

Celebrating the Life of



Astley Cummings

September 19th 1934 - May 14th 2021

Celebration of Life
Friday, June 11, 2021

T. Carrillo Funeral Service LLC

4363 Bronx Blvd
Bronx, New York 10466

Obituary

All this world is a stage and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and entrances and one man in his life plays many parts. ~ William Shakespeare

Astley Cummings made his entrance on September 19, 1934 to Ethline Moncrief and David Cummings in Labrynth, St. Mary, Jamaica. He spent the first four years of his life with his grandparents after which he moved to Galina with his father and stepmother. He received his formal education at the Galina Elementary School. He was an avid cricket fan and played for the Galina Cricket Club. Astley started his career at the Jamaica Public Works Department and later moved on to the Harbors Department as a lighthouse keeper in Galina. In 1962 he married Evelyn Johnson, a young teacher from Clarendon. The union produced seven children. In his later life he became increasingly involved with the agricultural society, leading him to the Banana Growers Association and the Coconut Industry. He was an outreach liaison promoting the planting of coconut trees throughout eastern Jamaica.

Astley was a faithful member of the Methodist Church in Galina and the brotherhood of The Masonic Lodge. He participated in many of the social events at the lodge and was a lively dancer. After consolidating his business ventures, he later migrated to the United States in 1988. He made Brooklyn his second home and worked in the security industry for a number of years. With failing health, he later relocated to the Bronx where he resided at the Workman Circle facilities and the Kings Harbor Nursing Home. He passed away at the Montefiore Hospital on May 14, 2012, leaving behind children Audrey, Elizabeth, Paula, David, Robert, Nigel, Noel and Michael; seventeen grandchildren; great grandchildren and a host of family and friends to mourn his passing.

You have pulled the final curtain, you have made your final exit, you lived a life of no regrets, because you did it your way.

Order of Service

Officiating Minister: Pastor McKay

Musical PreludeOrganist

Congregational HymnThe Lord's My Shepherd

Prayer Officiating Minister

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament (Psalm 90: 1-12)Ms. Jordette Cummings

New Testament (1Thessalonians 4:13-18)..... Mr. Noel Cummings

Musical Selection:

Great is Thy FaithfulnessOrganist

Reading of the ObituaryMr. Robert Cummings

Special Tributes

Ms. Jahnay Cummings

Ms. Andrea Orr

ReflectionsFamily and Friends

Congregational Hymn Amazing Grace

Words of Comfort Officiating Minister

Commendation and The Lord's Prayer..... Officiating Minister

Final Farewell (Led by: T. Carrillo Funeral Service)

Benediction

Recessional

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way,

I found that peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it up with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Oh, yes these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much.

Good friends, good times,

a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it

now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free!

-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.



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