayer for the Family ..... Bishop Owen Z. Martin

Benediction ..... Bishop Owen Z. Martin

Final Viewing..... Eternity Funeral Services

Recessional ..... In the Sweet By and By

## Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery

Bronx, NY

## *Obituary*

Alfred Maragh Banton known as Uncle Cea and Brother Cea.

Lives of great men all remind us, "we can make our lives sublime and departing leaves behind us footprints on the sands of time", are words by Longfellow which can be applied to uncle Cea. He was a great man.

Alfred, the ninth child of Alexander and Evelyn Banton was born June 7, 1951 at Depot in the parish of St. Elizabeth. He pursued his education through Elementary school to the Jamaica School Certificate Level and gained some subjects.

As a developing child, he attended the Church of the Nazarene where he surrendered his life to the Lord and was involved in church and other community activities. He also assisted his father on the farm. He was a loving, caring, responsible person who was very protective of his younger siblings who called him Brother Cea. There was also a special bond between he and his mother whom he called "Tata" and his father whom he called "Mass Ed"; he was his role model.

As a young man, Alfred moved with his family to Aberdeen another district in St Elizabeth, which became their permanent residence. After spending some time at Aberdeen, Alfred migrated to Kingston as he envisioned a better way of life.

While adjusting to life in the city he did odd jobs while learning the skill of welding. Life took on new meaning when he met, fell in love and married the beautiful Sonia Cummings. The union produced one stepson and two biological sons. Working together as a team Alfred and his wife eventually established themselves in the dry goods business. Unfortunately, after years of togetherness she went to be with the Lord.

Mr. Banton who was a member of the Faith Walk Church of God of Prophecy served in various capacities such as Trial Deacon, Care Group Leader, Property Manager while he consoled himself. He was a good Christian man, very kind, reliable and honest.

He was kind and generous to his relatives and took good care of his mother in her advancing years. He is loved by his nieces and nephews. In fact the aura of his personality envelopes those who are associated with him. His children shared a loving father son relationship and called him blessed.

After years of living alone, he met and fell in love and married the lovely Scottilda Piper with whom he shared the rest of his life. In 2006 he immigrated to the United States and was employed at the Bronxwood Home for the Aged where he was awarded the Certificate of Excellence in 2007 for Outstanding Performance and Dedication. His wife followed him to the United States in 2013.

He was admitted to hospital on several occasions where he underwent various treatments, procedures and surgeries. He was also cared for in nursing and rehabilitation facilities.

He succumbed to his illness on April 30, 2020 while in a nursing facility.

He left to mourn his passing, wife Scottilda, Son Alex, Stepson Wycliffe, Sisters Lucille, Icilda, Joan and Jenny. Brothers, Maximillan, Lucsang, Asquith and Obed. Nieces and Nephews, Daughter-in-law Sherena, a host of other relatives, friends and church families. May his soul rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon him.





# Tributes

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## FROM THE FAITHWALK CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY.

" Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with COMPASSION, KINDNESS, HUMILITY, GENTLENESS,& PATIENCE"

Bro. Alfred Banton exemplified this scripture as these are some of the exact words used by the brethren at Faithwalk Church Of God of Prophecy to describe him...

In 1994 under the leadership of the late Collin Cole and present pastor Reverend Valerie Cole Bro. Banton became a member of the church family at Wechester. With his QUIET very CARING, PLEASANT and APPROACHABLE nature it was apposite for him to serve in the capacity of care group leader. He served in this area for a number of years. He also served as trial deacon from 2003 until he migrated to the United States Of America. He was very SUPPORTIVE and quite DILIGENT at what he did. You could always expect a COMPASSIONATE and kind response.

We will encounter many different types of people on this journey called life, but not everyone is able to leave such an indelible mark on our hearts. His WARM smile, his KIND and GENEROUS nature, his EASY GOING personality was always welcomed as we would look forward to his visits to Jamaica.

We will never be able to experience those visits anymore but better yet is the anticipation to seeing him again in that great triumphant day.

