

Celebration of Life

For
Osbourne G. Richards

Sunrise
July 30, 1946

Sunset
September 1, 2020



Service
Thursday, September 10, 2020
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Officiating Minister: Rev. Nelson Morrison

Rev. Christopher Colquhoun

Rev. Rohan Walker

Obituary

Osbourne George Richards "Con", born on July 30th, 1946, the youngest of 9 children born to James Nathaniel Richards & Muriel Noble Richards. Although his childhood was spent in his birthplace of, Calabar District, Trelawny, the adventurous teenager soon left home to forge his own path. Once he was introduced to the Kingston capital by his older siblings, Gloria and Jim for short holiday visits, his interest peaked. Calabar or his parents could not contain Con. When his mother tried to dissuade him, he ran away. Of course since we are talking rural Jamaica of the mid 60's no reminder was needed that "it takes a Village" to raise a child. Con was returned home by locals who caught him more than once boarding that 11 o'clock-Kingston-bound-Mayflower bus. Finally his brother Jim convinced his parents that their youngest child may as well come to Town to learn a trade. The country boy was off to the city to live with big brothers Jim and Bob. Encouraged to start a trade, Con selected Auto Body & Fender work. Good choice as under the training of family friend Rudy. Con was not just good; he became a great Auto Body Specialist.

He had found his calling and in no time partnered with 2 colleagues and opened their own body shop. His reputation seems to precede him as some of his clientele even extended outside the corporate area of Kingston. By the 70's Con became a father to 2 children, a son George and a daughter Terry before migrating to Canada. He eventually moved to the US where he continued in his chosen profession. Con married Thelma in the early 80's and they had 2 children, a daughter Vickie and a son Gregory.

Con was beloved by his family and friends always laughing and could be quite the comedian and a good chef. He ended his auto body career earlier due to major changes in that industry as well as his illness, but still had a keen eye regarding auto body work. Although disabled and thoroughly preoccupied with his health, Con had very strong opinions about the social issues of the day. He felt strongly about all the injustice affecting us all. He noticed unnecessary hardship and injustice both in his adopted country as well as his home country. His niece recalled in his last visit to Jamaica in 2007 how appalled he was when a so called "uptown" person on the beach mistreated a local citizen. He spoke up on that person's behalf making his point re how a nearby tourist seemed able to relax on the beach compared to the local. In no time at least 4 or 5 locals were fist bumping him in approval. Uncle Con was so proud of his children and was often hard on himself wishing he could do more.

He is survived by his children, son George, daughter Terry, daughter Vickie, son, Gregory and his only grandchild Kailyn. His surviving siblings include brothers, Edgar and Neville, Sisters, Cecilia, Vashtie and Hermine. He will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, as well as grand nephews and grand nieces. The family is appreciative of the prayers and condolences of the extended family and friends.

"You are not forgotten though on earth you are no more. Still in memory you are with us as you always were before".

Order of Service

Liturgist.....	Rev. Christopher Colquhoun
Musical Prelude.....	Brenton Morrison
Invocation.....	Rev. Rohan Walker (Nephew- in-law)
Hymn.....	“How Great Thou Art”
1 st Scripture Lesson (O.T.)	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 Gregory Richards (Son)
Reflection.....	Vickie Richards (Daughter)
2 nd Scripture Lesson (N.T.).....	Romans 8: 35, 37-39 Olivia Walker (Grand Niece)
Obituary / Eulogy.....	Faithlyn Hughes (Niece)
Special Selection.....	Hermine Coley & Vashtie Parkers (Sisters)
Homily.....	Rev. Nelson Morrison
Prayer of Comfort.....	Rev. Rohan Walker (Nephew- in-law)
Recessional & Benediction....	Rev. Rohan Walker (Nephew in-law)

Interment

Kensico Cemetery

273 Lakeview Avenue, Valhalla, NY

Pallbearers

Gregory Richards (Son)
George Richards (Son)
Wilbert Parkes Jr. (Nephew)
Edgar Richards (Nephew)
Dane Johnson (Grand Nephew)
Jaleel Hermans (Grand Nephew)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Acknowledgments

The family of **Osbourne G. Richards** wishes to express our gratitude to those who have shown their support during our time of bereavement. Thank you, Dr. Vijay Khatiwala and his medical team, for your dedication and hard work during Osbourne's time of care. May God continue to bless you and your family.

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