

In Loving Memory of



Derick Anthony Graham

Sunrise
July 26, 1950

Sunset
November 2, 2011

Service

Friday, November 11, 2011 - 12:00 Noon

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

375 Van Houton Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Adrian A. McFarlane, Pastor
Ms. Suzanne LaRobardier, Organist

Reflections of Life

Derick Anthony Graham, also known as “Leroy” was born on July 26th, 1950 in Montego Bay, Jamaica to parents Joyce Campbell and David Graham.

He was educated at our local community schools: Montego Bay Infant School, Barracks Road Primary, then called Boy School, St. James High then called Senior School and North Western High. After graduating from high school, he went to Jamaica Commercial Institute, specializing in Accounting; which became his life long career. As a student he was very energetic, meticulous in his dressing and very opinionated.

Derick married Yvonne Dawkins April 1972. The union produced four children, Novlette who pre-deceased him, Diane, Marsha and Derick, Jr.

He worked in the Hotel Industry in Jamaica. He also had a passion for music, and for a short time played as a drummer in a popular calypso band.

He migrated to the United States July 1995 and continued working in the Hospitality Industry as an auditor. He once operated a club, but realized that was not a life time goal. He was a hard worker, he liked to be involved in things around him.

On March 4, 2006, he married his present wife, Sandra Haughton in Jamaica. He fondly called her “Sani” or “Pretty Girl”. She enjoyed many years of his love and affection.

Derick started visiting the United Presbyterian Church in mid 2010; and on Sunday, November 7th, 2010, he was baptized. He voiced that it was one of the happiest days of his life. He later joined the church choir, this made him extremely happy. Going to church and being involved in the church activities became a passion.

Derick departed this life on November 2, 2011 at Riverview Post-Acute Center, surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren.

He is survived by: wife, Sandra H. Graham; children, Diane Osbourne, Marsha Hall and Derick, Jr.; grandchildren, Sheldon and Jermaine Fogo, Chrystal, Dy'mond, Jahnae and Jahmarie Hall, Mitchell, Ronaldo, Faith (Princess) Osbourne, Duran, Nicholas and Ellyssa Graham; sons-in-law, Mitchell Osbourne, Sr. and Jason Hall; daughter-in-law, Tennesha Graham; mother-in-law, Joyce Haughton; father-in-law, Amos Haughton; brother, Roy Graham; sisters, Faye Wright and Dawn Graham; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church family.

Order of Service

Prelude Ms. Suzanne LaRobardier

Call to Order Rev. Dr. Adrian A. McFarlane

Words of Comfort Rev. Dr. Adrian A. McFarlane

Prayer Rev. Dr. Adrian A. McFarlane

Hymn 244 “The Old Rugged Cross”

Responsive Reading Psalm 139:1-12

Selection

Poem Diane Osbourne

Song Derick Graham, Jr.

Acknowledgements and Reflections

Reflections of Life Senora O’Reggio

Scripture Readings

Old Testament -Isaiah 43:1-3

New Testament - Romans 6:1-7

Gospel - Luke 7:1-10

United Presbyterian Choir

Homily “A Man Under Authority”
Rev. Dr. Adrian A. McFarlane

Selection Dy’mond Hall (granddaughter)

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dr. Adrian A. McFarlane

Closing Hymn 281 “Because He Lives”

Benediction

Interment Cedarlawn Cemetery • Paterson, NJ



He went to sleep, never here to awake but I can assure you that everything was alright between God and him. Now he awoke in Heaven's Courtyard, free from pain within, the angels gathered around him and they took him by the hand. He was serenaded.



Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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