

In Loving Memory of

A portrait of Baldwin Bernard, Sr., an elderly Black man with a joyful expression, wearing a brown fedora hat and a bright orange polo shirt. He is positioned in the center of the image against a background of a blue sky with wispy white clouds and a blue ocean with white-capped waves. The text is overlaid on the image.

Baldwin Bernard, Sr.

Sunrise: October 22, 1923

Sunset: July 28, 2016

Service

Friday, August 5, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

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Rev. Dr. Sidney Hargrave, Officiating

Brvon Neal, Organist

Obituary

Baldwin Bernard, Sr. passed away Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Montefiore of New Rochelle Hospital, at the age of 92. He resided at Concourse Village, Bronx, New York for the last 44 years.

Baldwin Bernard, Sr. was born October 22, 1923 in Bluefields, Nicaragua, to Baldwin Alvin Bernard and Alvina Priscilla Mackis Bernard.

He started his own business on a 6th grade education. He was a contractor and he mastered his craft. Although he had business cards, word of mouth spread faster than his business cards could travel. His work ethic spoke volumes. He was always on time. His advice to us was "your only as good as your word."

He loved family, he made certain that his family stayed connected by driving countless times to Connecticut, Queens, New Jersey and Alabama. He even once drove from Florida to Alabama in one family trip. He was always on the go to family picnics and parties. We were taken to many amusement parks and museums.

He loved reading and always told us to pick up a book. He would say, "turn off the TV and pick up a book."

He showed a great interest in politics. He would tell us about the trying times to vote, for example, when he had to take a test and of course needless to say he didn't pass. He was so honored to have the privilege to vote. He NEVER took that privilege for GRANTED!

He also enjoyed his YANKEES! If baseball was on (years ago) one television, he's watching his baseball game!

He was preceded in death by his son, Baldwin Bernard, Jr. (2014), brother, Leroy (Toti), sister, Hazel, nephews, Astor and Wilfredo.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Jennie Kidd-Bernard of 64 years; son, James Bernard; daughters, Vera Bernard-Adams and Barbara Bernard-Hall, brother-in-law, Arthur Hall; grandchildren, Shalaine, Alvina, Shaqwan and James-Eddie; brothers, Aster (Sammie), sister-in-law, Marcelina Hodgson and Wilfredo (King); and sister-in-law, Angelina Hodgson. He also leaves to mourn his most favorite cherished and beloved cousin, we all know as Cos (Edith Newball), 98 years young. They always remained in contact with each other. His nieces, Sandra, Gloria, Michelle, Scarlett and Bridget; nephews, Alfred and Leroy; and many grandnieces, grandnephews, in-laws, cousins, and close neighbors.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Kensico Cemetery
Valhalla, New York*

I'm 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

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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