

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

For The Life OF



Garth Lorraine Tibbetts

February 27th 1950 – December 28th 2021

RED BAY CHURCH OF GOD HOLINESS

38 Lord's Way, off Selkirk Drive,
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands

Sunday, January 16th, 2022

Service at 2:00pm

OFFICIATING MINISTERS

Pastor Kim Evans
Rev. Rohan Forrester

ORGANIST

Nickolas DaCosta

Order of Service

Opening Remarks & Words of Comfort	Pastor Kim Evans
Opening Prayer	Rev. Rohan Forrester
Hymn "How Great Thou Art"	Congregation
Scripture Reading – Psalm 46	Denise Tibbetts
Obituary	Denniston Tibbetts
Tribute in Song from Wife	"From this Moment"
Tribute in Song from Daughter Natasha	"Dance with my Father"
Tribute from Son	Deirdre Carmola
Tribute from Daughter Felisiana	"Slideshow Tribute"
Tribute from Siblings	Hon. D. Kurt Tibbetts
Tribute from Grandchildren & Great Grandchild	Kerry Nixon
Tribute from Nieces & Nephews	Janelle Tibbetts
Tribute from Special Friends	Kerry Nixon
Tribute from Seafarers Association.....	John Douglas,VP.
Sermon	Pastor Kim Evans
Closing Hymn - "My life is in your hands"	Congregation
Closing Prayer & Benediction	Rev. Rohan Forrester

Pallbearers

Garth Tibbetts Jr.
Jared Tibbetts
Kenton Tibbetts Jr.

James Hurlston
Albert Hurlston
Malcom Nixon

Honorary Pallbearers

Denniston Tibbetts
Hon. D. Kurt Tibbetts
Charles Tibbetts
Leslie Elmer Tibbetts
Larry Tibbetts
Kenton Tibbetts Sr.
Derrick Tibbetts
Bentley Leroy Tibbetts, Jr.
Hon. Johany Ebanks
Johnathon Ebanks

Tyrese Reynolds
Ernie Reynolds
Clifton Conolly
Alex Conolly
Wilson (Johnny) Chin Yee
Dalmain Reid
Brainard Watler
Pastor Winston Rose
Desmond Campbell
Andrew Campbell

Owen Robinson
Frank McField Jr.
Alberto Burgos
Alexander Burgos
Michael Williams
Dominique Williams
Michael Johnson
Albert Anderson

Ushers

Albert Anderson
Carla Sue McLaughlin
Sharon Ebanks
Jan McLean

Guest Book Attendants

Debbie Rankin
Barbara Conolly
Tessa Suckoo
Tiffany Chisholm

OBITUARY FOR GARTH LORRAINE TIBBETTS

Garth Lorraine Tibbetts, affectionately known as “Buzza” was born in Watering Place Cayman Brac on the 27th February, 1950, to Selma and Darwin Tibbetts, both of precious memories. He was the third of five children born to this union. Unfortunately, the brother that followed him 20 months later did not survive so Selma babied him longer than she did her other children. He was 2 years younger than older brother Denniston and Mama always told the story that Denniston being only 2 years older than Buzza couldn't say baby brother and instead would say baby “Buzza” and that name has stuck ever since.

At this juncture I pause to thank you all for coming out this afternoon, for sharing and listening to an aching heart. What makes a brother-to-brother relationship one of a kind, is the way one remembers the other when they are no longer in the same Realm.

Life changes radically,
But memories, they don't,
And for that I am extremely grateful.

His early years were spent in Cayman Brac and he fished and attended The Creek Primary School, and attended Sunday School at the Creek Baptist Church. The family resided in that district, The Creek.

When Buzza was 9 years old, the family migrated to Jamaica and it was there the children completed their education.

He and his younger brother Kurt attended Holy Rosary Prep on Windward Road and every afternoon after school, older brother Denniston would walk from the school he attended, which was further down on Windward Road and collect his 2 younger brothers and the three would then take a Bus to Harbor View where the family resided. These were orders from Mama and we dare not break them. When Buzza was old enough he took the common entrance exam and passed and won a scholarship to Excelsior High School where he would eventually graduate from.

