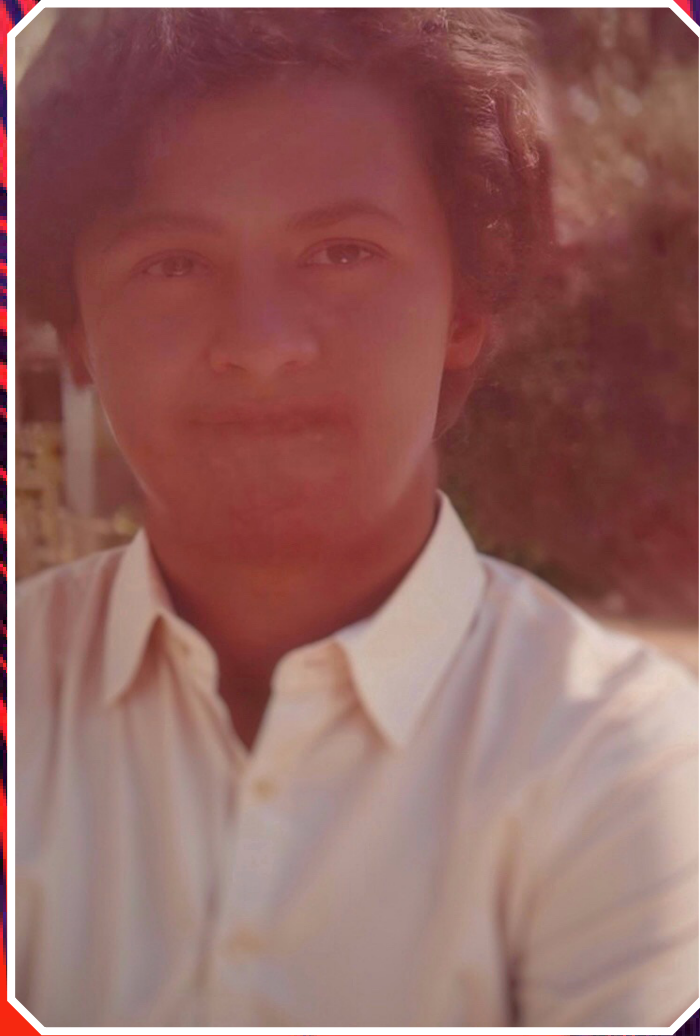


Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of



Joseph Paul Ebanks

September 4, 1966 – February 15, 2025

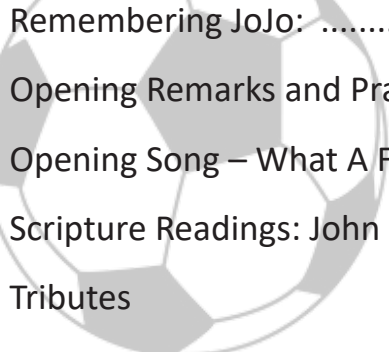
West Bay Church of Christ
24 Batabano Road, West Bay, Grand Cayman

March 8th, 2025
2:00PM

Pastor Neriah LaBlanc

Burial to follow at West Bay Cemetery

Order of Service



Remembering JoJo: Slideshow
Opening Remarks and Prayer: Pastor Neriah LaBlanc
Opening Song – What A Friend We Have In Jesus: Congregation
Scripture Readings: John 14:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 Sis Adonza Harrison
Tributes
From Sister: Sis Adonza Harrison
From Brothers: Mr. Aubrey Ebanks Jr.
Special Poem: Mr. Aubrey Ebanks Jr.
Obituary: Ms. Nicole Ebanks
Sermon and Closing Prayer: Pastor Neriah LaBlanc
Closing Hymn – Face to Face: Congregation



Pallbearers

Mr Aubrey Ebanks Jr.	Mr. David Anglin
Mr. Raymond Ebanks	Mr. Rod Gordon
Mr. Rodger Manderson	Mr. Tristan Ebanks
Mr. Gareth Ebanks	

Honorary Pallbearers

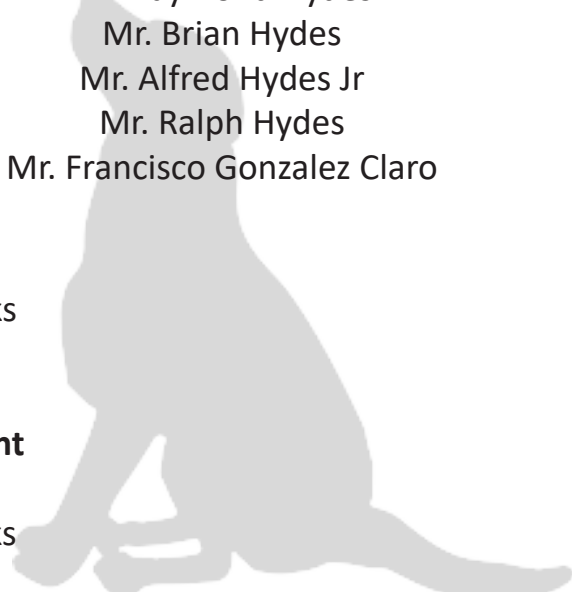
Mr. Obrey Ray Bush	Mr Gary Hydes
Mr. Gladston Ebanks	Mr. Raymond Hydes
Mr. Richard Manderson	Mr. Brian Hydes
Mr. Michael Bush	Mr. Alfred Hydes Jr
Mr. Alexander Ebanks	Mr. Ralph Hydes
Mr. Elijah Ebanks	Mr. Francisco Gonzalez Claro

