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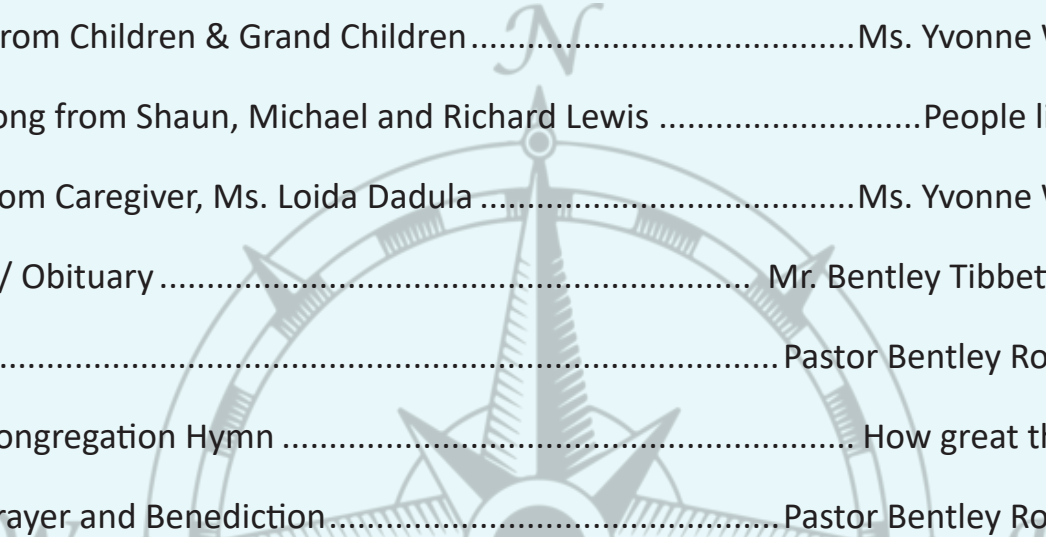
Bentley Carver McLean "Benny"

16 March 1935 – 2 June 2025

Ebenezer Baptist Church
The Creek, Cayman Brac
Saturday, June 14, 2025
10:00am

Graveside Service at The Creek Cemetery

Order of Service



Opening Remarks & Prayer	Pastor Bentley Robinson
Congregation Hymn	Amazing Grace
Scripture Reading – John 5: 24-29.....	Pastor Bentley Robinson
Tributes from Children & Grand Children.....	Ms. Yvonne Walton
Special Song from Shaun, Michael and Richard Lewis	People like you
Tribute from Caregiver, Ms. Loida Dadula	Ms. Yvonne Walton
Life Story/ Obituary	Mr. Bentley Tibbetts Jr. JP
Sermon	Pastor Bentley Robinson
Closing Congregation Hymn	How great thou art
Closing Prayer and Benediction.....	Pastor Bentley Robinson

Pallbearers

Charles McCoon
Nealis Gordon
Kirsha Ebanks

Robert Levi
Oliver Daniel Kirkwood-Bodden
Corlan McLaughlin

Honorary Pallbearers

Charles McLean
Carvel McLean
Ricardo McLean
Shaun Lewis
Michael Lewis
Richard Lewis
Ross Meinert
Hal Edwards
Delroy Miller

Blake Walton
Daryl 'Bud' Walton
Daryl 'Bud' Walton Jr.
Neil Brown
Matthew Brown
Jimmy Robinson
Dave Christian
Percival Ivan Whittaker
Jeremy Smith

Ashby Scott
Miguel Martin
Matthew Brown
Tonry Lazzari
Casey Conolly
Cornell Burke
Leonardi Carter
John Miller

Guest Book Attendant

Ms. Marcia Rankine

Ushers

Mr. Ashawni Vassell
Mr. Marion Kirkwood

Pianist

Ms. Yvette Dilbert

Service Hymns

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.

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!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
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.

LIFE STORY OF BENTLEY CARVEL MCLEAN

March 16th, 1935 – June 2nd, 2025

Bentley Carvel McLean, Seaman, Painter, Cook better known as “Benny” of “Benny Gray” was succumbed to Pulmonary Embolism and peacefully passed away at the age of 90 years 3 months on 2nd June 2025. Benny was born on March 16th, 1935 in Cayman Brac and was the only child born to Pauline Louise McLean better known as “Pearly” and Charles Gray.

Benny attended school as did most children in the Brac those days and received a tertiary education.

