

*Mass of Christian Burial*

*Keith Gardner, O.D.*

**Sunrise**  
*September 6, 1929*

**Sunset**  
*May 25, 2012*



**Service**

*Saturday, June 9, 2012 - 9:30 a.m.*

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

1 Eagle Rock Avenue • West Orange, NJ 07052

## *Obituary*

**Keith Alvin St. Hope Gardner, OD** of West Orange passed way peacefully surrounded by his family on Friday, May 25, 2012 at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston.

Mr. Gardner was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica moving to West Orange two years ago. He was the Director of Sports for the Multi Care Foundation in the University of West Indies and Jamaica Constabulary Force, Kingston, Jamaica. Mr. Gardner was a member of the Scottish Masonic Club in Jamaica, the Past President of the Olympian Association of Jamaica and a member of the Jamaican Athletic Association. He was named to the University of Nebraska Hall of Fame for Track & Field; Mr. Gardner placed third in the 1960 Rome Olympics 4x100 Relay. He currently holds the 100 Yard Dash record for the Commonwealth Games. Mr. Gardner is recognized in the Order of Distinction for Jamaica.

Mr. Gardner was the beloved husband of 54 years of Fay Gardner (Stiebel). Devoted father of Maxine Gardner, Christina Bayyan, Keith Gardner Jr., Amir Bayyan, Alex Kerlew and Dominic Kerlew. Cherished Grandfather of three. He is survived by ten brothers and sisters and also survived by many nieces and nephews.

*Mass of Christian Burial*  
*Monsignor Joseph Petrillo, Presiding*

Placing of Pall ..... Maxine Gardner  
Christina Bayyan

Entrance Song ..... *“Be Not Afraid”*

Eulogy ..... Brian Panton

Old Testament (*Job 3:28-32*) ..... Maureen Williams

Responsorial Psalm 90:1-10 ..... Suzie Gardner

New Testament (*Revelations 21:1-7*) ..... Sonia Whitbourne

Gospel & Homily ..... Msgr. Joseph Petrillo

Prayers of The Faithful ..... Joy Wilson

Presentation of The Gifts ..... Amir  
Alex  
Dominic

Offertory ..... *“Here I Am Lord”*

Communion ..... *“How Great Thou Art”*

Meditation ..... 23rd Psalm (crimond)

Recessional ..... *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

*Pall Bearers*

- *Keith Gardner, Jr.*
- *Radford Arrindell, Sr.*
- *Ian Maynard*
- *Stephan Mahy*
- *Gordon Robotham*
- *Douglas Stiebel*
- *Stephan Dunkley*
- *Junior Gardner*

# *I Am 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*

## *Acknowledgements*

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*God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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