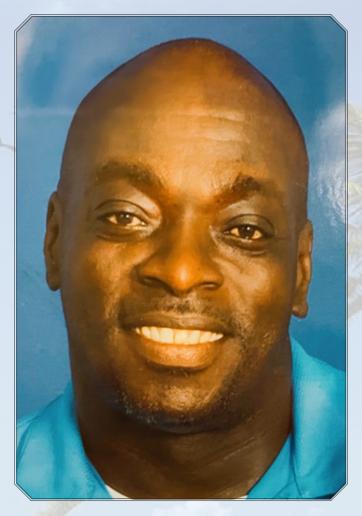
# Service of Thanksgiving & Celebration for the Life of



## **Panton George Taylor**

2nd March, 1968 – 20th February, 2024

Saturday, 23rd March at 2:00PM Webster Memorial Church, Bodden Town

## Officiating Minister

Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield

## Organist

Mr. Denver Bloomfield

**Pallbearers** 

Mr. Oshane McKay Mr. Omario Wright Mr. Rodclif Thompson Mr. Ryan Williams Mr. Raymond Shields Mr. Dalton Dunkley

## **Guest Book Attendants**

Mrs. Yvonne Triana Ms. Machell Farquharson

#### **Order of Service**

Words of Comfort	Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield
Hymn – "Because He Lives"	Congregation
Prayer	Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield
Tribute Song – "People Like You – Gramps Morgan"	Mr. Ryan "Sanjay" Williams
Tribute from Wife	Mrs. Novellete Taylor
Tribute from Family	Ms. Karen Soultau
Hymn – "Amazing Grace"	Congregation
Panton's Life Story	Ms. Karen Soultau
Scripture Reading – John 14:1-4, 6, 27	Mr. Shelroy Jones
Reflection	"The Lord of Love"
Prayer for the Family	Rev. Dr. Yvette Noble-Bloomfield
Hymn – "When we all get to Heaven"	Congregation
Benediction	
Recessional	I Believe

#### **Tributes**

Tribute: Panton George Taylor, "P" is my husband, my lover, my rock, and my best friend. I met Panton in 1991 when I was 19 and he was 24 and we fell in love instantly. Three years later, we were married on one of the happiest days of my life. We shared a friendship and bond that I will cherish forever.

Not only was he a wonderful husband, but a humble man who people gravitated to. His ability to make everyone feel comfortable, loved, and supported was one of his greatest strengths.

Panton was hardworking and dedicated, always doing his best to keep the peace, no matter how tough things were in life. He was dedicated to his work and dedicated to giving back, with acts of kindness whenever he could.

He will always be my inspiration in life and my soulmate, or as some would say..."bun and cheese". Our 33 years together could never be enough, but I will continue with the strength and encouragement he has always given me.

Panton, you will forever live on in my heart and I promise to honour you every day, until the day we meet again, my love. Sleep in peace. Love, your Novi.

Tribute: When Matthew and I moved in next door to Panton and Novelette in 2008, we became the best of friends immediately! There was an instant bond between the four of us, and Panton and Novelette became like second parents to our children. I always said we lived in each other's pockets.

When I think of Panton, his smile instantly pops into my mind and his happy greeting, "Wha goin-on? What goin-on? It always brightened my day and brought a smile to my face. Panton was always there to lend a helping hand and make everything so much more enjoyable. I think, the cookouts were the best! Socializing and grilling jerk chicken or pork! Or the early mornings, hanging out chatting while Novelette made soup over the open fire outside! Panton would always have funny stories or antics and keep us in stiches.

My friend, you will be sorely missed. You brought so much joy into our lives! We love you with all our hearts! We will look forward to seeing you in the next life, and we hope you are at peace now. - Matthew and Michelle Bush

#### Tribute:

In Loving Memories of a special Godfather.

