

Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life and Legacy



Alvin Wilmouth Byam
"Bulb"

Sunrise:

December 23, 1937

Sunset:

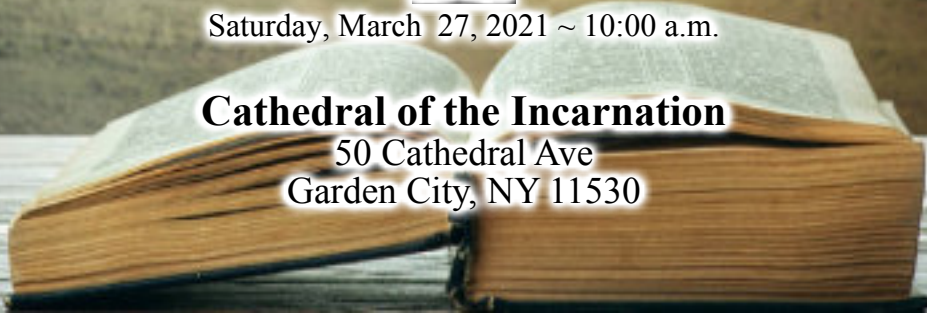
March 3, 2021

Service

Saturday, March 27, 2021 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Cathedral of the Incarnation

50 Cathedral Ave
Garden City, NY 11530



Life Reflections

Alwin Wilmouth (“Bulb”) Byam was born on December 23, 1937 to the late Montgomery Alexander Byam and Eliza (Davis) Byam. He departed this life for his eternal home on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at Northwell Health Long Island Jewish Valley Stream Hospital in New York. He was 83 years old.

Alwin grew up in the Wilkinson’s Cross area of St. John’s, Antigua along with his nine siblings – Gertrude, Frederick, Iola, Cyril, Claude, Edris, Maizie, Rosamond and Percival. Alwin was the ninth child born of the ten.

Throughout his life, Alwin became knowledgeable and proficient in a wide range of subject matters including athletics, math, music, history, arts and culture. As a young man, he attended Point Government School and enjoyed playing on his neighborhood cricket and soccer teams. He took pride in working with his teammates to raise funds necessary to buy equipment. The teams competed at a high level and demonstrated the standard of excellence in Wilkinson’s Cross.

Alwin left Antigua to pursue educational and professional opportunities; ultimately moving to the United States in 1966 where he would grow roots. As a professional, Alwin was an accountant and initially worked in the Banking and Healthcare industries in Westchester County, New York. Over time, Alwin excelled in Accounting and later joined the Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County, Inc. (“EOC”) headquartered in Hempstead, Long Island, New York. He remained at EOC for over twenty years and, in the early 2000’s, retired as a Comptroller. Alwin always took pride in EOC and the many services that it provided for the community. Young men and women who benefited from EOC’s programs would often recognize him while shopping and stop him to say “thank you” – this always warmed his heart and made him smile.

Apart from work, Alwin enjoyed music, reading, boxing, wrestling, tennis and most of all cooking. You could often catch him singing opera while preparing a gourmet meal for his family and friends. He was adept at various types of food. Whether it was savory seafood from his homeland, Antigua Barbuda, or haute cuisine - those sitting around his table were always the benefactors of gastronomical delights and most importantly, Alwin’s love. After enjoying a well-cooked meal, Alwin, an avid reader, would relax with an enthralling bestseller.

Alwin is survived by three brothers Cyril, Claude and Percival; two sisters Maisie and Rosamund; his sons Wesley and Shawn; his daughters and sons-in-law Dawn (Francisco) and Navis (Franz); six grandchildren, including Franz and Noah with whom he lived at the time of his departure and one granddaughter, Jada; and a host of family and friends.

Poem of Life

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some things,
but never meant to stay...
Our destination is a place,
Far greater than we know.
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.
And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.

Anon



Prayer

Lord of all, we praise you
for all who have entered into their rest
and reached the promised land where you
are seen face to face.
Give us grace to follow in their footsteps
as they followed in the way of your Son.
Thank you for the memory of those you
have called to yourself:
by each memory, turn our hearts from things
seen to things unseen,
and lead us till we come to the eternal rest
you have prepared for your people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Alwin Wilmouth Byam**
acknowledges with sincere appreciation for the many thoughtful
acts of kindness, support and concern extended to us during this
time of bereavement. We will always keep you in our prayers.
May God bless you.

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