

Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of



Carlos Renton Russell

14th March 1963 – 28th June 2021

Church of God - Chapel
George Town, Grand Cayman

Saturday, 17 July, 2021
1:00 pm

Officiating Minister
Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon.

Organist
Crispin Myles

Interment at the Garden of Reflections Cemetery

Order of Service

Opening Remarks & Words of Comfort	Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon.
Opening Prayer	Pastor Elizabeth Bowen
Hymn "I love You Lord"	Congregation
Scripture Reading:	Pastor Elizabeth Bowen
Tribute from Wife: Mrs. Sandra Archer	Miss Amara Duncan
Song from Wife: Mrs. Sandra Archer	Pre-Recorded Song
Musical Tribute from Janetia and Victor Hemans	Mr. Victor Hemans
Tribute from Son: Jerry Archer	Miss Amara Duncan
Tribute from Grand Children: Jaida and Jared Archer	Miss Amara Duncan
Tribute from Special Niece Mrs. Sophia Lawrence:	Ms. Anya Rankin-Christian
Tribute from Nieces and Nephews in Law:	Ms. Anya Rankin-Christian
Tribute from Sister-in-Law: Dorna Archer-Wilson	Miss Anya Rankin-Christian
Tribute from the Wight Family:	Miss Cheryl Myles
Tribute from Sister-in-Law: Brenda Archer	Ms. Brenda Archer
Tribute from Sister-in-Law: Denise Arche	Miss Amara Duncan
Tribute from "Striker's Football Club"	Miss Amara Duncan
Song- "Gone Too Soon"	Ms. Mikayla Wilson
Carlos' Life story	Mrs. Sherri Bodden-Cowan
Slide Show of Memories of Carlos	Theme Songs: Precious Memories & I can Only Imagine
Sermon	Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon.
Prayer for the Family:	Pastor Elizabeth Bowen
Closing Hymn - "Because He Lives"	Congregation
Benediction:	Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon.

Pallbearers

Mr. Dennis Brady
Mr. Lloyd Ramoon
Mr. Heath Christian

Mr. George Powell
Mr. Allan Ebanks
Mr. Dominic DaCosta

Honourary Pallbearers

Mr. Marcel Archer
Mr. Gary Rutty
Mr. Andre Archer
Mr. Ronald Wilson Sr
Mr. Tommy Ebanks
Mr. Jeffery Ebanks
Mr. Desmond Chambers
Mr. David Wight
Mr. Jordan Parsons

Mr. Ray Jones
Mr. Herman Johnson
Mr. Oral Masters
Mr. Phillip Dixon
Mr. Colin Solly Jr
Mr. Conrad Russell Jr.
Mr. Troy Pearson
Mr. Sean Martinez
Mr. Jeffrey DaCosta

Mr. Dwayne Evans
Mr. Jeremy Archer
Mr. Ronald Wilson Jr
Mr. Christopher Wight
Mr. Kedar Christian
Mr. Rene Timothy
Mr. Richard Barton

Ushers

Mrs. Christine Solly
Mrs. Lorna Medina

Guest Book Attendant

Miss Gia Christian
Ms. Tiffany Hydes

The Life Story of Carlos Renton Russell
March 14th 1963 – 28th June 2021

Carlos Renton Russell was born on the 14th day of March 1963 in Kingston, Jamaica to parents Conrad and Maybel Russell.

Following the untimely death of his mother his father moved to Cayman with him and his siblings in 1973. Here he attended George Town Primary School followed by the Cayman Islands High School with many friends and classmates who are here today.

We met pretty much as soon as he arrived on the Island as he lived with his family on Smith Road in George Town which was a small unpaved marl road in those days built by my grandfather Elroy Arch.

Sammy as he was known to all of us was soon roaming the neighborhood, inviting my brother and I to play football games at the cricket pitch up the road, joining us on mango picking trips in runaway ground, chasing cows, bothering Ms. Hyacinth (his fathers landlady) for ice pops and patties, and generally being the jokester in the group. Although our lives took different paths it was a friendship that lasted a lifetime.

After completing High School in 1978 Carlos went to work at the Public Works Department for a few years as well as Cayman Economy Cars and Hertz Rental Cars.

His dream was to become an electrician and in pursuit of that dream he joined Andro Electric where he undertook a number of practical courses in electrical works before branching out on his own.

In September of 1985 he was blessed to meet his future wife Sandra Archer. They were married in Jamaica on the 7th December of 1993. To this marriage which lasted until his death Sandra brought a son – Jerry who Carlos raised as his own. Sandra and Carlos were also blessed with two beautiful grandchildren – Jaida and Jared who were the joys of their life.

Carlos and Sandra lived for 18 years at their home in Bodden Town and they remained married until his untimely death.

As a young man Carlos was an avid sportsman. He enjoyed playing both football and cricket and excelled in both. He was chosen on several occasions to represent the Cayman Islands as part of the National Football Team and he represented the Cayman Islands overseas in both sports being a part of the National Cricket Team as well.

As a person Carlos was a no nonsense man who despised hypocrisy in others. A defender of the weak, his wife Sandra recalls how he loved children and animals especially his two beloved dogs Princess and Skye who were with him to the very end. His respect for women and for those who had authority over him is well documented in the many comments and tributes that have poured in since his death. Given his genuine friendly and open personality it is by no means surprising that he leaves to mourn many friends and relatives. For he was a really loyal friend who refused to allow anyone to utter negative words or threats or to talk bad about those that he loved. We are reminded of the words of the poet C. Mitchell who penned:

*"You meant so much to all of us
You were special and that's no lie
Your smile alone warmed hearts
We'd give anything to have you well and standing near by
Not a second passes when you're not on our minds
Your love we will never forget
Tho the hurt will ease in time
Many tears I have seen - they have all poured out like rain
But I know that you are happy now
And no longer in any pain.*

A true believer in the most high God Carlos read his bible and prayed every day.

The words "God" and "Jesus" are tattooed on his arm in Hebrew as a daily reminder of his beliefs.

Carlos left this earth suddenly on June 28th 2021 at the age of 58 years old to be with the most High.

Left to mourn his passing are his loving and broken hearted wife Sandra, his son Jerry, his grandchildren Jaida and Jared, Sister Lorna Russell, brother Conrad Russell Jr., Special Niece Sophia Lawrence and a host of family and friends who will never forget him.

May his soul finally rest in eternal peace.

Graveside Service

Hymn "Bless the Lord OH My Soul" Congregation
Prayer Pastor Elizabeth Bowen
Committal Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon.
Hymn: "God on the Mountain" Congregation
Hymn: "Amazing Grace" Congregation
Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" Congregation
Hymn: "You Raised Me Up" Congregation
Pre-Recorded Music "You are the Reason"
Benediction Pastor Alson Ebanks, Cert. Hon



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