The day you left and gained your wings my heart just broke in two. I wish you could have stayed with me, but heaven needed you. You left me with memories, and I love you still, no matter how much time goes by you know I always will.

You were a very special person with kindness in you and the love we had together grows stronger now we're apart.

I know I cannot bring you back although I wish it every day. But a piece of me went with you the day you went away - Kadian

Tribute: Uncle Panton, Godfather, bonus Dad are all the titles he held in my life, and acted accordingly with grace, love, and kindness. Uncle Panton, a man not perfect but who's imperfection made him the most beautiful spirited person, as his grace, jokes and laughter could bring life to any environment he was placed in. He was a force to be reckoned with as he took adversities and turned them into testimonials, there wasn't anything he said that he would accomplish in life that he didn't. He was a man of integrity, compassion, respect, and love. He made sure all those around him felt appreciated and respected, family, friends, and strangers alike. He loved feeding people, so of course he would distribute all the food Aunty Novellete cooked and told her they could eat something else later. He treated me as if I was his own always thinking of my best interest from my time of birth, he was truly a bonus Dad to me. His son Kaelyan was always a topic whenever we spoke and how he wished we could all have met, saying how handsome Kaelyan is and I must remember he's the same age as Tijani. I would say yes, I know, we are all going to meet soon, don't you worry. He loved the idea of togetherness, family being in one accord and family gathering, that's all he ever wanted the food yes, music and drinking though he drank no more in the later part of his life. I reflect on a man of joy, a man who worked hard, lived a good life and was a blessing to those who had the privilege of knowing him. My Godfather you will forever be engraved within my heart. All our memories, especially those of our last moments together in December, our drives and conversations, our last hug, the I love and take care of yourself memories that will never leave me, so as I live so do you. So, until the Lord permits, may you sleep in eternal peace my uncle. - Alicia Thousand

Tribute: Uncle, I remember when I was small, and you were kind and strong. You really haven't changed a bit, as life has moved along. I knew that you were thoughtful, and today you're still the same you're always helping others, and that has never changed. You've always been right there for us in good times and in bad. You laughed with us in happy times and cried with us in sad. You are a special uncle, as special as can be. More than that you've been a friend and best uncle to me. - Machell

Tribute: I have known Panton for the past 20 years to be a caring, fun-loving, hard-working, jovial, and understanding person. If you needed to talk, he was always there with a listening ear, one that was ready to give advice. If you needed a helping hand, you could always count on Panton. No matter how big or small the situation, he was ready to help. He gave himself tirelessly to make sure those around him were comfortable. He was the selfless person who put everyone above his own needs. Panton, you're gone, but your memories will always be in my heart. - the Bennett family

Tribute: Panton and his wife became my dear friends, almost like family. We last spoke on Friday 16 February while I was in the UK. I told him I would call him back on Tuesday the 20th and I would come to see him when I'm back. This was not to be as when I called on Tuesday it was too late. Call someone now, let not the moment fade, for in the morrow's light, plans might be waylaid. Tell them the words that in your heart do dance, give voice to love, and give joy a chance. Sleep in peace Panton Taylor. - Delroy Dyer

Tribute: Losing a dear friend is a heartbreaking experience. Mr. P was not just a neighbour, but he was a friend who taught us about resilience in the face of adversity. He had a special ability to make every person feel welcomed and valued. He could turn an ordinary day into an into extraordinary one with his insightful conversations, and his boundless generosity. His loss has created a void in our hearts that can't be filled, but his legacy lives on in the memories we shared, and the lessons we learned from him. We will continue to remember the laughter, love, and fellowships he brought into our lives. May his memory continue to inspire and uplift us as we navigate this world without him – Garfield & Racquel Goring

Tribute: Something everyone close to us knows, is that we have the best landlords and neighbours - our dear Ms. Nov and Mr. Panton. It is a blessing to have them in our lives and often joke about how they'd never get rid of us.