Ushers

Mr. Alexander Ebanks
Mrs Irish Bush

Guest Book Attendant

Ms. Krista Eabnks
Ms. Aquinnah Ebanks



Obituary of Joseph Paul Ebanks

Joseph Paul Ebanks, lovingly known as JoJo, was born on September 4, 1966, in West Bay, Grand Cayman. He was the youngest of five siblings born to Captain Aubrey and Elida Ebanks. Diagnosed with Down syndrome shortly after his birth, JoJo's family was heartbroken by the news. However, he quickly became the heart and soul of their family—a truly special child who brought immense joy to everyone around him. JoJo was deeply loved, fiercely protected, and left a lasting impact on all who had the privilege of knowing him.

JoJo attended the first Lighthouse School when it was located at Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church Hall in West Bay. The school often called for volunteers, and JoJo was accompanied by his doting mother, who wanted to assist and keep a watchful eye on her beloved son, who had a curious spirit and loved to explore. Once, wanting to try out Ms. Bessie's—one of the volunteers'—car, JoJo hopped in for a spin, but he couldn't get far without the keys.

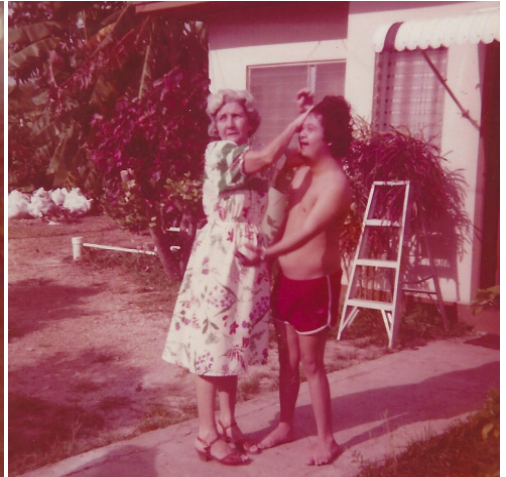
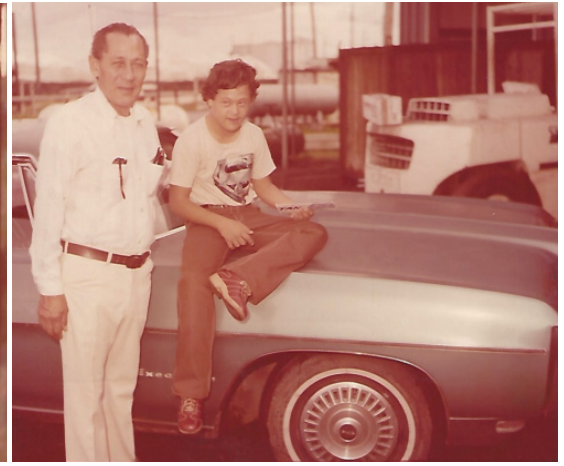
JoJo grew up in West Bay alongside his sister, Ramona Florencia, and brothers, Gladston, Aubrey Jr., and Raymond, and cherished the fun times spent with visits from his half-brother, Obrey Ray. JoJo was strong, flexible, energetic, playful, and had a great love for outdoor activities. He could often be found wearing a raincoat and hard hat, pretending to work in the backyard, filling empty paint cans with dried coconuts, sweeping the sand yard, and playing make-believe. JoJo also thoroughly enjoyed playing football, riding motor-bikes with his brothers, and spending much of his time running and playing with the dogs he adored. JoJo loved catching the bus and going for drives with his mom and sister, stopping to visit family and friends and often enjoying a great deal of various, fun activities around the island. Another of JoJo's greatest joys was spending time at the beach, which was just across the road from his home. He would eagerly run to put on his swim trunks whenever he thought someone might be going for a swim, excited to enjoy a day at the beach. His love of music was equally profound, as he often played with toy guitars, danced to country tunes on the radio, and sang along while his brother played the keyboard. One of his favorite songs to sing along to was "No Woman, No Cry." Though JoJo was unable to say "woman," he knew his mama was a woman, so he would sing his own version, "No Mama, No Cry."

