

Homegoing Service for
Derrick Ingram De'Freitas

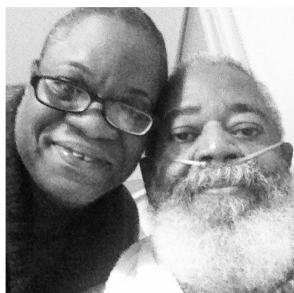
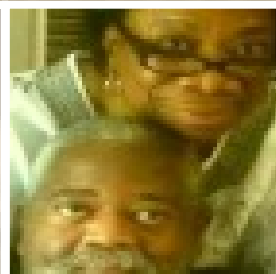
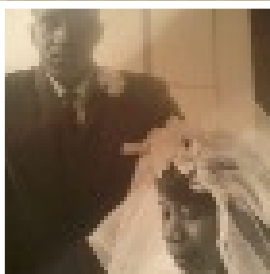
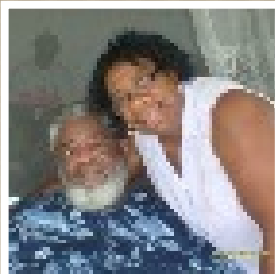
Sunrise
February 2, 1945

Sunset
December 1, 2015

Service
Friday, December 11, 2015
12:00 Noon

Cotton Funeral Home
1025 Bergen Street
Newark, NJ 07112

Bishop Hilton Rawls, Sr., Officiating



Obituary

Derrick Ingram De'Freitas was born February 2nd, 1945 in Albouystown, Georgetown, Guyana (As Derrick would fondly say, "There were no boys living there, all were men.") He was born to Sybil O'Donohue- De'Freitas. He was 1 of 6 children, Ivelaw, Maxine, Russell, Tyrone and Janice. He was also the brother of 3 half siblings Samuel, Isadora and Claudette.

Derrick was a lover of sports, his favorite being " Cricket." He was a great " Batsman," and hated to be out. As a child Derrick was also very studious, he read everything and anything laid before him. Derrick attended Broad Street government school standard 6. Derrick also was encouraged by his brother -in -law Joseph Chung to pursue accounting at Blackmans Commercial and Accounting school. Upon completion he then went on to work as a legal clerk in the courts of Guyana and worked for the Law offices of Saboller, also Sprostone Ltd. Derrick mastered his writing skills, due to his sister-in-law Lucille Bessee telling him that he had a " DISGUSTING," handwriting and he needed to improve. Lucille also taught him how to fill out legal documents and he was always grateful to her for showing him proper writing etiquette. He would say, "if it were not for Lucille he would not have been able to fill out his documents properly to migrate to England to join the love of his life Lynette Mercurius."

Derrick migrated to England when he was 21 years old to marry Lynette who he knew since the age of 12. Soon after his migration, Nasreen their 1st child and only daughter was born. Derrick was always worried how he was going to feed and maintain his bundle of joy. Nasreen was named after a little girl he knew and always liked the name. 2 years later Derricks' long awaited son U-shaka was born. He named U-shaka after

the great warrior Shaka Zulu. 7 years later Tsietsi entered the world. Like U-Shaka, Tsietsi was named after another great man, who was a South African revolutionist. The names Derrick chose for his children reflected the type of man he was.

In 1978, Derrick moved his family to the United States for better opportunities. He always strived for a better way of life for his family. Always working, just so that he could give his family a home. And he was able to purchase his 1st house 10 years after the move. Derrick was a lover of all music, his biggest influence for the love of music came from his early days, when his father had a band. Derrick played the guitar and saxophone. A few of his favorite singers were Sam Cook, Otis Redding and Al Green. He loved Sam Cook so much he named his car "Sam." Derrick was also a lover of history, he would meet someone and ask them where they were from and he would hold a conversation, tell them more about where they were from than they knew themselves. He was well versed on many subjects and would even breakout in language/dialect of that country. He encouraged his children to read more books. He also had a song that he made up to encourage his children to read more and watch less television. He also sang this to his grand children and they fondly remember and proudly sing "READ A BOOK." He knew knowledge was power.

Derrick is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years Lynette and their children Nasreen, U-shaka and Tsietsi. His grandchildren, Zaire, Shalise, Shakise, Khalise, Najee and Lucia. His wishes for his children and grand children are to, always have a sense of family unity, sense of purpose, sense of kindness to each other and always find a sense of humor in everything they do. Derrick was an innovator and a self-thinker who loved his family very much. The imprint he left on all of our hearts we can never forget, he was truly a man before his time and we will miss him dearly.

Order of Service

Celebration of Life Derrick De'Freitas

Opening Remarks.....Minister

Prayer.....Minister

Scripture reading - Corinthians 4-16 59...Carolyn Abraham

Tributes and Reflections by Family

Carmona Bessee Gibbs (Niece)

Nasreen De'Freitas (Daughter)

Shalise De'Freitas (Grand daughter)

on behalf of her father (U-Shaka)

Shakise De'Freitas (Grand daughter)

Tsietsi De'Freitas (Son)

Reading of Obituary.....Zaire De'Freitas-Gardner
(Grandson)

Scripture Reading - John 16-24..... Catherine Mercurius
(sister-in-law)

Tributes and Reflections by Family and Friends

Hymn.....“How Great Thou Art”

Eulogy

Final respects

-Interment-
Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey



Safely Home

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones; Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over, Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever, Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder I so calmly Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus' love illumined Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.*

*There is work still waiting for you, So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth - You shall rest in Jesus' land.*

*When that work is all completed, He will gently call you Home:
Oh, the rapture of that meeting, Oh, the joy to see you come!*

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You,
Whatever the part.

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