



*Boatswain Bay Presbyterian Church
182 Boatswain Bay Road, West Bay
Saturday, 17 May 2025 - 10am*

*Officiating Ministers:
Pastor Gareth Haylock | Pastor Marvin Smith IV*



Order of Service

Opening Remarks & Prayer – Pastor Gareth Haylock

Hymn – Blessed Assurance

Life Story

Tributes:

Mother

Children

Grandchildren

Siblings

Cayman Islands Seafarers Association

Memories Slideshow

Hymn – It is Well with My Soul

Sermon – Pastor Marvin Smith

Hymn – Sweet By & By

Benediction – Pastor Gareth Haylock

Recessional Hymn – Sweet By & By

Honorary Pallbearers

Quincy Ebanks

Kent Brian Ebanks

Kirk Ebanks

Anthony Ebanks

Quincy (QC) Ebanks

Isaiah Ebanks

John Ebanks

Richard Ebanks

Kiru Ebanks

Keith Brown

Roy Bush

Daniel Miller

Stephan Miller

Ethan Jeffers

Nathaniel Antunez

Bryony Dixon

Guest Book Attendant

Arikka Farley | Michelle Miller-Hernandez Leva

Usher

Darley Powery

Life Story

Kent Robert Ebanks (aka Bob/Judah) was born in Cotton Tree Bay, Cayman Brac on 27 July 1956. He was the eldest child of Fredson and Patsy Ebanks. As a young boy, he was involved in all the classic mischief and fun that defined boyhood. As the big brother, he served as protector of his siblings and cared for them dearly. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandmothers Olga and Ulalee Ebanks. Around the age of 8, he moved to Grand Cayman to join his parents and sister who had already relocated there. He was not particularly happy about this transition and would take advantage of every opportunity to visit the Brac; even through adulthood, Cayman Brac remained his happy place.

After moving to Grand Cayman, he attended Ms. Ridley's school and George Town Primary School. For a while, he also attended what was known as Secondary Modern at the time. His father was the aide-de-camp for the Governor and his family lived at the Governor's house. Kent was a very helpful child; when his mother had to go to work, he took care of the chores around the house and cared for his younger siblings. With a natural talent for gardening passed down through his family, he planted and tended to a beautiful garden at the Governor's house. Growing up, he attended Church of God Universal and later, Mr. Bertie's church with his family.



Like most Caymanian men back then, Kent went out to sea at the age of 18. He had always preferred learning outside of the traditional classroom setting, and while out to sea, he went on to complete his GED. When Kent returned home, his first son, Quincy Chad, was born. Two years later, his second son, Kent Brian, was born. While not a perfect father, he did everything he could to help raise his sons. He loved his family and was fiercely protective of those he loved.



A saint by no means and though others saw him differently based on his life choices, Kent had a heart of gold and would give the shirt off his back to help someone in need. He never met a stranger and never wanted anyone to feel left out. His smile lit up a room and his charisma effortlessly drew people in. Despite his kind heart, Kent was strong-willed and outspoken. He believed what he believed whether you liked it or not and was never one to back down from a fight, whether in defense of his own beliefs or in standing up for those he loved.

You could say that Kent was a ladies' man. His remarkable resemblance to Bob Marley only added to this appeal and landed him in hot water a few times. He loved music, dancing and singing and at times, was invited to sing with various local bands including the Swanky Kitchen Band and Mr. Notch. Each year at the family's annual Christmas party, you could count on Kent and Fredson to hit the dance floor. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles.

Throughout his life, Kent worked various jobs ranging from construction, installing electrical conduits, to landscaping. He worked with the Cayman Turtle Farm, Riverbank Nursery, Allan Bush, Touslin, Autry Powery, and his brother-in-law, Anthony Ebanks, to name a few. Most recently, he worked in construction with his son, Quincy Ebanks.

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Kent, more affectionately known as Papa to them, adored his grandchildren, referring to Isaiah and QC as Papa's Fellas, and to Gabbie as Papa's Princess. He was always interested in their wellbeing, even when he was unwell.

Late last year, his health started to decline, resulting in several hospital stays. During this time, in typical Kent fashion, he was more concerned with how everyone else was doing, rather than focusing on himself.

On 20 April 2025 (Easter Sunday), during a visit from his son, Kent Brian and Pastor Marvin, Kent made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. Nearly two weeks later, on 2 May 2025, while admitted to Health City and after a visit from his family, he left this earthly life behind for his glorious eternal home.

Kent is preceded in death by his father, Fredson Ebanks. He is survived by his mother: Patsy Ebanks; sons: Quincy Ebanks and Kent Brian Ebanks; daughters-in-law: Colleen Ebanks and Becky Ebanks; grandchildren: Isaiah Ebanks, Quincy (QC) Ebanks, and Gabrielle Ebanks; siblings: Deserene Miller, Debra Ebanks, Maureen Daykin; Kirk Ebanks, Richard Ebanks, and John Ebanks; brother-in-law: Anthony Ebanks; sisters-in-law: Doris Ebanks and Bertha Ebanks; long-time partner: Iva Dean Khouri, and a host of other relatives and friends.



Acknowledgement

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