

**Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of**

**Roger Dale Ebanks**

**July 24, 1953 - September 18, 2022**

**Craddock Ebanks Civic Center, North Side**

**Sunday October 2, 2022**

**3:00 p.m.**

**Interment at the North Side Cemetery**

**Officiating Minister**

**Pastor Marquiss McLaughlin JP**

## Order of Service



Opening Remarks & Words of Comfort .....	Pastor Marquiss McLaughlin JP
Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading .....	Ms. Dawn Budal
Hymn "Because He Lives" .....	Congregation
Tributes:	
Song Tribute from Son, Derry Ebanks.....	Pre-recorded Music
Children .....	Ms. Stephanie Ebanks
Grandchildren .....	Mr. Kobe Hurlston
Siblings and Cousins .....	Ms. Jodi Brown
Roger's Life story .....	D. Kurt Tibbetts, OBE., JP
Sermon .....	Pastor Marquiss McLaughlin JP
Prayer for the Family .....	Pastor Marquiss McLaughlin JP
Closing Hymn - "It is Well With My Soul" .....	Congregation
Benediction	

### Pallbearers

Randy Ebanks  
Kobe Hurlston  
Darrin Frederick

William Ebanks  
Craig Nixon  
Craig Merren

### Honorary Pallbearers

Hon. Johany "Jay" Ebanks, MP  
Bruce Moore  
Ainsley "Boosie" Whittaker  
Reginald Nixon

Virgil Ebanks  
David Dixon  
Donald Carter  
John "Pappa" McLean

Gary Chisholm  
Oscar Rivers  
Gary Whittaker  
Wilfred Myles

### Usherettes

Mrs. Terri Ebanks-Forbes  
Mrs. Pauline Greene  
Ms. Marilyn Hines

### Guest Book Attendant

Mrs. Karen Forbes  
Mrs. Susan Simmonds



## Service Hymns

### Because He Lives

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus  
He came to love, heal and forgive;  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

Refrain: Because He lives; I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives; All fear is gone  
Because I know, I know, He holds the future.  
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy He gives,  
But greater still that calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain,  
And then as death gives way to victory  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.

### It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way; When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say; "It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain: It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come; Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin... Oh the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Oh my soul.

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live: If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life; Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

But, Lord 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait, the sky, not the grave, is our goal;  
Oh trump of the angel! Oh voice of the Lord! Blessed hope, blessed rest for my soul!

And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend.  
Even so it is well with my soul.

## Life Story

Roger Dale Ebanks was born on Friday 24th July 1953 to Harrison "Harry" Anderson and Orma Ebanks.

Roger spent his first three years at the family home in North Side until his mother built a home on Crewe Road in George Town and moved the family there in the late fifties. Cayman was a much different place then than it is today, Crewe Road was a quiet little village and everyone was like family. Roger grew up there with his Mother and siblings: Kerry; Derby; and Bruce. As a child Roger had a very engaging and fun loving spirit which made it easy for him to make friends and many of the friendships formed in his youth endured throughout his lifetime.

Roger attended school at the Dobson Hall School, Miss Gleeda's School and Secondary Modern. After leaving school, Roger joined the Cayman Islands Fire Services in November 1969 and served until 1974. After leaving the fire service, he briefly went to Sea and upon his return, he joined the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS) in June 1976. After completing 6 months' training at the Regional Police Training Centre in Barbados he was assigned to the Traffic Department. There he worked closely with Mr. Wilfred Myles who would become a lifelong friend. Later in his career, Roger moved to the Scenes of Crime Unit ultimately climbing to the rank of Detective Sergeant.

Roger left the RCIPS in March of 1988 after 12 years of service. Always looking for a new challenge and opportunity he joined CUC in February 1991 as a Lead Foreman Pole/Crew Operator and worked with them until March 1999.

During his years with the RCIPS, he met Dareen, the couple married in 1978 and to this union were born 3 children: Derry, his first son, born October 1978; Sheena, his only daughter born May 1981; and the baby, Randy, in December 1987.

Roger had a strong independent and entrepreneurial spirit, and over the years he tried several ventures, most notably was his water trucking business which he operated for several years in the 1980's. In more recent years he turned his interest in landscaping into Rogers Fruit Tree Supply and Garden Services, and he pursued his love of farming becoming a commercial farmer.

In August 1999, he joined the Vehicle Licensing Department until 2006 when the public transport services separated to become the Public Transport Unit, within the Ministry of Tourism. After spending more than 20 combined years within the Cayman Islands Civil Service, in 2013, he retired from the Public Transport Unit.

In 2001, he married his second wife, Waldina ("Che Che"), the same year his only grandson Kobe was born. Kobe was almost like their own son, spending a lot of time with his Papa and Che Che. While he and Waldina divorced in 2017, they remained friends until his passing.

In 2014, he welcomed his only granddaughter Shyain (whom he called Kitty Kitty). Many people haven't met Shyain, but everyone knows of her as her photo was his Whatsapp AND Facebook profile pictures.

After retiring, he continued with his farming, selling his produce to local restaurants and supermarkets, even taking mangoes and pears to sell to Sheena's co-workers. He enjoyed farming as much as fishing and took any opportunity to be on a boat, often going to the 12-Mile Bank with Derry, David, and just about anybody.

