

## Obituary

**Geoffrey Orlando Agard** was born on the island of Barbados in the Parrish of St. James on February 3, 1956. He was the son of the late Alice Adale Agard and the late Percy Walcott.

Geoffrey known as "Ranny" to his family and "Scott" to his childhood friends, passed away at Menorah Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care on Monday, February 21st at 9:09pm.

Geoffrey attended St. Albans Primary School and later Modern High School in Barbados. He was an exceptional student. He excelled in math, chemistry, and physics. He had a very sharp mind. His favorite childhood pastimes was the Boys Brigade, cricket, swimming, and cycling. Geoffrey had a great sense of humor. One of our cousins recalls when they were on their way to school on the bus, he would make up funny songs based on the popular songs on the radio. It was hard to be upset or depressed around him. He hated arguments. Many times when his sister was upset with him, he always wound up making her laugh that she forgets what she was upset about in the first place.

Geoffrey came to the U.S. in July 1974 at the age of eighteen. He worked various jobs until he was employed by NYC Department of Corrections. He worked at different prisons including Riker's Island. He received a very serious injury to his shoulder, which left him on permanent disability. Not one to get depressed, he started a little tax business which he did off and on at first, then full time in the last several years. He met his wife Jacquelyn in 1991, and was married in 1994. As a newlywed couple they liked to attend house parties. One of his favorite songs was "Ride the Donkey". He enjoyed his new family and was very happy.

Geoffrey gave his life to the Lord in the summer of 2012. He attended Morning Star Full Gospel Assembly for about 1 ½ years. He was very serious about getting to church on time. His suits were ironed 4 days in advance. Later he moved back to Brooklyn where he joined Refuge Church of God. He was baptized soon after joining, and was very active in the church. He was an usher, then became a trustee. He enjoyed being a trustee, and was very diligent in his duties. He had started back his tax business which kept him busy up until his passing.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Jacquelyn Agard; his mother, Alice Agard; his oldest brother, Andrew Sandiford; and his sister, Lucille Agard. He leaves behind his: loving stepdaughter, Lotoya Oliver; his stepson, Gamaliel Oliver; his brother, Lee Agard; his nephew, Erskine Agard; his sister, Yvonne Clarke; grandchildren, Nyjah, Laniya, Leyah, Jermaine, Devaugnte, Kaylee and Eva; cousins, Pamela Wilks, Kathy Knight, Sandra Alder, Mary Best, and Diane Chandler; and a host of other family and friends.

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

**Prayer of Comfort** 

**Scripture Readings** 

Old Testament: Psalm 23:1-6 New Testament: John 14:1-6

> **Solo** Krystle Brown

Selected Remarks and a Poem

**Acknowledgment of Cards and Obituary** 

Solo

**Eulogy** 

**Benediction** 

**INTERMENT** 

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Don't grieve for me, for now 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 his 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've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah 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 savoured 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.

## Acknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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