Mr. Panton welcomed us and accepted our three little girls with open arms, his face lighting up each time he saw them or heard the sound of them running around the house. Giving each of them little nicknames and teaching them his favourite Jamaican greetings. He was a genuinely giving, caring and selfless man, never passing judgement and always with a kind gesture, words of encouragement and a big, beaming smile. From sharing numerous plates of Ms. Nov's delicious food, to countless chats on the back porch in the breeze, to walks up and down Berry Drive with the girls, one thing is for sure, he was and will forever be loved and cherished. We see you and remember you everywhere, Mr. Panton...in every bit of our home and every banana bird that visits. May you be truly free from pain and well rested, just how you deserve to be. Until we meet again, Theo, Nele, Hali, Arlo, and Jade

Tribute: Your actions were always kind. A generous hand and an active mind. Anxious to please and loath to offend, a loving brother and a faithful friend. We will all miss you very much. Rest well my friend until we meet again. Losing a brother is heartbreaking. It is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. Words are feeble in moments like these. I thought of you today, but that is nothing new. I thought of you yesterday and will today too. I think of you in silence and make no outward show. What it meant to lose you, only those who loved you know. Remembering you is easy, I do it every day. It is the heartache of losing you that will never go away. In the memory of my brother and loving husband to Nov. - Leon Carpenter

Tribute: Today, as we say our goodbyes, let us not mourn the loss of Taylor, but rather celebrate a life that touched us all so deeply. Let us embrace the humility and inspiration he bestowed upon us, carrying his legacy forward in our own lives as a testament to the incredible man he was.

May his laughter forever echo in our hearts, and may we strive to emulate the love and kindness that radiated from his gentle soul. Rest in peace, Taylor, knowing that you have left an indelible mark on our lives and that your spirit shall forever live on. Rest in peace, you will be missed and remain in our hearts. – Orrin and Kesherra aka Trish.

Tribute: Uncle Panton, you welcomed me with open arms and an open heart; I have lost a wonderful Godfather. I love you, Uncle Panton. – From Your Goddaughter, Keshiya aka 'Pretty'.

Tribute: Today, we've come together to remember and honor the life of a beloved friend Panton, whose kindness, boldness, and bravery touched us all. Throughout our lives, my friend was consistently the calming peacemaker, who always offered words of peace and encouragement, when faced with life's daily ups and downs. He had a genuine and caring reaction and a positive outlook on life. My friend, with a playful sparkle in his eye, confidently would advise you that the unfamiliar should be embraced rather than feared, and he helped you navigate through whatever it was you're concerned or struggling with. On this day, we highlight his genuine friendship and bravery.

Losing you as a dear friend is a very painful experience. It leaves us at a loss for words. However, we must acknowledge our feelings and remain strong enough to support your family in commemorating the life you've lived and the legacy you left behind. As I wrote this tribute, in highlighting the way life was around you, it brought joy to share your undying and unwavering love for people and making peace with whomever you come in contact with. It was a pleasure knowing you over these decades and sharing life moments with you, whether it be chilling out, baking your favorite cakes for the family special moments or just simple spending time on the weekends playing dominoes way into the early morning. As I close this tribute, you'll be dearly missed, and your legacy will live on. It is with great pleasure that I share with others on this day all the good things you've done during your time on earth, as we celebrate your live today and express our feelings. Sleep on my dear friend until that great day. - Paulette Smith

### **Thanks and Acknowledgements**

As we come together to remember and honour the life of Panton, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of love and support we have received from the community and friends near and far.

Amidst the tears, your stories and memories remind us of the joy and happiness Panton brought into each of our lives. Your presence has turned moments of sadness into cherished connections, and we want to extend our thanks for being a source of light during this time of remembrance.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the service and did their part to ensure Panton was celebrated and remembered the way he would have wanted.

Finally, we say thank you to Dr. S. Blake and Mr. Scott Ruby and the team at Bodden's Funeral Home.