

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE  
OF**

*Eric Christie*

*Sunrise: December 25, 1946 - Sunset: May 14, 2017*



**Service:**

Friday, May 19, 2017 - 11:00 AM

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

**Pastor Lenroy Dawkins, Officiating**

# Obituary

**Eric Christie (AKA Sam)** was born on December 25th 1946 in the district of Bamboo, St. Ann, Jamaica West Indies. He was one of many children for Daisy Merideth and the late David Christie. As was customary in those days most men who lived in the rural area of Jamaica had a desire to reside in Kingston and Eric was no exception.

He attended Duffs Business School and he lived in Kingston where he worked with the Jamaica Postal Service until he migrated to the United States of America in 1985. While living in the USA he worked with Bank of New York for several years before he retired in 2009.

Eric was an avid sports fan who enjoyed a good game of dominoes with his friends. He was a very humble, fun loving individual with a great sense of humor and have the time of his life when he is among his friends and relatives at social events.

Eric passed away peacefully on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at his residence at 460 Abington Avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey. He had struggled with hypertension for many years and had three strokes which took a toll on him. God saw that he was suffering and a cure was not to be.

Eric's life touched many people and many people touched his life. Therefore, it is appropriate to state Eric's sincere appreciation to all.

Eric was predeceased by a caring father David Christie.

He is survived by a loving mother Daisy Meredith, wife Hilma Malcolm Christie; Children - Rosemarie Foster, Nicole Christie and Stacy Ann Spence. Sisters, Brothers, Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, Nephews, Grandchildren and many In-laws.

# Order of Service

**Processional Statement & Opening Remarks:**  
BISHOP LENROY D. DAWKINS

**Hymn:**  
“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

**Scripture: Stacy-Ann Spence (Daughter)**  
ECCLESIASTES 3:1-14

**Prayer:**  
REV. WAYNE WYATT

**Hymn:**  
“BECAUSE HE LIVES

**Scripture:**  
Nicole Christie (Daughter)  
PSALM 90:1-17

**Obituary:**  
Adetha Smith (Sister-in-law)

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**Address:**  
BISHOP LENROY D. DAWKINS

**Prayers for Family:**  
REV. DEON C. DAWKINS

**Hymn:**  
“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”

**Directors Instructions & Recessional:**  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

**Interment:**  
Rosedale Cemetery, Orange, NJ

**PALLBEARERS:**  
Anthony Myers - Desmond Powell  
Esrick Mullings - Heartley Morgan  
Junior Jones – Rodcliffe Hohn (Nephew)

## GRAVESIDE:

Liturgy: Bishop Dawkins

### Songs:

1. When the Roll, Is Called up Yon-der
2. When We All Get to Heaven
3. When I Get There
4. Oh, I Want to See Him

## *Miss Me, But Let Me Go*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has laid you see.  
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee  
God wanted me now; He set me free.

## *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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