## In Loving Memory of Our Dear Father And My Beloved Husband

"There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His." ~ Hebrews 4:9-11

Mr. Lewis Ashley

Sunrise January 20, 1946

Sunset October 11, 2020

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 - 10am

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On Sunday, October 11th, at 9:15 pm, **Lewis Ashley**, passed away at the age of 74 to join his son Joshua and his other heavenly families and friends. Lewis Ashley was born on January 20th, 1946, in Bartica, Guyana, to his parents, Carlton and Stella Macintosh Ashley.

He received his academic studies in Georgetown, Guyana and was employed with the Vector Control Division of the Ministry of Health in Brickdam, Guyana, from 1964 – 1986. During this period, his service was exemplary. He had functioned in all spheres of Vector Control, such as the Aedes Aegypti Program as a Field Officer and Supervisor from 1964 – 1974. During 1974 – 1986, he worked as a Microscopist studying Malaria Control and had the responsibility of assisting in the supervision of all field laboratories. He demonstrated his zeal, judgment, quality of work, ethics, and contact with those in the community, leaving nothing to be desired. In June of 1986, Lewis traveled to America with his pregnant wife and four younger children. He was then employed in 1986 – 1988 as a Desk Clerk at the company Syska & Hennessy Inc. In 1988, Lewis worked as a New York City Housing Authority Exterminator and was promoted to the title of Supervisor of Housing Caretakers. He worked for 25 years, then retired in April 2015. Lewis worked as an Election Inspector for New York State Board of Elections and remained a Custodian for his residency.

Lewis' passion was to serve the works and body of Jesus Christ. Always remaining selfless in helping and encouraging many others as he could to be steadfast, focused, and totally trusting his lord, Jesus Christ. Lewis would always say in his own words, "We do not know the day or the hour, our life is in God's hands, that is why God said boast, not of tomorrow, but we ought to say if the lord will. God is a sovereign God."

Lewis was the greatest story teller and wherever he went, he would greet you with his genuine smile, give a word of encouragement, he was honest in his integrity, and gave a helping hand to many and always had a story to share. Lewis disciplined his children when needed and planted seeds of greatness in them that would always make them think/reflect on their situations and choose to do right in making the appropriate decisions in life. He encouraged many and was successful in turning their life to Jesus Christ always leading by example. Lewis attended God's Battalion of Prayer Church in Brooklyn, New York. He was happy and privileged to serve in Royal Rangers Boy Scouts as a leader ministering to our youths. Lewis was a part of the Men's Ministry, Men's Choir, the food pantry, ushered, helped maintain cleanliness in the church building, and attended prison ministries. He enjoyed being a witness for Jesus and spreading the fragrance of Christ to many behind prison walls. He was always ready, willing, and able to serve in every way as a representative and soldier of God's love, Jesus Christ.

His legacy lives on through: his wife, Lorraine Ashley; his children, Ezra, Philip, Rebekah, Joshua (deceased), David and Laurelle Ashley; his eight grandchildren, Christopher, Destinee, Gabriela, Caden, Gabriel, Zachariah, Zemirah and King; his mother, Stella Macintosh Ashley; siblings, Barbara, Jennifer, Oswald, Cheryl and Andrea; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends.

Let's celebrate his graduation as he earned his crown jewel in heaven. This earthly body is a temporary vessel, but the soul lives on. God Jesus Christ is the only way. Let's continue Lewis' legacy in encouraging many to be led to Christ so that we can also follow his example in graduating into eternity in heaven, where we will also have our crown waiting for us. Learn to live the best way you can and lead through Christ. Thank you to everyone.

## Order of Service

Opening Prayer	Brother Leon McIntosh
Praise & Worship	Worship Team
Scripture Reading Old Testament - Psalm 24 New Testament	David Ashley
Hymn	"When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder" Congregation
Prayer of Comfort	Minister Sydney Bishop
Tributes	Mr. Oswald Ashley (brother)
Obituary	Mr. Philip Ashley (son)
Ministry in Song	"It Is Well With My Soul" Brother Peter Forde
Eulogy	Dr. Alfred S. Cockfield, Pastor
Recessional & Benediction	Dr. Alfred S. Cockfield, Pastor

*Interment* Pinelawn Memorial Park Farmingdale, New York

REPAST: At 5 pm at 11 Linden Blvd., Brooklyn, NY 11226 (Pick up and go)



## TRUST HIM IN THE DARK, ONLY YOUR HEART CAN FEEL YOUR PAIN By: Lewis Ashley

I lost my father when I was seventeen. But! Only your heart can feel your pain. I lost my sister on her seventh birthday. But! Only your heart can feel your pain. I lost my son on his twenty-second birthday But! Only your heart can feel your pain Others may say, they know how you feel. But, can they feel the beat of your heart? The sadness, the love, the loneliness Or the joy and happiness? Can they feel the beat of your heart? God, who created the heart, said in His word He is acquainted with all the heart, and its pains, And its grief's, and its joys, and even when you fall in love. He asks us not to question him. But, trust him in the dark. To cast all our care upon him for He cares for us, And He shall sustain us.

## Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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