

In Loving Memory of



Alton "Bagga" Saunders

Sunrise
May 11, 1952

Sunset
December 12, 2020

Service:
Saturday, December 19, 2020 - 4:00 pm

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Rev. Calvin S. Owens, Officiating

Rev David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

Alton “Bagga” Saunders was born on May 11, 1952 in Westmoreland, Jamaica, to the late Thelma Bushay and John Saunders. Alton was the seventh of ten children and was known as one of the mischievous boys that would always be seen hanging off from the back of a truck. Alton attended New Works School, with his siblings, and was later sent to gain mechanic skills in the Maxfield Area of Kingston. Alton’s love for trucks could not be satisfied as he later became a driver of a truck before leaving Jamaica in 1980 and again shortly after migrating to New York in 1981. Before leaving Jamaica, Alton married his sweetheart, Joan also known as Nola. A year after arriving in the United States, Alton, now known as “Bagga” among his peers because he often looked tired with bags under his eyes, started his first business and opened a tire repair shop on White Plains Road, Bronx which became a popular hang out spot for Jamaicans living close by. Bagga would later relocate his tire repair shop to Boston Road and would spend most of his life running his business.

Bagga loved to socialize and share his cooking with those in need and this was evident in his everyday life. He had a deep and undeniable laugh that could be heard and recognized by those who knew him. He was able to fuse his passions with his business and it was therefore not strange to pass by the ‘Tire Shop’ and be greeted by the familiar scent of jerk chicken, music playing and men socializing loudly.

Unfortunately, Alton battled with cancer twice, and even then continued to maintain his passions. During his second bout of cancer, though the demands of surgery and treatment proved to be too much for him, he never stopped making jokes, laughing, and checking in with friends and family. On Saturday, December 12, 2020, Alton departed this life to go and rest in the loving arms of the Father.

Alton is survived to cherish his memory by his second wife Veronica, four sisters Lovena, Ivy, Dotty and Mavis; four brothers Newton, Verton, Vincent and Clifton, his four children; Ryan, Bryan, Mitsy, Jalani, seven grandkids and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Rest in Eternal Peace Alton!

Order of Service

Organ Prelude
Rev. David Jenkins

Processional

Invocation
Rev. Calvin S. Owens

Selection
Rev. David Jenkins

Scripture Readings
Rev. Calvin S. Owens
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer Of Comfort
Rev. Calvin S. Owens

Selection
Rev. David Jenkins

Reading Of Obituary

Selection
Rev. David Jenkins

Eulogy
Rev. Calvin S. Owens

Committal & Benediction
Rev. Calvin S. Owens

Remarks By Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional

Disposition

Monday, December 21, 2020
Ferncliff Crematory
Hartsdale, New York

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone...
For part of us went with you
The day God called you HOME.

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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