In Loving Memory of Kermith Rolle

Sunrise December 27, 1945

Sunset June 5, 2025

Sunday, June 29, 2025 Viewing - 11:00 a.m. Service - 12:00 Noon

McCall's Bronxwood Funeral Home

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Obituary

Today, we come together not simply because a beloved son, father, dad, husband, and the list goes on, life has sunset, but because his life was deeply felt.

There are some people who seem stitched from light who leave behind not just memories, but a kind of warmth that lingers long after they have transitioned. We are gathered in the quiet space between grief and gratitude, to commemorate someone whose presence influenced our days in both great and small ways. His life and story not only touched us, but has transformed us.

On December 27, 1945, a new life began on the island of Exuma in the Bahamas, where the sea joins the sky in quiet harmony. Naomi Rolle and the late Alston Rolle gave birth to their first child, Kermith Emriette Rolle also known as "Gun". Kermith's education began at Mount Thompson All Age School in Exuma, Bahamas, where the island's rhythms instilled in him a deep sense of responsibility. Kermith grew up in the Adventist Church, and was highly committed to his Adventist principles/beliefs. His faith was a pillar of his life, guiding him every Saturday, even when he relocated to Nassau. He genuinely loved God, and his dedication was clear in everything that he did.

As the oldest child, farming wasn't just a chore; it was a foundational lesson in hard work and dedication. Kermith truly was the "chief" of his family, a man with a big mind, and an even bigger spirit. His entrepreneurial drive shone bright when he opened his first grocery store, a testament to his ambition and vision. While he was an entrepreneur, he later met Alzona and they started a family. The family produced 6 children, one of whom is deceased. 1 Timothy 5:8 (NIV) "But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." Kermith was not an "unbeliever", he did as God expected, he was a great provider and he valued working smart.

A few years later, he sought new opportunities in Nassau, and landed his first job with Carl Treco Construction. Following that, he devotes several years to the Ministry of Public Works, where he served until his well-deserved retirement.

Kermith had another go at love. He met the love of his life, Sonia McIntosh, and they got married on January 8, 2016 in Nassau. Their love was truly something special. We all remember Kermith walking in each evening after work, his immediate question was always, "Where yah ma?" It was a simple phrase that spoke volume about his deep affection and the central place Sonia held in his heart. Kermith was cherished by his "bonus" family, especially by Kevin, Pat, Sam, and Kay Kay, who affectionately called him "Rolly" and "Dad". He did as much for his "bonus children" as he did for his biological children, from the countless school drop-offs and pick-ups to ensuring Pat got to work on time. He was a stickler for time, a trait we all remember well by the jingle of his keys, and the shouts of "Girls, let's go!" In 2018, after the girls had completed high school, Kermith and Sonia started travelling to the United States.

Kermith was a "food lover", and had his simple pleasures too: his grits and tuna salad, cream (canned milk) and cocktail, and his beloved red strawberry Jell-O. Oh. His favourite sport was wrestling! He could not be seated when wrestling was on. He'd be pacing, shouting, completely engrossed, and acting as if he was right there in the ring. "Mudda sick bey!" he'd yell, fully embodying the spirit of the fight. He never missed a match and was always ready to pay for pay-per-view. Kermith knew the names of all the wrestlers, and it seemed he and his money went hand in hand like he loved wrestling, he also had a few favorite phrases. And who could forget Kermith, impeccably dressed, proudly proclaiming, "Hello darling, I look sharp?"

In 2021, the couple decided to relocate to the US, because it had become too risky to travel back and forth during the pandemic. This new chapter brought new joys, particularly his love for travel. He especially enjoyed the comforts of hotels, those "Spring Hill Sweets" and the delight of a continental breakfast. As time went on, Kermith began to experience some health challenges, and had to do frequent doctor's visits. When he was in Nassau, he would be accompanied by his cousin, Eddiemae Rolle. Whenever, he was in the United States, he would be accompanied by his wife, Sonia. Even as his health declined, his humor shone even brighter. He would often be found packing up items to ship to Exuma, calling Sonia to give her "fun surprises." Through it all, Sonia remained his rock, his constant companion, sticking by him with unwavering love and devotion. On May 25, 2025, Kermith was taken to Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, New York, where he remained for ten days. On June 5, 2025 he was called from labor to reward.

Kermith is survived by his devoted wife, Sonia Rolle, his loving mother, Naomi Rolle, children: Collins Rolle Sr., O'Neal Rolle, Estell Gibson, Ursula Rolle, Petula Lockhart, bonus children, Pottagay, Samanta, Kevin, Annakay, Sisters: Kathlene, Sonia, Jennifer, Zilpha, Leoni, Dell, Kuala & Harriet, brothers: Nigel, Jacob, Livingston, Ivan, Isaac & Lynden, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, numerous nieces and nephews, cousins including Eddiemae Rolle-Gibson and a host of other relatives and friends in Exuma and New Providence including Beatrice Seymour. Goodbyes are not forever, and they are not the end. They simply mean we'll miss you until we meet again. Rest peacefully, Kermith, your journey continues in all of us!



Prayer Minister Willis

Opening Hymn
"How Great Thou Art"

Old Testament Scripture Pottagay Tomlinson/ Samanta Paul (Ecclesiastes 3 v 1-8)

Hymn "When Peace Like A River"

New Testament Scripture Annakay McIntosh/ Chaldane Champier (Revelation 21v 1-6)

Open Tributes

Solo Minister Willis

Acknowledgement

Eulogy Mrs. T. Cassie

Sermon Minister P. Rattry

Prayer for the family Minister P. Rattry

Vote of thanks

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Recessional Hymn
"God Will Take Care Of You"

Interment Kensico Cemetery Vallhalla, New York

Lesalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures: he leadeth me beside the still
waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for his
name's sake. Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod
and thy staff they comfort me. Thou
preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head
with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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