Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Sunrise June 12, 1949

Sunset March 25, 2021

Service: Thursday, April 8, 2021 - 7:00 pm

Guarino Funeral Home

9222 Flattands Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11236 **Pastor Randolph Mitchell, Officiating**



Alphonso "Patrick" Ford was born June 12, 1949 to the late Brenton Hudson Ford and Lilly McTaggart Ford in Broadleaf, Jamaica. Alphonso was affectionately known as "Patrick" or "Patio". Alphonso was a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, father-in-law and friend.

Alphonso possessed a true passion for owning his own business. He was a true serial entrepreneur at heart. As a young boy growing up in Jamaica, he worked in his parent's grocery store and dreamed of owning his own one day. Alphonso migrated to the U.S and turned his dream into a reality. A real risk taker who did not hesitate in following through on the many entrepreneur endeavors with an "I Can't Be Stopped Attitude".

His dedication, determination and drive are what made him have the WILL TO WIN. He made up his mind to succeed and managed to open six businesses. Two Beauty Salons, two Restaurants, named Patio, a Beauty Supply Store and a Night Club.

Along with these accomplishments Alphonso loved his children, and spending time on the race track watching the races, and spending time with his friends. Alphonso started reading his bible daily and playing gospel music.

Alphonso was the loving father to the late Shawn Patrick Ford and the loving brother to the late Gloria Joyce Ford.

Alphonso leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Verona Higgens, the mother of their son, Luke Patrick Ford, his sons, Darrell Patrick Ford, John Paul Simmonds, Luke Patrick Ford, Junior Barrett and Keven Graves, his daughters, Natacshia A. Richards and Tonya Ford, his grandchildren, Latiffah Coleman, Tracie-Ann Richards, Tre'Sean Richards, Nia Ford, Joshuah Graves and Elijah Barrett, his brothers, Gasford Hudson Ford, Basil Hudson Ford, and Edward George Ford, his sister, Hazel Ford, his great grandchildren, Ka'Lee Prescod, Katelyn Prescod and Kealani Prescod, daughters-in-law, Marcia Yearwood-Ford and Yadira Barrett, son-in-law, Robert Chambers, his grandson-in-law, Corey Prescod, a host nieces, nephews, other relatives and an abundance of friends. He will be deeply missed by us all.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional

Congregational Hymn "Blessed Assurance" Scripture Readings Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 12-22... Elizabeth Ford (niece) New Testament: 1 Corinthians 15:50-58.....Colleen Ellis Prayer of Comfort Pastor Rudolph Mitchell Poem Reading - "I'm Free"..... Linette St. Jules (friend) Solo - "Amazing Grace" Natacshia A. Richards (daughter) Tributes Please limit to two minutes each Obituary...... Latiffah Coleman (granddaughter) Congregational Hymn "How Great Thou Art" Eulogy Pastor Rudolph Mitchell Changing Life Christian Center Committal & Benediction Pastor Rudolph Mitchell Remarks by the Funeral Director

Final Viewing & Recessional

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Friday, April 9, 2021 Canarsie Cemetery Brooklyn, New York

In My Heart

I thought of you today. But that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday. And days before that too. I think of you in silence. I often speak your name. Now all I have are memories. And your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake. With which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping. I have you in my heart.

<u>Acknowledgments</u>

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