

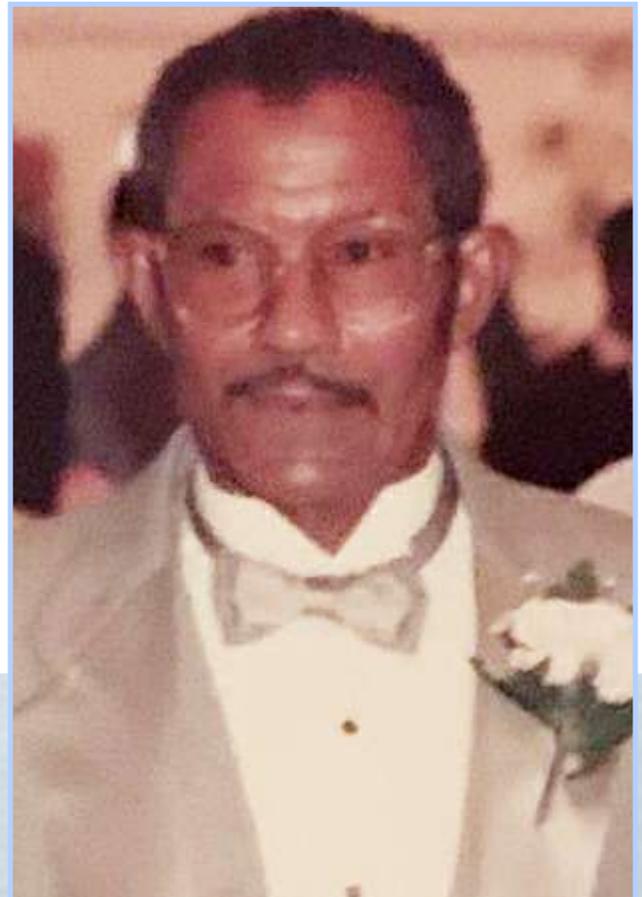
*Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of  
Henry Mansfield Conolly  
25 September 1939 - 26 July 2019*

*Red Bay Church of God Holiness  
Prospect, Grand Cayman  
Saturday 3 August 2019  
2:00 p.m.*

*Officiating Ministers:  
Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon, JP  
Pastor Robert Thompson Jr.*

*Pallbearers*

*Durvin Brown                      Regal Jackson  
Casey Conolly                     Jeremy Jackson  
Wardley Conolly                 David Terry*



*Guest Book Attendants:  
Carlene Logan  
Heather Bodden, JP  
Sharlene Brown  
Janice Tibbetts*

*Ushers:  
Joel Jackson  
Calron Powery  
Emerson Piercy  
Lion Kerry Nixon  
Lion Norma McField  
Lion Melrose Gooding*

*Interment to follow at Prospect Cemetery*

# Order of Service

Opening Remarks & Prayer ..... Pastor Robert Thompson Jr.  
Hymn: *Let the Lower Lights be Burning* ..... Congregation  
Scripture Reading: *Psalm 107: 23-31* ..... Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, JP  
Tribute from Wife ..... MLA Austin Harris  
Tribute from Children ..... Pre-recorded  
Tribute in Song from Children: *They Don't Have Many Songs about Fathers* ..... Pastor Alson Ebanks  
Cert, Hon. JP  
Tribute in Poem, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren: *We Will Meet Again* .... Ricardo Conolly-Grandson  
Song: *The Anchor Holds* ..... Mrs. Shiona Clarke  
Tribute in Song from Siblings: *Come Home, It's Supper Time*.....Pre-recorded by brother Hinton Conolly  
Tribute from Cayman Islands Seafarers Association  
Obituary ..... MLA Austin Harris  
Sermon ..... Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon, JP  
Closing Hymn: *We Have an Anchor* ..... Congregation  
Closing Prayer ..... Pastor Robert Thompson Jr.

## The Life Story of Henry Mansfield Conolly ~ as Prepared by His Family

Henry Mansfield Conolly was born in Creek Cayman Brac on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September 1939. He was the third of eight children for Henry Kitchener and Olivia "Olive" Conolly.

He went to sea at the tender age of 17 and worked for Mr Southwell and National Bulk Carriers for over 30 years. During this time he rose from being an Oiler/Pump Man to Second Engineer after completing his engineer courses from a school in New York and receiving his licence. He sailed on many ships including the Universe Leader, Universe Defender, Ore Titan, Ore Venus, Ore Meteor and Ore Transport.

