# A Celebration of the Life of

# Nigel Basil Dick



Born: November 21, 1966 Entered Eternal Life: September 18, 2017

#### Service:

Friday, September 22, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH 407 Broad Street • Newark, New Jersey Rev. Joyce McGirr, Officiating

### Obituary

Nigel Dick was born on November 21, 1966 at New Amsterdam hospital, Berbice, Guyana. Nigel was an affectionate person who was dedicated and devoted to all that he knew, and every task that he undertook. Nigel attended David Rose School for the Handicap. After leaving school he worked at the Bass Aluminium Cast Iron Foundry for 23 years as a Handyman prior to migrating to the United States in 2010.

After a few months in the US Nigel began working for the Jewish Vocational Service in Glenwood Avenue, East Orange, New Jersey. Nigel enjoyed learning sign language and studying the Holy Bible. He was very helpful person and always like to entertain people. His hobbies were studying the bible, watching sports and drawing.

Nigel went home to meet the Lord on September 18, 2017. He was 50 years old.

Nigel was preceded in death by his mother Rosa Dick in February 2012.

He leaves to mourn and cherish his memories his sisters: Phyllis (Raeburn) Lewis and Margaret (Lynden) Andrews. Brothers: Ewart Hughes and Shawn Hughes. Nephews: Jumin, Stephan, Antwan, Wayne, and Tibu. Nieces: Tandica, Antwanette, Oniah, and Shamella, Aunts: Sylvia Dick-Ramsay, Geraldine Gederon, Stella "Rita" Morris, Pearl Dick and Beverly (Lionel) Rankin. Uncle: Herbert Wilson from Guyana, Andrew Dick, Nkhrumah "Kwame" (Constance) Dickson, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

#### The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two

All stand

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die.
And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother Nigel. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with Nigel's family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,

A Reading from the Book of Revelation 7:9-17		
Psalm 23		
The Gos	pel	John 14:1-6
	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Glory to you, Lord Christ.	
At the end	of the Gospel, the Reader says	
People	The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.	
Obituary		
Rememb	prances	
Homily		The Rev. Jovce B. McGirr

Celebrant and People

Celebrant

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrant and People

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

For our brother Nigel, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Nigel and dry the tears of those who

weep.

People: Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

People: Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

People: Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

People: Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Father of all, we pray to you for Nigel, and for all those whom

we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let

light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul and the souls

of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

#### The Commendation

#### Celebrant

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,

where sorrow and pain are no more,

neither sighing, but life everlasting.

#### Celebrant

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying,

"You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down

to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant Nigel. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. *Amen*.

Celebrant
Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

#### The Committal

Everyone the Father gives to me will come to me; I will never turn away anyone who believes in me.

He who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will also give new life to our mortal bodies through his indwelling Spirit.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother Nigel, and we commit his body to the ground; \* earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious to him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. \*Amen.\*

The Celebrant says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord; And let light perpetual shine upon him.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen*.

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

People Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.
Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

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## 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

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

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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