

*Homecoming Service
Celebrating the Life of*



Michael Beresford Richards
Sunrise Sunset

November 13, 1965 April 8, 2016

Services

Saturday April 16, 2016

Viewing: 12:30 - 2:00 P.M.

Funeral: 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Cotton Funeral Home

130 Main St. City of Orange, NJ 07050

Officiating:

Oral Smith

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer..... Oral Smith (Family Friend)

Selection Joan & Vanya Nyarko (Sister & Niece)

First Scripture Andrew Richards (Nephew)

Selection..... Victory Family Worship

Second Scripture Dr. Rosemarie Beckford (Cousin)

Tribute to Nephew Eugenie Barnaby (Aunt)

Tributes Cassandra Wallace (Chaplin)

Miguel Bethencourt
(Director of Operations, Anheuser Busch)

Donnell Hill (Family Friend)

Solo Victoria Nyarko (Niece)

Prayer for the Family Rev. Lawrence Charles

Acknowledgements of

Condolences Stephanie Eccles (Cousin)

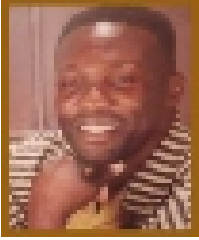
Obituary Ashley Chichester (Cousin)

Hymn “It Is Well With My Soul”

Eulogy & Closing Prayer Dr. Rev. Victor Nyarko
(Brother-in-Law)

Final Viewing

Repast East Orange Youth Cultural Center
26 Washington Street
East Orange, NJ 07017



Obituary

Michael Beresford Richards, lovingly known as "Mikey, was born on November 13, 1965 to Beresford and Ivylyn in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica W.I. Michael quietly slipped into eternal rest on April 8, 2016 at his home in Newark, New Jersey.

Michael spent his earliest years in St. Elizabeth where he received his childhood education followed by earning his vocational education as an electrician at Black River High School. He later migrated to Kingston where he joined the Police force for a short time. He would soon leave his native Island of Jamaica to venture out to the U.S. where he continued his career as an electrician. Later in life Michael was employed by Anheuser Busch where he worked until his health declined.

Mikey has been loved and respected by family, friends, co-workers and those who crossed his path. He had a very infectious smile and a captivating personality. He was a loving, caring and kind-hearted individual. A man of few words and very deep thoughts.

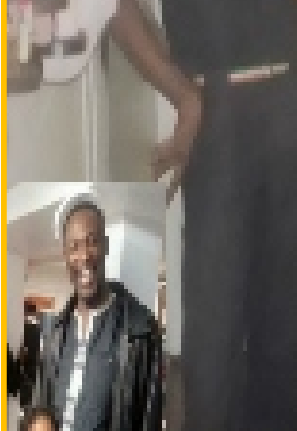
Mikey will be greatly missed by uncles, aunts, sister, brothers, cousins, friends and co-workers. We are comforted in knowing that he embraced our Lord and Savior and today he is resting in the arms of Jesus Christ, free from the pains, discomforts and worries of this world.

We will miss him dearly. It is hard to imagine him not being around to surprise us with his spontaneous visits which filled our hearts with joy and laughter as he often loved to do.

We surely will miss him but we must thank God for having him in our lives for this short time.

Michael leaves behind his beloved family and friends to cherish his memories. May his soul rest in peace.





Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Great is Thy faithfulness, oh 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.*

*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.*

*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!*

*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!*

*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,
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

It is Well With My Soul

*When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot you have taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul*

*Though the devil will ruin, though trials may come
Let this blessed assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And He shed His own blood for my soul*

*It is well, with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

*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, oh my soul*

*It is well, with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

*And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight
And 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*

*It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

*It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul*

To Those I Love

When I'm gone, release me, and let me go.

I have so many things to see and do.

You mustn't tie yourself to me in tears.

Be happy that we had so many years.

*I gave you my love. You can only guess how much you
gave me in happiness.*

But now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must.

Then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part.

So bless the memories in your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.

*So if you need me, call and I'll come. Though you can't
see or touch me, I'll be near.*

*And if you listen with your heart you'll hear, all of my
love around you soft and clear.*

*And then when you this way alone, I'll greet you with a
smile and say*

"Welcome Home"

Acknowledgement

*The family of Michael B. Richards wishes to express their
heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness and
expressions of sympathy, which provided strength and
comfort during their time of bereavement.*

Services Entrusted To:

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(973) 675-6400

Interment:

Family Plot
Jamaica, West Indies