

CELEBRATING

The Life of

**Derrick
Hopeton
Burford**



SEPTEMBER 3, 1958 - MARCH 21, 2024

SERVICE INFORMATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Service: 10:00 AM

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES

23 East 2nd Street, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550

Rev. Dr. Sonia Trew-Wisdom, DMin, BCC, Officiating

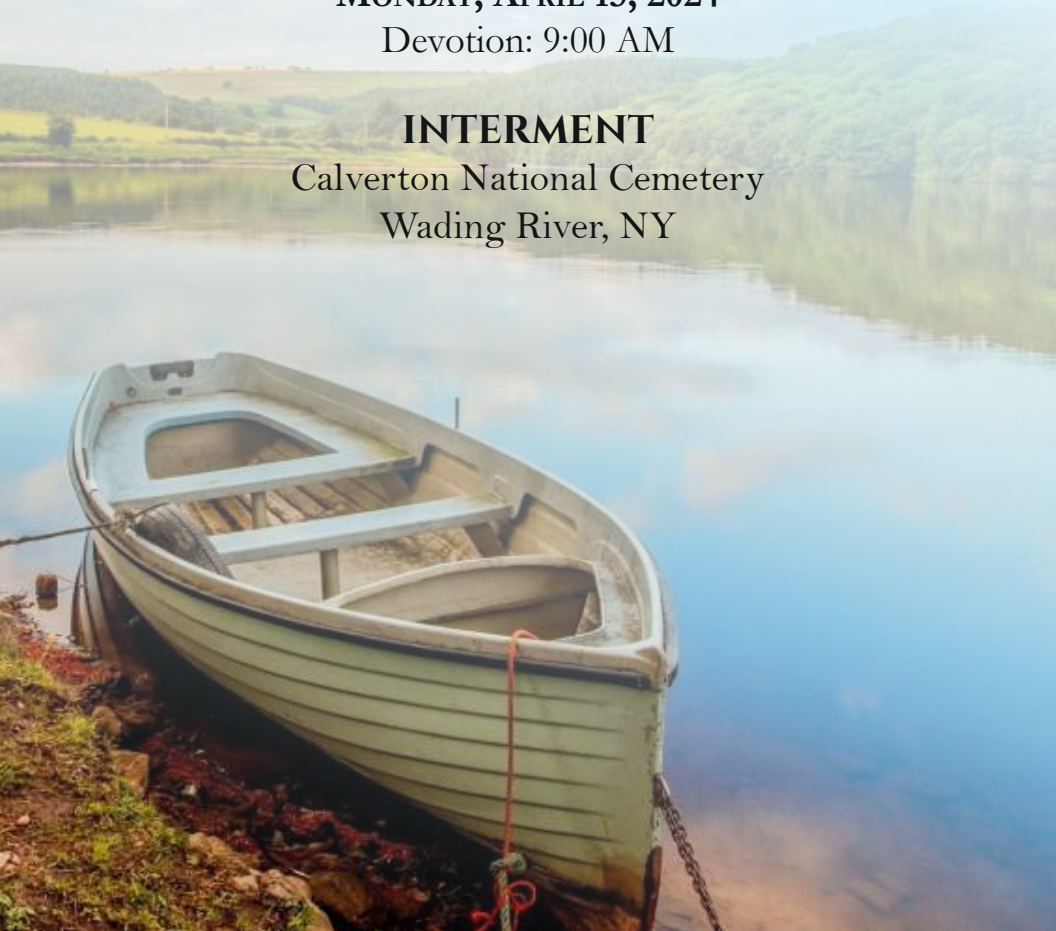
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

Devotion: 9:00 AM

INTERMENT

Calverton National Cemetery

Wading River, NY



ORDER OF SERVICE

Musical Prelude

Invocation

Opening Hymn..... *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Isaiah 41:10-13

New Testament - Revelation 21:1-7 Khadijah Burford, (Daughter)

Hymn *It is Well with My Soul*

Obituary Jonathan Burford (Son)

Song *I'll Fly Away*

Open Tributes 2 min please

Sermonic Selection *Goodness of God*

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sonia Trew-Wisdom

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Sonia Trew-Wisdom

Hymn..... *Amazing Grace*

Benediction

Final Viewing..... Eternity Funeral Services Directors

Recessional

OBITUARY

Derrick Hopeton Burford of Queens, NY, passed away unexpectedly at his home on March 21, 2024, with his beloved wife Beverly by his side. His health declined suddenly after battling COPD, a respiratory illness. Derrick was only 65 years of age.

Derrick was born on September 3, 1958, to Dudley and Winifred Burford in St. Mary, Jamaica, he migrated to the United States in 1975. He attended New Rochelle High School and Apex Technical School. In July 1977, Derrick joined the United States Marines and was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

While in North Carolina, he met Mary Herring and she bore him their first son, Derrick Jr. in 1979. They moved to New Rochelle, NY where he spent most of his life. In 1995, Derrick met Janet Kirlaw. They had his second son, Jonathan in 1997. In 2006 he met and married Beverly Mattie. She had a daughter, Khadijah whom he cared for and took as his very own, from the moment they met. He became a grandfather to Mahkai Steadman in 2020.

Derrick worked for the New Rochelle School District for 28 years. He was set to retire on June 21, 2024, 3 months to the date of his passing. His work ethics are to be admired. Derrick rarely missed work. Only hospitalization or extreme emergencies would keep him away.

Derrick was a very private and discreet person. He was very generous, intelligent, caring, courageous, daring, strict, and very organized. He enjoyed fishing, reading, especially the newspaper every morning, cooking, and watching wrestling. He loved and adored his mother. He looked forward to retiring so he could spend more time in Florida with her. He was also looking forward to traveling to the Dominican Republic with his son Jonathan. His passing has come as a great shock and deep wound. It is gravely felt by his entire family, co-workers, and countless others who loved him deeply.

