

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
For The Life OF  
**Joseph Reynold Ebanks**



August 3rd, 1934 – September 15th, 2023

Aston Ruddy Centre  
Cayman Brac

Saturday, September 30th, 2023  
Viewing 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Service at 2:00 pm

OFFICIATING MINISTERS  
Pastor Joel Scott  
Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly, Deputy Premier

Interment at the West End Cemetery

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude/Slide Show ..... Pre-recorded

Opening Remarks ..... Mr. B.L. (Mark) Tibbets JP

Opening Prayer ..... Pastor Joel Scott

Scripture Reading ..... Renee Parsons – Psalm 23

### Tributes

Wife Annelee Ebanks..... Mr. B.L. (Mark) Tibbets JP

Song – Further Along ..... Racquel and Renee Parsons

Son Barry Ebanks ..... Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly

Video Song – They Don't Have Many Songs About Fathers ..... Pastor Alson  
(pre-recorded)

Daughter Mirta Walton ..... Kimberly Walton

Song – Hey, Dad ..... (pre-recorded)

Grandchildren and Great-Grand Children ..... Brian, Brianna and Akeyla

Siblings ..... Alan Ebanks

Sweet Hour of Prayer ..... Congregation (Tribute from Sister Annie Grace)

Veterans and Seaman Society of Cayman Brac and Little Cayman (Poem) ..... Kimberly Walton

Life Story..... Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly

Sermon ..... Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly

Ringing of the Seaman's Bell ..... Seaman

Benediction ..... Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly

Recessional..... Song Pre-recorded – Go Rest High on That Mountain

## Service Hymn

### Sweet Hour of Prayer

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
And bids me at my Father's throne  
Make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
My soul has often found relief,  
And oft escaped the tempter's snare,  
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!
2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
The joys I feel, the bliss I share,  
Of those whose anxious spirits burn  
With strong desires for thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
Where God my Savior shows His face,  
And gladly take my station there,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
Thy wings shall my petition bear  
To Him whose truth and faithfulness  
Engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
Believe His Word and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!
4. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
May I thy consolation share,  
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,  
I view my home and take my flight.  
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize,  
And shout, while passing through the air,  
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

### Pallbearers

Mr. Brian Ebanks  
Mr. Clarence Ebanks  
Mr. Norris Ebanks

Mr. Sean Ebanks  
Mr. Lee Hurlston  
Mr. Kurt Watson

### Honorary Pallbearers

Weldon Anderson  
Captain Harold Banks  
Berstein Banks  
Clive Banks  
Ashton Bodden  
Frankie Bodden  
Gary Bodden  
Cornell Burke  
Terry Burke  
Channing Connor  
Chuck Connor  
Curtis Connor  
Ralston Dilbert  
Adrian Ebanks  
Andrew Ebanks  
Damien Ebanks

Charles Ebanks  
Watler Ebanks  
Chet Ebanks  
Ernie Ebanks  
Randy Ebanks  
Kevin Foster  
Tomy Wilkerson, III  
Fitz Gayle  
Patrick Gayle  
Raymond Gayle  
Conrad Martin  
Eddlee Martin  
Gary Martin  
Corlan McLaughlin  
Ralph Parchment  
Delano Reid

Clint Scott  
Henley Scott  
Norbert Scott  
Owen Scott  
Raymond I. Scott  
Renton Scott  
Tenson Scott  
Walbert Scott  
Wilbert Scott  
Mark Tibbets  
Donely Tatum  
Bernard Watson  
Jeff Watson  
Stanford Watson  
Tino Watson  
Ivan Whittaker

### Ushers

Cary Christian  
Delia Hydes  
Liz Walton

### Guestbook Attendants

Celia Walton  
Debra Parsons

## Life Story of Joseph Reynold Ebanks

Joseph Reynold Ebanks was born at West End, Cayman Brac on August 3rd, 1934, to parents Nathan and Alda Ebanks. He was preceded by death by his parents, his sisters, Anessia Adell Scott (Nessie), Daisy Ebanks and brothers, Alvin and Robert. He was the second child of 9 children.

Reynold attended various schools during his early years. He met his wife Annelee in 1954 and they were joined in holy matrimony on December 29th, 1956. From this union came one Son, Barry. In December 1995, he and his wife decided, with the agreement of her mother, to raise Mirta Walton who became their daughter.

