

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*



*George Massiah Goodridge*

**Sunrise**  
**September 19, 1928**

**Sunset**  
**May 22, 2020**

**Service:**  
**Tuesday, June 2, 2020 - 10:30 am**

**MC CALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

**Rev. Sheldon Williams, Officiating**

**Kevin Wade, Organist**

# Obituary

*Son, Brother, Husband, Uncle, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather,  
Artisan, Craftsman, Teacher, Mentor, Champion, Friend*

**George Massiah Goodridge** was born on September 19, 1928 in Frederiksted St. Croix, Virgin Islands USA, and returned home to Our Father on May 22, 2020. He was the son of James Massiah Goodridge and Ruth Elizabeth Gordon Goodridge. In his youth, he was a horse trainer and jockey in St. Croix.

In 1946, George left the Virgin Islands moving to New York City. In 1952 he met and married Lula Mae Herrington, their marriage lasted 63 years.

George dedicated a portion of his life to his country. He served as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Korean War from October 1952 through October 1954. While living in New York, he began his career as a dial re-finisher & watch restorer with the International Dial Company.

George was very protective of those he loved and was a powerful friend and ally to all he encountered. He was a very resourceful man, and a jack of all trades for he was a self-taught master carpenter, electrician, draftsman, painter, and chef. George always imparted words of wisdom to those around him. All of George's friends and family were astounded by his patience and attention to detail required to restore watches. He demonstrated those same qualities when it came to guidance of his children and grandchildren through challenging times in their own lives. He was an active listener who was able to make his point in a quiet and steadfast way, while allowing his listeners to think for themselves, and always with kind words.

George eventually moved to Wilmington, Ohio when International Dial Company relocated its headquarters, continuing his craft as a dial re-finishing and watch restoration. George remained with International Dial Company in Wilmington, Ohio until his retirement in 2012. George was a beacon in his new community, making friends and living a simple life tending to his vegetable and plant gardens, and using his same patience and focus on many household projects. He had a love of the outdoors and especially the water after having grown up in St. Croix. He took that love of the water to maintaining picturesque fish tanks and exotic fish – a passion he passed down to his son James. Even though he was out of state, George cared deeply for his family and stayed in continuous contact whether it was visiting or sending presents over the holidays or walking his granddaughters down the aisle at their weddings. George encouraged all of those around him to live life to the fullest, to always stay active and to “keep out of trouble.”

George lost his wife, Lula Mae, after 63 years of marriage on March 6, 2015.

He is survived by his daughter, Brenda Goodridge, son George Baron Goodridge (deceased), son James (Jerry) Goodridge, his granddaughters, Marcella and her husband Whitney Keiller, Towanna and her husband Paul Atwood, Myasia and her husband Terrell Reliford, Adasia Goodridge. His grandsons: Montel Goodridge and Baron Goodridge, and 6 great-grandchildren, His brother-in-law John Herrington, niece Annette Hooks, nephew Laurence Pierce. His sister Leona Richards (deceased) her daughter Gweneth Richards (deceased), her son Rodney Richards, nieces: Colleen Carter (deceased), Symorie Carter, Syrena Carter, Nikki Richards, Jinne Reeves, nephews: Ricardo Richards, Jackson Reeves. His sister Inez Hinds, her sons Roland Hinds and Raymond Hinds, her daughter niece Denise Roache, nephews: Raymond Hinds, Yusef Hinds, Jordon Hinds, nieces: Abeni Hinds, Nia Roache, Bethia Hinds. His brother Ignatius Goodridge, his daughter Sharon Bryant, Carron Anderson, Taylor Goodridge, Tyla Nicole Anderson, nephew: Ray Anthony Goodridge. His brother Ivan Goodridge (deceased) nephew: Ivan Goodridge Jr., niece: Janice Goodridge and a host of many loyal friends, and acquaintances.

# *Order of Service*

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## **Organ Prelude**

Kevin Wade

## **Processional**

## **Invocation**

Rev. Sheldon Williams

## **Selection**

Kevin Wade

## **Scripture Readings**

Old Testament

New Testament

Rev. Sheldon Williams

## **Prayer Of Comfort**

Rev. Sheldon Williams

## **Selection**

Kevin Wade

## **Reading Of Obituary**

## **Selection**

Kevin Wade

## **Eulogy**

Rev. Sheldon Williams

## **Committal & Benediction**

Rev. Sheldon Williams

## **Remarks By Funeral Director**

## **Final Viewing**

## **Recessional**

*Interment*

Calverton National Cemetery  
Calverton, New York

# *You Live Always*

**It's true we bring nothing into this world,  
and nothing we take when we pass. So  
the time in between we must use carefully,  
for only the memories will last. We hurt  
because you left us, we cry because  
you're gone; with sorrow we must say  
goodbye. But your memory lives on.  
Because of what you mean to us the  
loneliness will always remain.  
But because of all the love you gave,  
In our hearts you'll live always.**

## *Acknowledgments*

**The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.**

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