

## *In The Sweet By And By*

*There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.*

*Cho: In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
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We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

*2) We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blessed;  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,  
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.*

*In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
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## *We Have An Anchor*

*1) Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?*

*Refrain:*

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!*

*2) Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,  
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?*

## *When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder*

*When the trumpet of the Lord shall  
sound and time shall be no more  
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair  
When the saved diverse shall  
gather over on the other shore  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there  
When the roll is called up yonder  
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When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there  
Let us lay before the Master from dawn 'til setting sun  
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care  
Then when all of life is over and  
our work on Earth is done  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there  
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### *Acknowledgements*

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express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the many  
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us. Your visits and prayers with us, the many gifts to show  
that you care, we are truly and are extremely grateful for  
your kindness. We appreciate all that you have done for us  
during this time of bereavement. We appreciate you all.*

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## *In Loving Memory of Ronald Kerr*

*Sunrise  
July 16, 1953*

*Sunset  
June 17, 2021*



### *Service*

*Thursday, July 8, 2021 • 6:00 p.m.*

**Mt. Olivet Baptist Church**

202-03 Hollis Avenue • Hollis, New York 11412

**Dr. Frankco Harris, Officiating**

**Eugene Reid, Organist**



## Reflections of Life

On July 16th 1953, Joseph and Icylin Kerr welcomed a beautiful baby boy they named Ronald Agustus Kerr, affectionately known to his friends and family as “David” or “Big D”. He was the fifth of what would be 9 children in total. He spent his early years in Rickets River, Jamaica until Icylin and Joseph thought it was time to relocate. They moved to Grange Hill where Dad began attending the Grange Hill Primary School

with his sister Blossom. They were quite the pair since anyone who messed with Dad had to face the wrath of his big sister. He then went on to secondary school where he completed his education and started working in a local supermarket; and eventually, a local sugar factory. It was here that his life took on a new important phase; earning the necessary approvals and paperwork to enter a farm working program in the United States.

He would frequently travel back and forth for many years, and over those years, Ann-Marie, Dave, O’Neil and Dwayne were born. Dad was an active, involved, and loving father, working hard to provide for his children. It was on one of his visits to the United States that he met Eulene and they tied the knot. Their union brought Dad two more daughters, Shontelle and Shameka. All of Dad’s children adored him and he always made sure he showered them with love, (some of it tough love) but we always knew he loved us. His children went on to give him 13 beautiful grandchildren that he cherished. They could do no wrong in his eyes and he always went out of his way to tell anyone who would listen, how amazing his grand babies were.

Dad was highly respected throughout his community and among his family members in Jamaica, the U.S. and Canada. Dad was always a listening ear. His brothers and sisters would consult him whenever they needed advice or help. He was always willing to help. Everyone who came in contact with Dad was always left with an optimistic message. He was full of life and often loved to tease his friends, in particular, Henry, Pablo and Jumpy. There was never a dull moment around Dad and his beloved friends. He also loved his brothers very much, William, Jeffery and Arnold, including living with Arnold over his time in New York.

Our dad supported the people he cared about with his time. If there was ever an important event, we could all count on Dad being present. He even played a vital role in the upbringing and life of his nephews and nieces. He wore many hats, one of his proudest being a family man because he cared so truly and so deeply for all his family members.

As time progressed, Dad was blessed with meeting the love of his life, Yvonne. She was a staple in his life and happiness over the years. They were birds of a feather. You would not see one without the other close by. Dad was at the peak of happiness. Family. Friends and Yvonne. He would often say to many of us “I lived a full life”. Every year Dad would travel to Jamaica for vacation spending 2-to-3 months at a time. He and Yvonne made it a point of duty to attend rebel salute each year. He enjoyed cooking for everyone. Whether it was Jamaica or America, Dad was known for cooking and calling everyone to come eat.

Each year Dad went on vacation to Jamaica he did some sort of yard and home improvement. He was always a busy bee. Dad enjoyed riding his bicycle into Grange Hill square to buy his favourite patty and cocoa bread. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, picking them up from school and playing with them and buying them random gifts. He also enjoyed spending quality time with all of his sisters, Blossom, Mervyl, Jasmine and Beverley while visiting Jamaica.

Dad was a simple man. So simple that most times someone would see him, he would be dressed in a white shirt, shorts and slippers. Always content and grateful for what he had.

On June 17th, 2021 Dad was surrounded by close family and loved ones as he answered the call of his Lord and Saviour that it was time to come home. Dad’s legacy lives on through all of us who loved him dearly, but in particular, his children, his grandchildren, and his nieces and nephews who will carry out his legacy as they go through life trying to make Dad proud.

We love you Dad and look forward to when we meet again by the rivers of living water, never again to experience the hurt of missing you. Enjoy your rest. We love you. Always.

## Order of Service

Opening Hymn..... “In the Sweet By and By”

First Scripture Reading .....Psalm 34:1-8

First Tribute .....(3 minutes)

Special Selection

Second Hymn..... “We Have an Anchor”

Remembrance

Second Scripture Reading

John 16: 20-23.....Dexrine Simpson (niece)

Eulogy ..... Ann Marie Hibbert

Second Tribute .....(3 minutes)

Sermon

Prayer For The Family

Closing Hymn ..... “When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

Interment  
Family Plot  
Jamaica WI