During his time home from sea he learned the art of catboat making and carpentry from his late grandfather-in-law, Mr Arthur Dilbert, and assisted with the building of many. He also studied to become an electrician through a trade school in New York and got his Electrical Licence. In his spare time or vacation time home he fished and often shared his catch first with the elderly in his neighbourhood before taking care of his own needs.

At Christmastime he either sent home gifts or brought them with him for elderly people in need, a tradition which he upheld even while he was sick and did not have a steady income. He was kind and loved to share.

After his tenure at National Bulk Carriers he was one of the few Brackers who worked at the ship to ship oil transfers off the island in the 1980s. After a medical injury he decided to retire from sea and start his own plumbing/engineer company with his good friend Luis Hydes, aka Junior, called "C and H Plumbing," which they owned together for 16 years until his diagnosis with cancer in 2005. He was one of the few Cayman Brac Seamen and Engineers who could install and repair factory engines that power electricity to dry cleaning and laundry facilities.

Before he moved to Grand Cayman to live he was also a volunteer during hurricane emergencies who helped to ensure the safety of the elderly in his district of the Creek.

Mr Conolly was one of the original band members of the famous "Brac Beach Boys". Until his passing he remained a member of the Sister Islands Veteran's and Seaman's Society and also a Member of the Cayman Islands Seafarers Association here on Grand Cayman. Even though in recent years he did not get about too much and could not go to the meetings or have coffee at the Seaman's office and chat with his buddies, he always wrote notes of encouragement and thanks to everyone as he could no longer talk.

In 2003 he was one of 500 Seamen who were honoured for their contribution to the Southwell Years with a medal. Mr Conolly fought for 13 long years with cancer but always said that his diagnosis was for a reason and that God would use his sickness to speak to others. He was always positive even when in pain and liked to run jokes even when it took him a little longer to write them down on paper. The last few weeks he just got more tired and early on the morning of July 26<sup>th</sup>, he quietly and peacefully slipped away while sleeping at the age of 79 years and ten months.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years Elmetha; his four children, Paulette Conolly-Bailey, Gina Terry, Benton Conolly, and Martino Conolly; one son-in-law, Owen Bailey; one daughter-in-law, Darlene Conolly; five grandchildren, David Terry, Darin Conolly, Hannah Terry, Ricardo Conolly and Arin Taylor; great-grandchildren, Nikolette Terry and Duncan Terry; siblings, Sybil Jackson, Hinton Conolly, Patricia Jackson, Idalee Scott, Carrie Watler and Pamela Scotland; sister-in-law Franscine Conolly; brothers-in-law, George Jackson and Clive Scotland; nieces, nephews, cousins, plus many, many special friends in the Cayman Islands and around the world including Mr Luis " Junior Hydes, Mr Steve McLaughlin, Brainard Watler, Mr Clinton Whittaker, Hon. McKeeva Bush, Mr Charles Nixon, Patricia Bazell-Taylor (Miss Pat), his Seamen brothers that sailed with him on the many ships who are too many to name at this time, his close neighbours who always visited him and lent a helping hand when needed, Mr Rollin Ebanks and the Men's Fellowship Group from the Chapel Church of God, and others who loved and appreciated him.

May His Soul Rest in Peace.

## Graveside Service

Opening Remarks & Prayer ..... Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon, JP.  
Hymn: *The Lighthouse* ..... Pre-recorded  
Family Floral Tribute  
Ringing of the Seaman's Bell  
Committal ..... Pastor Robert Thompson, Jr  
Closing Prayer and Dismissal ..... Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon, JP



### *Acknowledgements:*

*The family of the late Henry M. Conolly would like to express their sincere appreciation to all who assisted, and showed their love and support, during this difficult time. Whether you sent a text, WhatsApp message, or email; called or visited us; provided refreshments; or travelled to attend the funeral, we thank you.*

*Thank you to the staff of Bodden Memorial Funeral Home for their compassion and professionalism.*

*But most of all, we thank you for your prayers. May God bless you all.*

*"I'm not afraid of storms, for I'm learning how to sail my ship." – Louisa May Alcott*