By this time, big brother Denniston had embarked on a Sea career with NBC as their father Darwin was a Sea Captain with that company, so he followed his brother and took up a sea career also. Eventually they both returned to Jamaica. Denniston remained in Jamaica but Buzza's roaming nature took him to Grand Cayman where he landed employment with Cable & Wireless. During this time, he had met Betty Conolly, who would eventually become his first wife and the mother of his 3 children. Buzza was a shy person and he asked big brother Denniston to come to Grand Cayman and ask Betty's father Mr. Clifton Conolly, for her hand in Marriage. Mr. Conolly agreed and a date was set for 19th July 1970 for the marriage. Denniston returned to Jamaica only to have to return to Cayman not long after to be Buzza's best man at the wedding.

By 1973 the entire family returned to reside in Cayman and as they say, the rest is history.

The marriage produced three children, Natasha, Garth Jr. (Ricky) and Felisiana.

They built their first home in the Northward Subdivision with the help of his older brother Denniston and friends and the family lived in Tibbetts Square, being neighbours to Denniston and his family, his parents Darwin and Selma and his Uncle Kenton and his family. Eventually they built their second home in Beach Bay and the family moved on to that location. Unfortunately, his first marriage ended in divorce after 25 years.

Buzza faced his fair share of sad times in his life, he lost both parents, his eldest grandson Ernest Reynolds and his eldest daughter, Natasha remains in a coma at the HSA after having problems with sleep apnea 4 years ago.

On December 26th 2008 he married his second wife Xiomara and they recently celebrated 13 years of marriage. There were no children from this union.

In March of 2021 he was diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer and sought medical aid at Baptist Hospital in Miami, Florida. His youngest daughter Felisiana accompanied him and remained with him for 2 months but had to return home due to her work commitments and big brother Denniston went to relieve her. He would remain with Buzza for the next 3 months and they both returned to Cayman by air ambulance in early October 20th, 2021. During his stay at Baptist he suffered a stroke and was paralyzed on his left side and he eventually became bedridden and the Doctors at Baptist decided that they could do no more for him and arranged for his return to Cayman. On his arrival in Cayman he was taken to Health City as there were no beds available at HSA and he remained there until his untimely passing on December 28th at 12 noon.

Buzza was a kind and loving person and made many lifelong friends throughout his life's journey. His passing leaves a great void for his family and friends but with the knowledge that “God knows best” we all accept his passing as such.

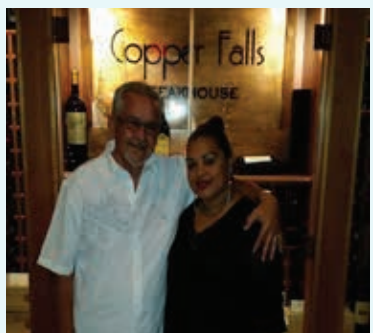
Left to mourn his passing are his children Natasha, Ricky and Felisiana, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. The mother of his children, Betty Tibbetts, his present wife Xiomara.

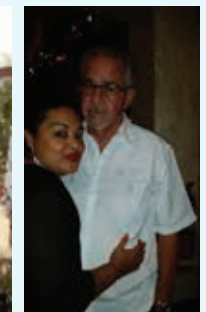
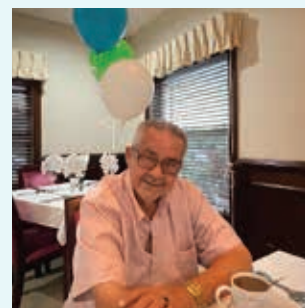
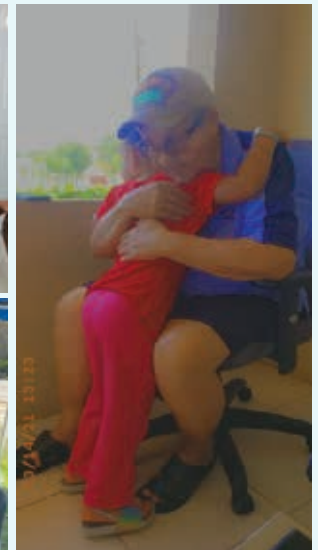
Sister Mexie Ann Grant, brothers Denniston and Kurt, sister-in-law Shirley Ann, many nieces, nephews and friends.