Pastor Valerie Cole and the Faithwalk family sends our most sincere condolences to his wife Lay Minister Scottilda Banton and the entire bereaved family. Note that our prayers and love are with you in this very challenging time.

We pray that the God of comfort will multiply His grace to you as you take solace in the fact that "to be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord." May the peace of God be with you all as we continue to hold on to our hope in the God of our salvation.

May his soul rest in peace.

## **TRIBUTE FOR BROTHER ALFRED BANTON**

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Revelation 14: 13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying... “Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.”

Brother Alfred Banton has been a faithful member of the Life Worship Center Church of God of Prophecy for many years going back to his country of birth, Jamaica. He came to Life Worship Center with a calm spirit and he consistently maintained that quiet, calm, presence. We shall remember him as a man who loved God, and a man who loved his wife and family. Brother Banton came to church with his wife and son and was a giving man. He gave us Sister Banton, his wife, without murmuring or complaining, and she has been a tremendous blessing to the body of Christ at Life Worship Center. Brother Banton had a smile that could charm, no doubt, that smile captured Sis Banton's heart. Bro Banton endeavored to run this Christian race in his lifetime, believing that he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. We believed he finished strong and is resting in the Lord. He has rested from his labor.

Brother Banton has left a godly heritage in the person of his wife Sister Scottilda Banton, children, his siblings and other friends and relatives. We look forward with the hope of seeing Brother Banton again one day.

“Until we Meet Again  
We think about you always  
We talk about you still  
You have never been forgotten  
And you never will  
We hold you close within our hearts  
And there you will remain  
As God continues to walk and guide us through our lives  
Until we meet again”

-Life Worship Center COGOP

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Bro. B, Dad as I call you I am so thankful for the day I met you because it allowed me to understand my husband a bit better, you are a ray of sunshine I never saw you upset, I especially love when you and Lucsang would get into some deep discussions about God, you raised Lucsang to be the man of God that he was, I love you but God love you best, you get to have a reunion with your son. Say hi for me, until we meet again, Love you always your daughter(you never called me your daughter-in-law)

**Sherena Banton**

My name is Marvia Smith and I am the niece of Alfred Banton (aka uncle Cea). It is my honor to tell you about the exceptional man I was lucky to call “uncle”. I would like to share with you some of the great memories I had with him which had shaped my life into the person I am today.

During my formative years growing up in Aberdeen with my grandmother, my uncle lived in St. Catherine and he would visit us on a monthly basis with his car trunk full of groceries. As a young child growing up, food was sometimes scarce so we depended on his monthly visits. Vehicles weren’t as popular in that area so once we heard the sound of a car or any vehicle, we knew more than likely they were coming to us. We would stand in front of the yard waiting to see if it was him coming as we knew food was coming.

I vividly remember on one of his visits he brought sliced cheese to us, this was the first time I am seeing sliced cheese individually wrapped. I was so excited to take it to school the next day and bragged to my friends, lo and behold when it was lunch time the cheese was missing from my lunch bag someone stole it, I was very disappointed.

My uncle is a self-sacrificing man, a man of God who is authentic and caring in all of his dealings with others. He was hard working and had a passion for food. He loved Rice and Peas and Oxtail. It was a joy to watch him eat when we have family gatherings. But after he was diagnosed with diabetes it became a challenge with him and food. I had to constantly tell him about his portion, they were too much at times. When I would see him in the rehab center, I would drop off his cornmeal or oatmeal porridge in the mornings but my dear uncle would eat my breakfast plus the breakfast provided by the rehab center. Eventually, I had to stop bringing him food as I realized it was affecting him negatively because once my uncle saw the food he was going to eat it. I know he wasn’t too pleased but I had to do it for his benefit.

I grew up to know him as a kind and loving person who instilled good family values and always willing to help the less fortunate. My uncle and I had a unique loving relationship, one that I will hold dear to my heart and cherish. My uncle had enough love to go around whether to his wife, sons, siblings or many nieces and nephews; I have never met a more kind and loving person than him; today I celebrate his life with you and may his soul rest in peace.

**Marvia Smith**

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## *Acknowledgement*

*The family of **Alfred Maragh Banton** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.*

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