At age 15, he began his seaman's career by sailing on various ships owned by the Kirkconnell Shipping Company. At the age of 17, he joined the National Bulk Carriers in the early 1950's and sailed with them for around 25 years in various positions, rising to the level of Third Mate. He also served as Captain on smaller fishing vessels that would sail between the Cayman Islands and Jamaica. His seaman's career took him to all parts of the world and on many ships, including the Ulysses, the Petro King, the Bulkoceanic, the Prince, the Meteor, the Neptune, the Regent, the Emperor, the Chief, the Petro Pan, the Jupiter and the Commonwealth to name a few. After his time with the National Bulk Carriers, he also sailed with the Dantzler's Shipping Company on the Hollis Hedberg for a period from the mid to late seventies. He also worked with Cayman Energy during the 1980s when the ship-to-ship oil transfers were taking place in Cayman Brac.

After his sea career was finished, he joined the Cayman Islands Public Works department and worked with them for fourteen years on various projects both in Cayman Brac and Little Cayman. After retiring, he kept himself busy providing painting services, fishing, farming, processing crab meat, taking care of the upkeep of the home and assisting his wife with her silver thatch craft work by keeping her supplied with rolls of plaiting. Reynold was an ambitious and hard-working man and part of that special group of men often referred to as Iron Men on Wooden Ships.

He was a loving, caring and devoted husband for 67 years. He loved his son and daughter very much and always ensured that they were taken care of. He adored and loved his 3 grandchildren and his 6 great-grandchildren and would always look forward to seeing them in person and speaking to them via video and audio calls. He spent last Christmas in Grand Cayman with all his family and grandchildren and great grandchildren, which was very special for him.

Reynold was a keen follower of news events and kept up with international events, politics and the weather. He also loved watching professional wrestling and would look forward to the upcoming WWE PPV events with great anticipation. He enjoyed watching certain game shows with his wife every evening. Music always made him happy, and he was a great dancer in his earlier years. Reynold had many friends and was well loved by everyone.

In May of this year, Reynold decided to give his life to the Lord. Present on this momentous occasion were Pastor Wood, his wife, his son and niece, Juliana.



On January 2, 2022, Reynold suddenly became ill and after a week at the Faith Hospital, he was transferred to Health City where he remained for 3 months. After being discharged from Health City at the end of March 2022, he spent a few months with his family in Grand Cayman before returning to the Brac in July 2022. During his frequent stays in the hospital, he remained positive and strong, always wanting to know when he would be able to return home and get under that naseberry tree. His family and friends were grateful for the time that they got to spend with him at home and at the hospital. During the period of his illness, he received excellent health care from the doctors and staff at Health City, Health Services Authority (Grand Cayman and Faith Hospital, Cayman Brac) and Caring Hands, in addition to the care provided by his wife, son, daughter and immediate family members, his caregivers, Petrina Grant and Beverly Mitchell also provided excellent and attentive care and became very close to him.

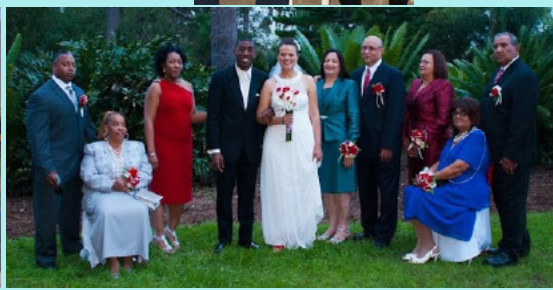
Reynold passed away suddenly on the afternoon of September 15th 2023 at the Faith Hospital, Cayman Brac.

Left to mourn his passing are:

