

A portrait of a young Black man with short dark hair, looking down with a gentle expression. He is wearing a white t-shirt. The background is a soft-focus image of a stone staircase leading up towards a bright, cloudy sky. The overall tone is peaceful and commemorative.

*Celebration of Life*

**MARLON ANTHONY  
OMAR BERRY**

October 21, 1975 - October 31, 2021

Saturday, November 20, 2021

Viewing: 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Service 10:30 a.m.

**St. David's Episcopal Church,**

117-35 235<sup>th</sup> Street, Cambria Heights, New York

The Reverend Karen Davis-Lawson, Rector

# *Obituary*

**Marlon** was born at Nuttall Memorial Hospital in the parish of St. Andrew, Jamaica on October 21, 1975 and left us on October 31, 2021.

Marlon is survived by his mother, Inez Anderson, sisters - Carol Thomas(Cecil), Marjorie Toomer(Barrington) and Faith; brother Bradley Berry; nephews - Sean Thomas, Darryl and Danzel Toomer; grandnieces Mya-Rae and Tori Thomas; Aunts - Shirley Anderson, Eileen Allen, Pamela Tyther and Sandra Anderson; cousins Kaye Gentle-Thorne, Micha Allen, Suzette Williams, Lisa Waldron, Colleen Waldron, Nicola Smith, Jordon Williams, Damion Allen, Kevin Alvarez, Orran Allen and many other relatives. He also leaves behind his loving partner, Sherene Arriola and many dear friends and colleagues. Father - Milton Berry (predeceased).

Marlon attended Ardenne Preparatory School and Dunoon Technical School in Jamaica, where he showed an aptitude for art and technical drawing. He left Jamaica when he was 19 years old and had lived in Queens, New York ever since.

An avid lover of music, he got involved in music production and worked with many disc jockeys to mix beats. Marlon last worked at Cougar Express.

Marlon was a loving and protective son who was his mother's "right hand" in New York. He always ensured that his mother took all the necessary precautions to stay safe during the pandemic by running errands and doing all her grocery shopping.

Marlon loved a good debate and liked to be engaged in discussions on current and past events. He was knowledgeable and passionate about the history and culture of our people and the injustices we continue to endure. He was not afraid to express his opinions often stating " yeah man, I am very passionate about these things".

Marlon left us suddenly, in the prime of his life, due to an undiagnosed heart condition, leaving many dreams unfulfilled. However, the true measure of a man is not in his accomplishments but how he makes others feel. Marlon treated everyone with respect and had an easy, genuine smile that drew people to him. Marlon lived his life in a quiet and dignified manner and was a loyal friend and supportive partner. His absence will be felt deeply, but his memory will live on.

Rest In Peace, Marlon, may light perpetual shine upon you. We will love you forever.

# *Order of Service*

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## Tributes:

Opening Sentences..... BCP page 491  
Hymn: How Great Thou Art..... LEVAS # 60  
Welcome..... The Rev. Karen Davis-Lawson  
Obituary.....Carol Thomas

Collect..... BCP page 493  
Old Testament Lesson: Ecclesiastes 3.1-8...Read by Kaye Gentle-Thorne  
Psalm 91 ..... Read by Cecil Thomas  
Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden..... Hymnal 1982 #624  
The Gospel: John 11:21-27 ..... The Rev. Karen Davis-Lawson

Hymn: Precious Lord ..... LEVAS #106  
The Homily ..... The Rev. Karen Davis-Lawson  
The Apostle's Creed..... BCP page 496  
Prayers of the People .....BCP page 497 Read by Shirley Anderson  
The Committal ..... BCP page 501  
Hymn: Because he lives..... LEVAS #43

## **Pallbearers:**

Neville Anderson  
Cecil Thomas  
Darryl Toomer  
Damian Beaueveau  
Gary Powell  
Khary Ramos

## *Interment*

Forest Pond Cemetery, Middle Village, New York

*Please join the family for repast in the church hall at noon.*  
***Please remember to wear your masks.***

## *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

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family thanks you for your love and support  
at this difficult time.*

*Rest In Peace, Marlon. We will love you forever.*

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