

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**ROLAND D. EDWARDS**

MARCH 8, 1959 - APRIL 24, 2022



**FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022**

Visitation: 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Funeral Service: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

**Cotton Funeral Service**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey 07050

# OBITUARY

**Roland Derek Edwards** was born on March 8, 1959, to Agnes Edwards and Eric Wells in Grenada, West Indies. Roland grew up an active child, playing soccer with local clubs in La Digue, St. Andrews. Educated at SAASS (High School), he enjoyed running and was a solid athlete.

Roland immigrated to the U.S. in 1977 to live with his Mom, Agnes, and stepdad, Ebenezer Frank in Irvington, New Jersey. Roland enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1979 and never looked back. A career military man and decorated soldier, Roland served in active duty for 22 years in various countries, including but limited to, Germany, Kuwait, and Korea. Following his military retirement, Roland worked for the U.S. government for several years.

Roland departed this life on Sunday, April 24, 2022. He was preceded in death by his father, Eric Wells and his mother, Agnes Frank.

Roland was survived by four children, Kevin Edwards, Raven Johnson, Jordan Edwards, and Cherelle McKinney (Jonathan) and two grandchildren, Justice Johnson-Price and Grace McKinney. Ranger Edwards, Pitbull and loving protector and Roland's fifth child, is as beloved as his human children.

Roland was the patriarch of a big family. He leaves to cherish his memories with stepmother, Margaret Cynthia Wells, brothers and sisters, Yvette Edwards, Scott Edwards, Paula Frank, Valerie Bryant (Aubrey), Michelle Wells, Michael Wells (Wendy), Fiona Wells, Gillian Wells, Arundelle Granderson (Bryan), and Margaret Mitchell. He had a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

On behalf of the family, we thank each and every one who came out to pay their respects.



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## **Homegoing Celebration for**

**Master Sergeant Roland D. Edwards (Ret.)**

Patriarch · Army Man · Father · Brother · Friend · King

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Visitation Hour..... Friends & Family  
Hymns/Musical Selections..... Organist, Mr. Joshua Nelson  
Old Testament Reading..... Mrs. Portia Edwards  
New Testament Reading ..... Ms. Sophia Bryant  
Reflections on the Life of Roland D. Edwards ..... Friends and Family  
Obituary ..... Ms. Justice Johnson-Price  
Eulogy ..... Reverend Hilton Rawls, Jr.  
Final Visitation and Benediction..... Immediate Family

### **PALLBEARERS:**

Scott Edwards, Michael Wells, Curtis Clark,  
Kevin Edwards, Jordan Edwards, Kaleem Edwards

### **MILITARY BURIAL FOLLOWING THE SERVICE (2:00 PM):**

Washington Crossing National Cemetery  
830 Highland Road, Newton, PA 18940

### **A FÊTE FOR ROLAND (3:30 PM)**

Eat, drink, and celebrate Roland's (a.k.a. Bagga) life  
Paula Frank's Home  
307 E Curtis Street, Linden, NJ 07036