Though JoJo could not communicate in the traditional sense, he found unique ways to express himself by using special words he created. JoJo loved going to church, which he affectionately called "Baba." He would often be the first one ready, eagerly picking out his dress clothes, and was always attentive during the service, embracing the experience with a joyful heart. JoJo also had a carefree spirit and often embraced the freedom and comfort of a laid-back lifestyle and casual attire when possible. His love for the color red was evident, as he frequently wore his favorite red shorts, which became a signature part of his wardrobe, reflecting his vibrant personality. JoJo had a particular fondness for certain foods, often preferring grilled cheese, tuna, and turkey sandwiches. Pizza with a Pepsi—or "Chashoo," as he fondly called beverages—was one of his favorite treats, and his eyes would light up with joy whenever the occasion for them arose. He also delighted in enjoying vanilla ice cream, especially from Silver Sands Café, which became one of his cherished indulgences.

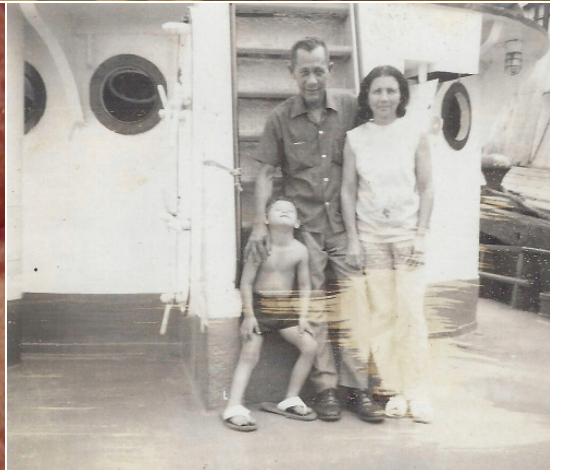
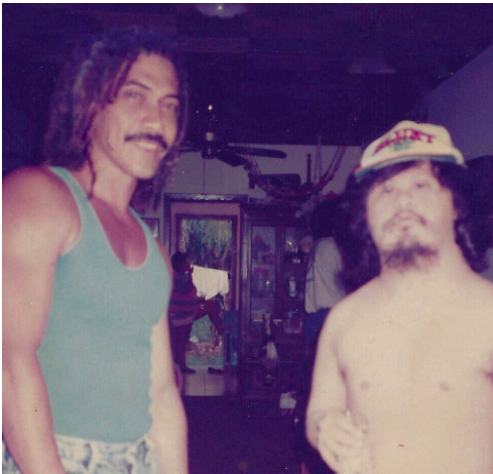
Traveling was another of JoJo's loves. Though initially apprehensive about flying, his first flight sparked a love for adventure, and he soon embraced the excitement of trips abroad. JoJo and his mother would fly from Grand Cayman to meet Captain Aubrey, 'DaDa,' in the U.S. During their flights, JoJo became the flight attendant's assistant, happily helping to push the snack trolley along. Captain Aubrey would meet them at the airport, and together they would board the ship he commanded and cruise to different U.S. and Caribbean ports. JoJo formed a special bond with a crew member named Garcia, with whom he shared the same birthday and at times they would celebrate together while aboard the ship.

There was never a dull moment with JoJo—he had a remarkable ability to entertain both himself and those around him with his infectious sense of humor and his quirky, whimsical ways. JoJo was truly a special gift from God, and his family and friends are forever grateful for the blessing of his presence in their lives, treasuring the unforgettable moments they shared during the precious years he was with them.

Despite a few health issues in his early years, JoJo enjoyed good health for most of his life. He passed away at home with family on February 15, 2025. JoJo's joyful, childlike spirit, sense of humor, and love for his family and friends will be dearly missed. He leaves behind a legacy of laughter, love, and cherished memories that will continue to warm the hearts of all who knew him.







Graveside Service

Opening Remarks and Prayer	Pastor Neriah LeBlanc
Committal	Pastor Neriah LeBlanc
Special Song	People Like You
Hymns	Congregation
<i>Blessed Assurance, When We All Get To Heaven, Just A Closer Walk With Thee, How Great Thou Art</i>	
Benediction	Pastor Neriah LeBlanc

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest.
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Fill'd with His goodness, lost in His love.

Just A Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak, but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Chorus

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

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.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
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How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joys shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!



Thanks and Acknowledgments

The family of the late, Joseph Paul Ebanks, wishes to express our heartfelt gratitude to the many friends, church members, relatives, and all those who offered acts of kindness and support during this difficult time.

Special thank you to Scott Ruby & Bodden Funeral Services, and everyone who contributed to the service of thanksgiving as your outpouring of love and comfort has provided immense strength during our time of loss.