## Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of



# Henry Sidney Ebanks April 3, 1963 – August 7, 2020

Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church West Bay, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands Saturday, August 15, 2020 Service 3:00 P.M.

**Officiating Ministers** 

Pastor Jason Knox Pastor Dave Kelly Pastor Stanwyck Myles, Cert. Hon.

Pianist Mrs. Leonora Mendoza-Hydes

Interment to follow at Boatswain Bay Cemetery

## **Order of Service**

Praise & Worship in Songs	BBPC Praise Team
Opening Remarks	
Prayer	Pastor Jason Knox
Scripture Reading: Psalm 67	
Hymn: Jesus Loves Me This I Know	
Reflection/Tribute	
Tributes:	
Siblings: There Was Jesus	Pre-Recorded
Mrs. Eilene Sutton	
Nieces & Nephews	
Grand-Nieces & Nephews	
Girlfriend Tanya Jefferson	
Slideshow of Henry's Life	
Obituary Hon. W. McKeeva	Bush, OBE, JP, MLA, HONS. Msc
Sermon	Pastor Jason Knox
Prayer for the Family	Pastor Jason Knox
Closing Hymn: Blest be the Tie that Binds	Congregation
Benediction	Pastor Jason Knox

## Pallbearers

Otis Myles Cameron Ebanks Luke Welds Stephen Ebanks Jermaine Ebanks-Hurlstone Christopher Jackson, Jr.

#### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Earl Ebanks David Ebanks Jacob Ebanks Clayton Ebanks Cliff Ebanks Nathan Ebanks Lester Timothy Crafton Ebanks Irvin Rivers Sherwin Ebanks Henry Sutton Buel Welds, Jr Leslie Ebanks Archie Rivers Charley Ebanks George T. Hydes Denton Hydes Roy (Huta) Ebanks Ernie Ebanks Charles Rivers Donovan Rivers Allenby Powery Lennie Ebanks Jeffrey Bush Eugene Myles Rene Timothy Charles Hydes Kenneth Williams Ivan Farrington Rupert Ebanks Rollin Ebanks Tommy Ebanks Dexter Rivers Mike Gilson Jack Mclean Doey Kelly Dalwin Kelly

**Guestbook Attendant** Ms. Brenda Timothy

**Usherette** Ms. Eziethamae Bodden, MBE

## LIFE STORY OF HENRY SIDNEY EBANKS

Henry Sidney Ebanks, the 7th child and 3rd son born to Henry Stanley & Beulah Frances Ebanks, of Blessed Memory, at the George Town Hospital on April 3, 1963. He grew up, from humble beginnings, in Boatswain Bay, West Bay, Grand Cayman. As a young child, he attended Sunday School regularly at the Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church, from which his Godly foundation was grounded and nurtured under the strict and loving guidance of Mr. S.O. Ebanks (better known as Mr. Bertie), along with the encouragement and discipline of his parents, grandmother Duckie, older siblings and other faithful elders in the community. Throughout his youth he was spiritually fed, however on reaching into adulthood, he became distracted from this path that he was on and began a different chapter of his life, on and off, between his various accomplishments and successes.

Sidney started his elementary education at the West Bay Town Hall School, at the age of 6 years until he was 12 then went on to start his secondary education from which he did not fully complete. From thereon, life, as he knew it at the time, became quite challenging for him to navigate and he began to stray in most of his adult life.

Sidney made many hurtful and disappointing choices from which he became mentally and physically scarred, "but for the grace of God" he kept a hold of his Godly foundation and never forgot his Maker. He had a repentant spirit and was rescued many times.

Sidney's working life consisted of many different trades such as Carpenter, Cook, Tourism Ambassador, Mechanic and he was very handy with various essential maintenance jobs, wherever they were required of him. He was always willing and whenever able, to help others.

Sidney possessed a big heart. He attended the Ninety & Nine Church, pastored by Dave Kelly, who was also his mentor and employer during the past 6 years – whilst being involved in various rehabilitation programmes. His involvement with these programmes had given him some positive outlook on his life, going forward in the past 2 years especially as he tried to find his way again.

He fell ill on August 3, 2020 and for the following 4 days was hospitalized at Health City, where his condition was described as critical, gradually declined and during which Sidney displayed such faith, bravery and strength as he prayed to God for forgiveness and was assured of his salvation.

He passed peacefully into God's Kingdom at 10:55 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020, leaving many relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Sidney was preceded in death by his grandparents Charles & Lillian Orrett, Leslie and Beulah Rivers, his parents Henry Stanley & Beulah Frances Ebanks, and one brother, William S. Ebanks (Stano). He leaves to mourn his passing 4 sisters, Charlene Rivers, Marilyn Ebanks, Eilene Sutton, Oleta Welds; 3 brothers Earl Ebanks, David Ebanks and Jacob Woodrow Ebanks; nieces Freda, Leanna, Stefanie and Krista; nephews Clayton, Otis, Stephen, Luke, Cliff and Cameron;

grandnieces Deandra, Aliyah, Hayleigh, Amiah, Jadi and Jhene; grandnephews Nathan, Dreux and Cameron Jr. (CJ); 3 brothers-in-law and 2 sisters-in-law; aunts Hulda Ebanks, Edith Ebanks and Marlena Anglin; grandaunt Ethel Rivers; girlfriend Tanya Jefferson.

May his soul rest in peace and God's light perpetual shine on him.

## **Order of Graveside Service**

Opening Remarks	Pastor Dave Kelly
Prayer	
Scripture Reading: Psalm 23	
Family Floral Tributes	
Committal	Pastor Dave Kelly
Hymns	
God Will Take Care of You	
I'll Fly Awa	iy alaya

Benediction ...... Pastor Dave Kelly



## Acknowledgments

The family of the late Henry Sidney Ebanks would like to thank all their relatives and friends for your expressions of sympathy, love and kindness that has been shared at this most difficult time. Special thanks to the doctors and nurses of Health City Cayman Islands for your excellent care for the last four days of his life. Also thanks to the health services authority for your care. May God continue to bless and keep us all safe in HIS tender, loving care!