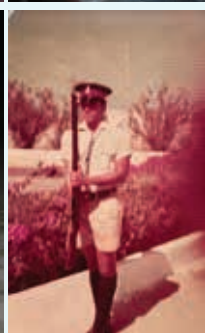
Roger had a unique fun loving yet fiery personality, and when you around him you were sure to have a good time even if he found a way to push your buttons. He always enjoyed a great game of dominoes and chatting about the latest current events locally and internationally. If you wanted to know what was happening, just check in with Roger.

He was diagnosed with stage 4 small cell lung cancer in April 2022. Although the news was devastating, it never changed his personality. He was known to many as a straight shooter, but also a joker and a great storyteller. The cancer sadly took his life on 18th September 2022. He will surely be missed by many and his memory will live on.

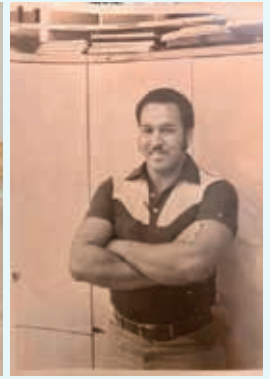
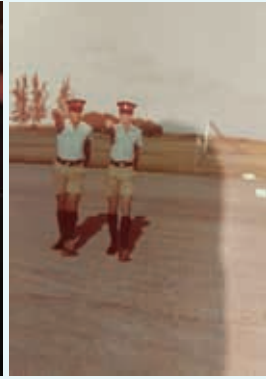
Roger was preceded in death by his Father, Harrison Anderson; Mother, Orma Ebanks; and Brother, Derby Moore.

Left to mourn his passing are his children: Derry Ebanks; Sheena Taylor; and Randy Ebanks. Daughter-in-law (Derry's wife) Dawn Ebanks. Derry's Stepdaughter and granddaughter Bryce and Teave. Grandchildren Kobe Hurlston, Shyain Taylor. Sisters: Kerry Nixon and Elizabeth Gaio and their families. Brothers: Bruce Moore and Ainsley "Boosie" Whittaker and their families. Former Wives, Dareen Ebanks and Waldina Ebanks. Uncle Robert Ebanks; Aunt Emmie-Mae Walton and host of special nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends in Cayman and around the world.









### Police promotions

Police Commissioner Jim Stowers has announced a series of promotions and transfers within the Police Force for the new year.

George Watson has been moved up from Inspector to Acting Chief Inspector, Lindsay Cacho from Det. Sgt. to Det. Inspector, and Alvin Connor and Michael Williams from Sgt. to Acting Inspector.

Six Constables were promoted to Sergeants. They are Bruce Moore, Eric Forbes (who goes to West Bay), Victor Johnson, Roger Ebanks, Courtney Myles and Joseph Hodden (Acting Sergeants).



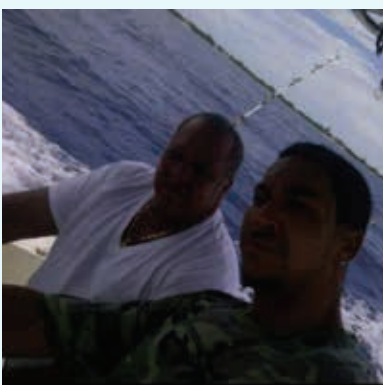
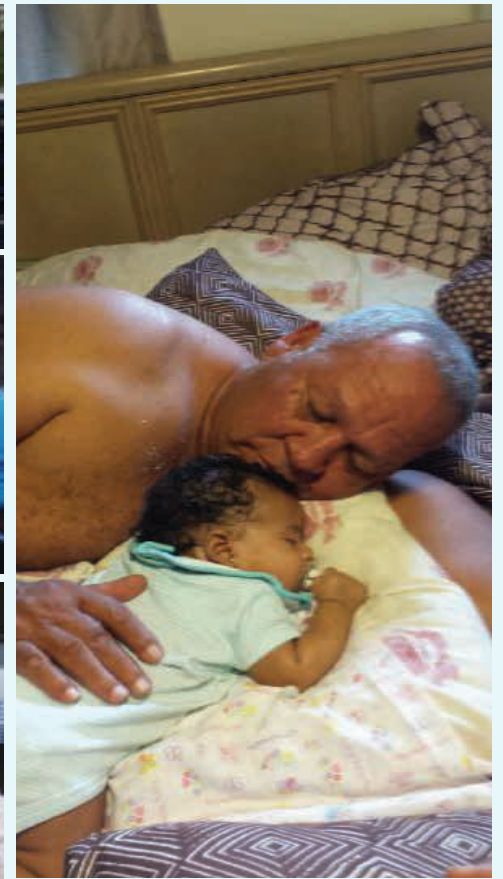
Roger Ebanks, who moved up to Detective Sergeant



Bruce Moore, now CID Detective Sergeant









## Graveside Service

Prayer ..... Pastor Marquiss McLaughlin JP  
Song - *When We All Get To Heaven* ..... Pre-recorded music  
Committal  
Song - *Amazing Grace* ..... Pre-recorded music  
Benediction ..... Pastor Marquiss McLaughlin JP  
Closing Song - *People Like You* ..... Pre-recorded music

### 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.

### When We All Get To Heaven

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace  
In the mansions bright and blessed, He'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain: When we all get to Heaven, What a day of rejoicing that will be  
When we all see Jesus, We'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will over-spread the sky  
But when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh.

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory, will the toils of life repay.

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty we'll behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open; We shall tread the streets of gold.



### Acknowledgements

*Derry, Sheena and Randy would like to thank family and friends for the outpouring of love, support and prayers during this time. Special thanks to the doctors and staff at Health City Hospital and Ms. Ileana Cooper Pineda.*