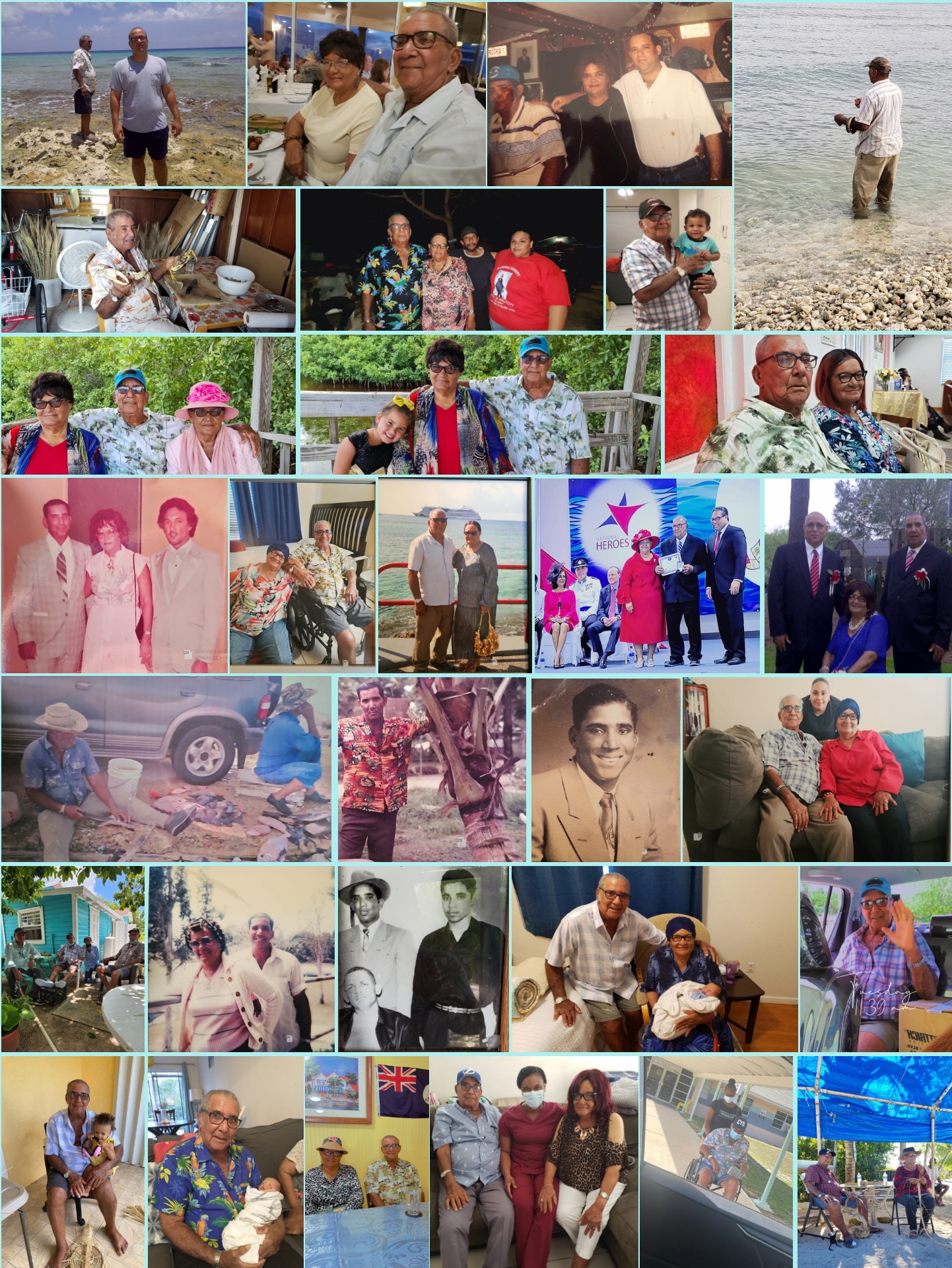
His wife, Annelee; his son Barry; his daughter, Mirta; Grandson, Brian; Granddaughters, Brianna and Akeyla; Daughter-in-law, Brenda; Grandson-in-law, Tomy Wilkerson III; Granddaughter-in-law, Nattaly; Great Grandchildren, Azaniah, Noah, Benjamin, Neema, James and Dru; Brothers, Norris, Eford, Clarene and Alan; Sisters, Annie Grace Smith and Albertha Bodden; Special Niece, Juliana O'Connor Connolly; Brother-in-Law, Fitz Gayle; Special Friends, Frankie Bodden, Cornell Burke, Ralph Parchment, Clint Scott and Donely Tatum; Nephews, Nieces, Cousins and a host of other family and friends.

*May his Soul rest in External Peace.*











## GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Opening Remarks ..... Pastor Joel Scott  
Prayer ..... Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly  
Committal ..... Hon. Juliana O'Connor-Connolly

Amazing Grace  
In the Sweet By & By  
When we all get to Heaven

Benediction ..... Pastor Joel Scott

### 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.

### In the Sweet By and By

There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar;  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

Refrain: In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
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We shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blessed;  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more,  
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

To our bountiful Father above,  
We will offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love  
And the blessings that hallow our days.

### 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.

### Thanks & Acknowledgement

*We want to thank our family and friends for their support and comfort during this difficult time.  
We would also like to thank the doctors and staff at Health City, Health Services Authority (Grand Cayman and Faith Hospital)  
and Caring Hands for the medical and personal care provided to Reynold over the last 2 years.*