

*In Loving Memory of*



*Claudius Alexander Gonsalves-Barreiro*

Sunrise  
October 27, 1936

Sunset  
March 16, 2021

Service:  
Saturday, April 3, 2021 - 9:00 am

**MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME**  
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466



# Obituary

**Claudius Alexander Gonsalves-Barreiro** was born to the late Gertrude Tittle and the late Rophine Gonsalves-Barreiro on October 27, 1936 on the island of Antigua, West Indies. He was the first of his mother's four children and fourth of his father's children. Claudius was always a Man of God and a selfless person who loved his family unconditionally.

As a child, Claudius used to help his mother's seamstress business by making deliveries to her clients and collecting payments. He would also go with his father on his fisherman boat to catch fish.

Claudius resided in Antigua until he was 18 years old. Claudius migrated to England in 1954 with reluctance. His mother pushed him to go because she wanted a better life for him. Claudius became a mechanic in England. He loved fixing cars. He was known as the "car doctor" because no matter what problem a car had he could always fix it.

Claudius met the love of life Doris in England in 1959. They courted until March 14, 1964 when they got married. Eventually they migrated to America in December 1969 with their son John. Claudius resided in New York until his passing.

Claudius worked at Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital as a Receiving Clerk for over 40 years until his retirement in January of 2017. When asked why he did not retire from work sooner, his answer always referenced that he needed to work to make sure his grandchildren were good.

Upon his retirement, Claudius became more tech savvy and was an avid user of WhatsApp. He used that platform to keep in touch with family overseas in Antigua and England as well as family and friends locally. Claudius' cell phone was never far from him and you could almost always guarantee a rather quick response.

Claudius and his wife Doris became members of Eastchester Presbyterian Church in the Bronx in October 1981. Claudius loved to make Christian tapes and CD's and would share them with his fellow church members. He was truly a man of faith!

As we celebrate Claudius' life, we can say that he was a great son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather and a beloved member of the community.

Claudius leaves to mourn his wife Doris of 57 years, son and daughter-in-law, John and Janice Daley, twin daughters Heather and Valerie, grandchildren Shanee, Jannell, Dorian and Oceana; great grandchildren Ne'vach, De'Shea and Jayla.

He also leaves to mourn his siblings Lucille Anthony, Oliver Joseph, Ferdinand, George, Marie, Cyril, Edgar, Alice, Foster, Winston, Vivian, Carolyn, Muff, Whitson Gonsalves-Barreiro and their families.

He also leaves behinds a host a nieces and nephews including but not limited to Desiree Farquhar and family, Carl Gonsalves-Barreiro and family, Andrew and family, Andrea Gonsalves-Barreiro and Dr. Desiree Antonio and family.

He was pre-deceased by his siblings Leon, Aileen, Dorothy, Walter, Francis, Llewelyn, Albert, Anderson, David, and Melvina Gonsalves-Barreiro.

May Claudius' soul rest in eternal peace knowing that his legacy of faith, humility, and love will never be forgotten..

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude

Processional..... “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Selection..... “How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4.....Heather Gonsalves-Barreiro

1 Thessalonians 4:14-17.....Lucille Anthony

Prayer of Comfort..... Rev. Dr. J. Perry Wootten

Soloist ..... Samantha Harrison

Tributes..... Valerie I.P. Gonsalves-Barreiro MM  
Desiree Farquhar  
Jannell Daley

Obituary & Acknowledgements ..... Shaneé Daley

Selection ..... “It is Well with My Soul”

Eulogy .....Rev. Dr. J. Perry Wootten

Committal & Benediction ..... Rev. Dr. J. Perry Wootten

Remarks by Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Recessional..... “When We All Get to Heaven”

## Entombment

Woodlawn Cemetery  
Bronx, New York

*Repass for Claudius Gonsalves-Barreiro will be held at  
Prime33 located at 3323 Merritt Avenue Bronx, NY 10475*

# Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep,  
So there's no reason for you to weep;  
This is a debt we all must pay,  
You will see me again someday.  
I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow,  
Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow.  
But life for you must go on,  
You must not worry because I'm gone.  
You stood beside me all the way,  
When I was down, you knew what to say ...  
You always told me, "get some rest,"  
Let me sleep now, I've done my best.  
So please let me rest in peace,  
The tears you're shedding soon will cease.  
You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I  
thank God because He came for me.  
-Emily Dickinson

## 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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