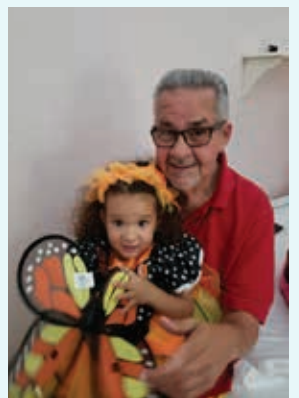
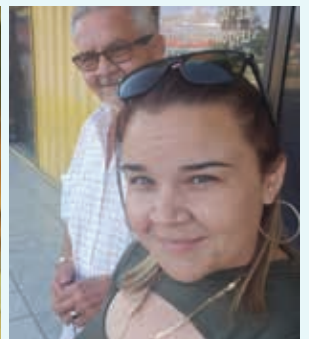
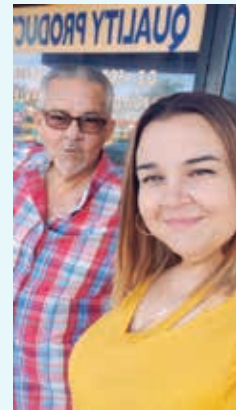
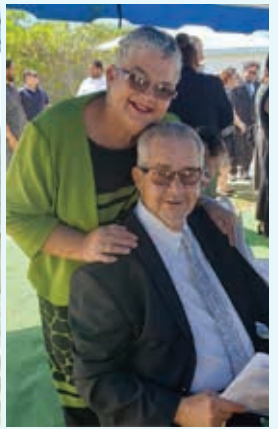
Buzza was an awesome father to his children, grandchildren and great grandchild. A loving brother to his siblings and a wonderful and loving uncle to his nieces and nephews.

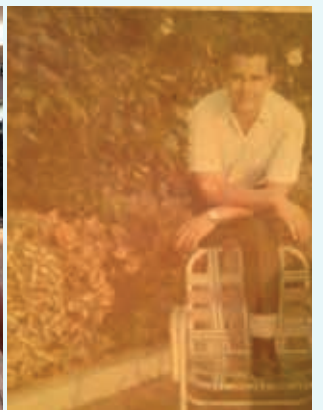
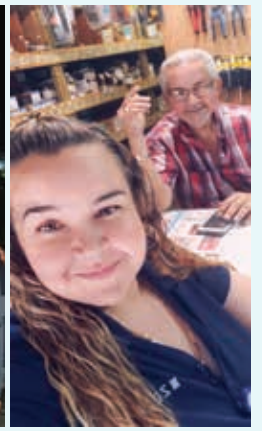
He was a loveable and gentle soul.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.









Graveside Service

Opening Remarks Pastor Kim Evans
Prayer Rev. Rohan Forrester
Hymn "Amazing Grace" Congregation
Committal Pastor Kim Evans
Hymn Congregation

"What a friend we have in Jesus"
"One Day at A Time"
"In the arms of an angel"

Benediction Pastor Kim Evans

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Thro' many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come,
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

One Day At A Time

I'm only human, I'm just a man/wom-
an
Help me believe in what I could be
And all that I am
Show me the stairway I have to climb
Lord for my sake, help me to take
One day at a time

Chorus
One day at a time sweet Jesus
That's all I'm askin' of you
Just give me the strength
To do every day what I have to do
Yesterday's gone sweet Jesus
And tomorrow may never be mine
Lord, help me today, show me the way
One day at a time

Do you remember, when you walked
among men
Well Jesus you know
If you're lookin' below, it's worse now
than then
Pushin' and shovin' and crowdin' my
mind
So for my sake, teach me to take
One day at a time

Acknowledgement

The Family of the late Garth Lorraine Tibbetts "Buzza" would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to all their relatives and friends for their love, support, and prayers during this time. Special thanks to the doctors and staff at Health City Hospital, Baptist Health South Florida and Jackson South for their compassionate service.