Benny dedicated most of his life to the sea spending days on end without setting foot on land. His Maritime career began in his late teens when he joined the ship Ulysses as a Messman in November 1954. As a seaman he worked his way from Messman to Chief cook which he thoroughly enjoyed.

During one of his visits back home, and after a short courtship at the age of 20 years on the 28 December 1955 he was united in Marriage to Mervine Brown, better known as “Jeanie” the daughter of the late Christiannell Martin better known as “Nelly” and Orvin Charles Brown. To this union four children was born, Gloria Lewis, Charles McLean, Carvel McLean and Julie Meinert.

The ships he sailed on were the Petro King, Petro Explorer, Ore Conway, Percy Jordan and Harold Helm. He also worked on vessels associated with Kirkconnell shipping including the Kirk Trader, Kirk B and the Kirk Pride.

Throughout his career he recounted many experiences from life at sea. He often spoke of the challenges posed by rough waters, explaining how he had to secure the pots in the kitchen to prevent them from toppling over. Additionally, he assisted fellow seamen by reading and writing letters for those who were unable to do so themselves.

As most seamen told their stories from their experiences at sea, one particular story stands out which took place in Jamaica while the ship was docked. Dock workers unloading cargo would frequently hang their clothes near the kitchen despite his warnings against doing so... frustrated by their disregard he placed cowitch into their clothing, that evening he witness the workers jumping into the water in an attempt to relieve their discomfort. After this incident they discontinued this practice.

After he stopped going to sea, he worked in Grand Cayman in the construction industry and also for H.E. Arch Jr and Sons with Mr. Kevin Schirn and Ted Schirn.

When Benny retired in Grand Cayman he moved to the Brac, shortly thereafter he joined PWC in Little Cayman as a cook and painted whenever needed.

After leaving Little Cayman went back to the Brac, he then worked on projects with his son at McLean Construction from time to time.

Few of Bennys' hobbies were Fishing, clearing and burning brush to prepare the ground for planting, and of course cooking. Benny often cooked for people who often stopped by the house for a meal or just to talk about politics, current events and a fair attempt to solve the worlds' problems.

On occasion through the years, he would visit Ebenezer Baptist Church.

He was honored on Hero's Day 2021 for his Seafaring Heritage where his career advanced in rank to the highest level of his profession from Messman to Chief Cook.

Left to mourn his passing are

Mervine McLean

Children: Gloria Lewis and spouse Richard Lewis

Charles McLean

Carvel McLean and spouse Zanda McLean

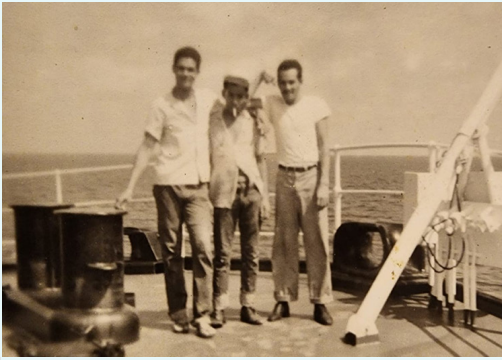
Julie Meinert and spouse Ross Meinert

Grand Children: Shaun Lewis, Michael Lewis, Ricardo McLean and Kristi McLean

Great Grand Children: Kaylee Edwards and Arian Edwards

He was preceded in death by his Mother Pauline Louise McLean and father Charles Gray and his mother-in-law Christiannell Martin.

The family would like to express our sincere gratitude to his care giver Loida for her unwavering support during the last years of his life.





Graveside Service

Opening Remarks	Pastor Bentley Robinson
Hymn	In the Sweet By and By
Hymn	I'll Fly Away
Committal	Pastor Bentley Robinson
Benediction & Closing Prayer	Pastor Bentley Robinson

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;
In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.*

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blest;
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.

I'll Fly Away

Some glad morning, when this life is over,
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away

Chorus
I'll fly away, oh glory,
I'll fly away, in the morning
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away!

When the shadows of this life has grown,
I'll fly away
Like a bird from prison bars have flown,
I'll fly away

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away!

Acknowledgement

The family of the late Bentley Carver McLean "Benny" wishes to express their sincere gratitude to the Doctors & Nurses at Faith Hospital for all their loving care given to Bentley "Benny" during his illness, to the relatives, close family friends, caregiver, Ms. Loida Dadula, Bodden's Funeral Home and to all those who called, messaged and prayed.

*Please keep us in your prayers and
may God bless each of you.*