



## 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!

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## *Celebration of Life For Orlando Cortez Bond, Sr.*



**Sunrise: September 21, 1967**

**Sunset: February 17, 2022**

**Service:**

**Friday, March 4, 2022 - 11:00AM**

**Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church  
88 Lyons Avenue • Newark, New Jersey**

**Rev. Allen Potts, Officiating**



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Processional Of The Clergy And Family

Opening Hymn – He’s Sweet I Know

Scripture Reading :  
New Testament Deacon Eugene Harper  
Old Testament - Deacon Micheal Keyes

Prayer Of Comfort : Rev. A. Potts

Solo: Cynthia Stephens

Acknowledgements Of Cards: Karen Martin

Obituary : Erner Hamilton Jr.

Solo : Emory Lee

Family Reflections (2 Min)

Eulogy : Rev. A. Potts

Recessional

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Evergreen Cemetery  
Hillside, New Jersey

Repast  
Hollywood Blue Ribbon Restaurant  
256 Hollywood Ave., Hillside, NJ

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Orlando Cortez Bond Sr. also known as “Big O” was born on September 21, 1967 to the late Frederick E. Bond Sr. and Joyce G. Bond in Newark, New Jersey. After a sudden illness, he transitioned from this earthly life on February 17, 2022.

Orlando spent his early years in Newark, NJ. He attended Newark Pre-school after which he then attended South 17th street elementary school.

He was baptized June 1973 by Rev. Parson at the Little Friendship Baptist Church in Newark, N.J. In November 1976, the family relocated to Hillside, N.J. Orlando then attended grade school at Walter O. Krumbiegel school. In spring 1977, he signed up and played for Hillside’s Little League baseball team. He also enjoyed playing Pop Warner football. Orlando enjoyed playing sports. After graduating from W.O.K. he attended Hillside High School where he played football and wrestling. He graduated in 1985. He made an impression on everyone he met. He enjoyed being active and had many hobbies. He enjoyed playing the drums, singing in the Choir, playing football and wrestling.

Orlando met and married the love of his life Lelia A. Smith in 1989. From this union came Orlando Jr. and Jaleesa Bond. Amanda Gordon was born to the late Lelia Bond and Charles Royal. Amanda was the first piece that started this family union. They enjoyed many fun times together as a family. They would host cookouts and spend time with family and friends. Orlando had a big heart and was always a joy to be around. He was the life of the party! His big bright and handsome smile was one that lit up the room. He would dance and sing the night away at any party. He enjoyed taking car trips that allowed him to travel the road and visit family. He gave so much of himself for those who he loved. He was known for his famous fried fish that he loved to cook for everyone... that will truly be missed. He really knew how to tell a story that one was one of his specialties.

Orlando became a member of the Greater Abyssinian Baptist Church under the doctrine of the late Pastor Matthew A. Zimmerman, followed by Rev. Allen S. Potts. He was active in the Choir.

Orlando held various jobs in his early years, Rickels, Jiffy Lube, DeJana Industries, Walmart and Delaney Hall. He worked for Toyota Motor Sales in West Caldwell. Afterwards he wanted to pursue a career in Radiology. He received a diploma of completion at International Association for Sterile Processing and Healthcare Knowledge courses in 2008. Afterwards he was awarded an Internship at Robert Wood Johnson Rahway-Central Sterile Department. He secured a job with Morristown Medical Center from 2009-2011 as a Central Sterile Technician. Then he worked for Medical Staffing Services, Inc. as a Sterile Technician. He received certificates and awards in the Central Service Technical Training courses. He enjoyed working for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Somerset. He worked at RWJ for 6 years as a Materials Handler, where he helped stock the nursing units with supplies. He was a beloved staff member at the hospital. Everyone knew Orlando at his place of employment, and he performed his job duties diligently. He always worked with a smile and provided a warm hello to everyone he encountered.

Orlando later became a member of First Baptist Church of Hillside, N.J. Orlando knew the lord, he prayed and studied the word faithfully. Even in his passing he used his life to save others by being an organ donor. So far many families’ lives were transformed by his selfless gift. Many more people are expected to benefit from his donation.

Orlando joins in eternity his father Fredrick E. Bond Sr.

He leaves to cherish fond memories, his loving children, Amanda Gordon (Kendrell Sr.), Orlando C. Bond Jr., and Jaleesa Bond; Six beautiful grandchildren Maniyah, Kendrell Jr., Maachi, Aquilla, Amir, and Aadiyah; loving mother Joyce Bond; sister Vera McDonald; and two amazing brothers Frederick Bond Jr. (Cynthia), and Dewarren Bond (Alfreda).

Orlando also leaves a host of loving nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

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