

Celebrating The Life of
KEITH R. GILLESPIE, SR.

August 27, 1939 - April 27, 2022



SERVICE INFORMATION

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022

Wake Service: 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

ETERNITY FUNERAL SERVICES, LLC

725 East Gun Hill Road • Bronx, NY 10467

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Service: 10:00 AM

MOUNT CARMEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

3080 White Plains Road • Bronx, NY

Pioneer: Bishop Joseph A. Manning

Pastor Judith Esdaille

Elder Moulton Esdaille

Pastor Gloria Johnson, Eulogist

(Joy Fellowship Christian Assemblies, Bronx NY)

Sis Norma Forbes, Officiating

Garnet Gibson, Musician

Interment

Kensico Cemetery

Valhalla, NY

Pallbearers

Shaun Moulton-Gillespie (Son)

James Vanderveer (Son-in-law)

Andrew Gillespie (Grandson)

Jevonte Simpson (Grandson)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiating.....Sis. Norma Forbes

Processional

Congregational Hymn..... “How Great Thou Art”

Welcome PrayerDeaconess Charlene Crichlow

Musical Selection Joy Fellowship Christian Assemblies

Scripture

Old Testament – Isaiah 57: 1-2Audrea Gillespie

New Testament – John 14: 1-4 Shaun Moulton–Gillespie

Acknowledgements/ResolutionJuliet Gillespie

Tribute to DaddyShaunice A Dawkins (Shaun)

Chanee Simpson (Audrea)

LaTonya Vanderveer (Juliet)

Family TributeShaunice A. Dawkins

Reading of the ObituaryAstor Cousins

Song

Eulogy.....Pastor Gloria Johnson

Final Viewing.....Eternity Funeral Services Directors

Closing Prayer

Recessional



OBITUARY

There is an old hymnal which says in part, ‘Courage brother, do not stumble. Though the path be dark as night, there’s a star to guide the humble. Trust in God and do the right.’ – Norman Macleod

Keith Ransford Gillespie, Sr. was born to Patrick Gillespie and Doris Skyers-Murphy on August 27, 1939, in the Parish of Portland, Jamaica, West Indies. He was affectionately known as Daddy, Nixie, Senator and Fada. Keith attended Hope Bay All Age School and afterwards he moved to Kingston and studied to be an auto mechanic. Upon the completion of his studies, he began working at a garage, using his newly acquired skillset to do general repairs and fix motor vehicles of all types. He then sought and obtained employment with the Kingston & Saint Andrews Corporation Fire Brigade as a highly respected mechanic.

Keith met Lorell Griffiths, and they were married in 1963. With this union, they now had a blended family which included, Anthony, Carl, and Wayne. As a couple, they were then blessed with four additional children, Juliet, Keith Jr., Audrea and Shaun. In 1975 he re-married Masie Gillespie and her daughter Joan was now added to their blended family.

Although Keith was proud to be Jamaican and loved his country, his love for his children was his priority. He was adamant on providing an even better life for them than he had. Therefore, in September 1980 the couple migrated to New York and worked tirelessly so that their children could join them, which they were able to accomplish in November 1983.

When he wasn’t working, Keith enjoyed cooking, watching his Jamaican programs, Western movies, soap operas and discussing politics. He was so proud of his children and adored his grandchildren and great grandchildren that he would always find time to brag about them to whoever would listen, because they were truly his pride and joy.

Keith was granted his Angel wings on April 27, 2022. He is now in heaven where he joins his wife (Masie Gillespie), ex-wife (Lorell Griffiths-Gillespie), mother (Doris Skyers-Murphy), father (Patrick Gillespie), stepfather (Lemuel Murphy), sister (Louise Gillespie), brothers (Warren and Durval Gillespie), son (Keith Gillespie Jr) and son-in-law (Neville Kurt Simpson).

His legacy will continue through his sons, Carl, Wayne and Shaun, and his daughters, Juliet (James), Audrea, and Joan. Brothers, Trevor, and Howard, as well as his sisters, Doreen, Norma, Aloma and Violet. Grandchildren, Qiana, Carlton, Chantal, Anthony, Daina, Andrew, Shaunice, LaTonya, Chanee, Jevonte, Miyah, Stacey-Ann, Janice, Jonathan, Justin, 17 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and good friends.

By all accounts he was hardworking, reliable, diligent, as well as a conscientious worker. He truly enjoyed spending time with his family and usually just wanted a visit for a few moments just to take a look and make sure you were okay. When he was ready for you to leave, he would say ‘you not worried about traffic to go home’.

We are truly grateful for those that helped to care for him once he fell ill, we are extremely indebted to visiting nurses and Wanda Berrios who was his personal aide for the last 4 years. We will miss our Daddy, brother and Fada very much, especially the daily phone calls to check in. We love you Fada, now take your place among the stars!



O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain.

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee.
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]



How Great Thou Art







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Primrose Cricket Club

3836 White Plains Rd, Bronx, NY 10467

Acknowledgement

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

The family of the late **Keith R. Gillespie, Sr.** would like to extend our gratitude to everyone for keeping us in their prayers, they are truly appreciated. The support that we have received during our time of bereavement has been amazing. Those who have traveled near and far, you are appreciated.

May God bless you and keep you.



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