

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of



RUBEN SMALL



Sunrise: March 24, 1939 - September 12, 2016



Services:

Saturday, October 1, 2016 - 10:00 A.M.

CALVARY ROSEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

400 Main Street • East Orange, New Jersey

Pastor Veronica P. Palmer, Officiating

~OBITUARY~



Beloved father and husband **Ruben Small**, passed away, Monday, September 12, 2016 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 24, 1939 to Eliza Williams Small and Altamont Small in St. Catherine, Jamaica.



He was married on June 24, 1978 to Muriel Rebecca (Sangster) Small who later passed away in 1983. He later remarried Jennifer (Boothe) Small in 1984.

He immigrated to the United States of America in 1983 and started working for Speedwell Design in Morristown New Jersey. He worked for Speedwell Paint for over 30 years until he retired two years ago.

Ruben enjoyed cross words puzzles, watching old western and karate movies. He loved to dance and sing to his favorite 1950's & 60's country music (yes he loved country music). He truly enjoyed life which was evident by his infectious sense of humor.



Ruben is survived by his wife, Jennifer Small; his children, Arlene, Claudette, Deborah, Donovan, Sophia and Marilyn; his step children, Exdol and Stacy; his grandchildren, Peter, Natasha, Rochelle, Daniel, Ryan, Alexandra, Jovan, Jaiden, Nicholas; his two great grandchildren, Camille and Zoie; sister, Cicelyn Small-Gray; brother, Clifford Small and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Eugenie Mcloggan, Alma Small, brothers, Cecil Small and Sydney Small.

~ORDER OF WORSHIP~

ENTRANCE

- PRELUDE.....“Nearer, My God, To Thee” - by Lowell Mason
*GATHERING
*PROCESSIONAL.....“Steal Away To Jesus” - by William Farley Smith
WORD OF GRACE
GREETING
*HYMN.....“Because He Lives” UMH# 364

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

- OLD TESTAMENT.....*Psalm 100* Camille Finley
(Great granddaughter)
POEM.....“When Tomorrow Start Without Me” - Marilyn Small
(Daughter)
*HYMN.....“It Is Well With My Soul - UMH# 377
EPISTLE..... *I Thessalonians 4: 13-18* - Claudette Small
OBITUARY..... Natasha Finley
(Granddaughter)
SOLO.....“The Lord’s Prayer” - George Baltimore
TRIBUTE.....Donovan Small
(Son)
Sophia Williams
(Daughter)
POEM.....Natasha Finley
(Granddaughter)
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....Stacey Morris
(Step Daughter)
SOLO.....“Swing Low Sweet Chariot” - Brindsley Nurse
SERMON..... Rev. Veronica P. Palmer

COMMENDATION

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

- *HYMN.....“We’ll Understand It Better By and By” UMH# 525
*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
*RECESSIONAL.....“When We All Get To Heaven” UMH# 701
*POSTLUDE.....“For All the Saints” - Ralph Vaugh Williams

INTERMENT

Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey

~THE MASTER CALLED~



*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*



-Author unknown

~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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