

Celebrating The Life of
Orvil B. Allen

Sunrise
September 30, 1934

Sunset
November 20, 2017

Sunday, December 3, 2017 - 4:00 p.m.

CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME
256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey
Rev. Joseph Moore, Officiating
Michael Parker, Organist

The Life of Orvil Barrington Allen

A pleasant good afternoon to everyone who took time to be present at this farewell ceremony to show your respect and honor for our dearly loved brother, father and friend, **Orvil Barrington Allen**, who departed this life on the 20th of November, 2017. And who is now in the arms of the Angel of the Lord, before the presence of the Father of Us All. Almighty God.

Orvil Barrington Allen, popularly known as 'Bravo' in his homeland of Jamaica, and Larkey in the city of Paterson, was born on September 30th, 1934 to Benjamin and Nora Allen, lovingly called Ma Ben and Wawa in the district of Green Mount, nestled in the hills of Manchester, Jamaica. He was the 4th of 12 siblings and the second of 7 boys. He spent his boyhood days doing such things as playing marble, cricket and hunting birds in the warm and pleasant climes of the Caribbean with his friends and siblings. He often reminisces about those good old days when Christmas, Easter and summer holidays were the highlights of his young years.

He commenced his education at Mile Gully Primary School under the strict disciplinarian and head master Mr. Wycliffe D. Miller. There he learned the academic skills of reading, writing, and arithmetic, and the social skills of communicating, and loving and respecting his elders and Fellowmen.

After leaving primary school, he migrated to the capital Kingston, to seek self-sufficiency. There he obtained his first job with the Public Works Department, building and repairing roads all over the country. He later obtained employment with the Ministry of Health in the capacity of a Porter. He was then drafted into the Farm Working Program where he worked on farms in the USA. He migrated to England and got married. This union produced the lovely Natasha who is sitting among us this afternoon. A previous union also produced his other child Roy, who resides in Jamaica. Orville then returned to Jamaica and then migrated to the USA. He settled in Patterson where he worked and socialized with his friends. He worked for many years at the health care facilities of Cedar Grove and Lake View Rehabilitation Center. Over the years, he travelled back and forth to Jamaica and Patterson. On his final visit to Patterson, he became ill and succumbed to such illness.

Larkey loved and was well loved and respected by his peers and co-workers. He was kind and compassionate and believed in living life to its fullest. He made everyone around him happy and was always telling witty jokes. He was fun to be with and his generosity knows no bounds. He was a God-fearing man and had deep moral convictions. He was a true son of Jamaica and loved his country dearly. He even started the construction of a residence which he had hoped to spend his latter years. The people in the district of Green Mount and surrounding areas loved him dearly. When he visited Jamaica, he would always have a grand send-off party before returning to the USA. They would anxiously await his next arrival which would include gifts for many. He loved to sing and quote scriptures and prided himself as a community historian and counselor.

One of his most memorable moments was when he hit the great West Indian spin bowler, Alfred Valentine for six, during a cricket match. It was the talk of the town for many years. He was instrumental in building a road from the main road into his

community with nothing but hand tools. It is now a paved road bearing his name and is serving the community well.

Mr. Allen is survived by his 2 children, Roy and Natasha. His siblings Rose, Ellen, Justin, Rodrey, Eulie, Daisy, Linton and Lenore. Three siblings, Cliffy, Ruby and Hugh had gone to the Lord before him. He is also survived by 8 grand-children, namely, Kedemah, Shanae, Ricardo, Gerado, Tashauna, Santana, Tia, and Odane; and 4 great grandchildren.

Orvil, also known as Larkey, is gone but will never be forgotten. Memories of him will live on in the minds of his children, Grand-children, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces and indeed everyone who has ever come in contact with this marvelous and unique man. We hope he will be cited for his many good deeds and that he may be forgiven for any mistakes he may have made or any grief he may have caused. As the saying goes "To Err is Human". But most importantly, we hope that his soul is at peace with his Lord and maker.

Order of Service

PreludeMichael Parker

Processional

Opening Selection“Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Poem.....Kedemah Allen

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection.....“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”

Words of Comfort.....Rev. Joseph Moore

Recessional

Interment
St. Peter’s Cemetery, Garfield, New Jersey

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

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Orvil B. Allen** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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