



Celebrating

THE LIFE OF



Lawrence Gibson Connolly

5 December 1944 - 12 February 2025

West End Cemetery

West End, Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands

Saturday 22 January 2025 | 2PM

Officiating Minister: Rev. Audley U Scott, JP



Order of Service-Graveside

Musical Prelude:.....Instrumental (*Ave Maria by Luciano Pavarotti, pre-recorded*)
Opening Remarks & Prayer:.....Rev. Audley U Scott, JP
Amazing Grace.....(*pre-recorded*)
Scripture Reading:Rev. Audley U Scott, JP
Reading of Obituary:Mr. Lyndon Martin
Benediction:Rev. Audley U Scott, JP
Special Music:.....(*Sailing by Rod Stewart, pre-recorded*)





Obituary of Lawrence Gibston Connolly

Today, we come together to celebrate the life and legacy of Lawrence Gibston Connolly, affectionately known as Gibby. As we reflect on the precious moments we shared with him, we acknowledge both the joy he brought into our lives and the sorrow that his passing leaves behind.

Gibby was born on December 5, 1944, in West End, Cayman Brac, to his proud parents, Hugh and Madelyn Connolly. He was the eldest of two sons, growing up alongside his younger brother, Paul. He attended West End Primary School until the age of 16 and, like many young men of his time, set out to sea at 17, embarking on a career that would take him across the world. He served on ships with National Bulk Carriers and Tidex International, gaining invaluable experience and a deep appreciation for the sea.

After several years at sea, Gibby returned to land and took on various roles that showcased his dedication and hard work. He played a key part in constructing the public roads in Little Cayman while working with Scott Development and later contributed to the operations of Little Cayman Power and Light Company.

On October 15, 1982, Gibby married the love of his life, Sharon Angelia Bodden of Spot Bay. Together, they shared a deep bond, filled with adventure and their mutual love for fishing, a passion they enjoyed side by side. Eventually, Gibby returned to sea, working with Meiser Marine, which took him to distant shores around Africa and Brazil.

In 1990, Gibby and Sharon embraced a new venture, managing the beloved Coral Isle Bar and Restaurant. Their hard work and commitment made it a cherished place for many until it was sadly destroyed by a hurricane a 19 years later. Amid life's changes, one of their greatest joys came when they adopted their daughter, Monique Michelle, a moment that brought immense love and fulfillment to their lives.

Gibby's skills and dedication led him back to the Brac, where he operated heavy equipment for several years before once again joining Little Cayman Power and Light Company. During this time, he formed a close friendship with Michelle Brown, a trusted caretaker and dear companion.

Life took an unexpected turn when Gibby suffered a fall at work on Little Cayman that led to ongoing health challenges. After being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, he moved in with his brother for care and support before transitioning to the Rest Home, where he was surrounded by the compassionate care of the dedicated staff. On January 15, 2025, due to complications from his illness, he was admitted to the hospital, where he remained until his peaceful passing on February 13, 2025.

Gibby is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Hugh and Madelyn Connolly. He leaves behind his devoted wife, Sharon, cherished daughter, Monique, and loving brother, Paul. Nieces, Nephews, Relatives and Friends.

Though he is no longer with us in body, his memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Gibby's resilience, warmth, and unwavering spirit will forever be remembered, and his legacy will continue through the lives he touched.



PALLBEARERS

Paul Connolly
Clyde Banks

Calbert Myrie
Norbert Scott

Steve Bodden
Terry Burke



Amazing grace

Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost,
But now I 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!

Through 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.

Acknowledgements

The Connolly Family wishes to express our deepest gratitude for calls, prayers, and support during this time. We extend special thanks to the staff of the Kirkconnell Community Care Centre for their compassionate care in his final years and the medical team at the Faith Hospital for their dedication in his last moments. Although Gibby lived a quiet life, he was deeply valued by those who knew him. May God bless you all.

With sincere appreciation, **The Family**