Derrick is survived by his mother Winifred, wife Beverly, sons Derrick Jr. and Jonathan, daughter Khadijah, grandson Mahkai, sisters Auldine, Barbara, Claudette, Janet, Paulette, and Purle, brother Clement as well as many Nieces, Nephews and Cousins. He was predeceased by Father, Dudley and brother Tony.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain

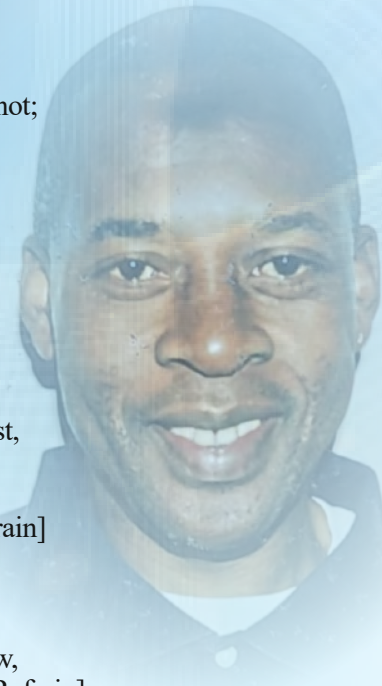
It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul. Refrain

My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! Refrain

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul. Refrain

It is Well with My Soul



I'LL FLY AWAY

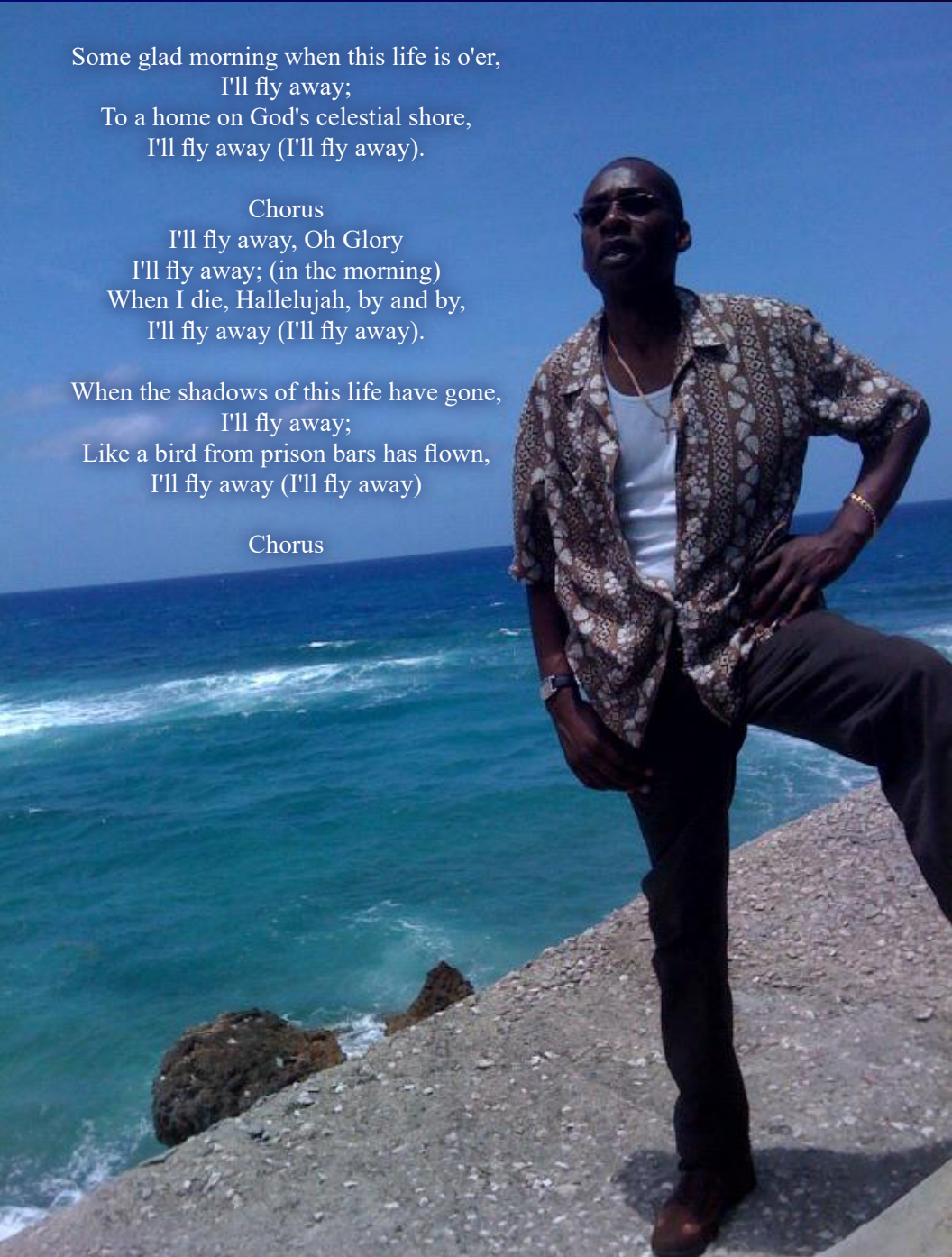
Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

Chorus

I'll fly away, Oh Glory
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away)

Chorus



PRECIOUS MEMORIES





God's Garden

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Derrick Hopeton Burford** wishes to express our gratitude and deep appreciation for all acts of kindness during this time. We greatly acknowledge and thank you for your calls, support, and prayers. God bless you all.*



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