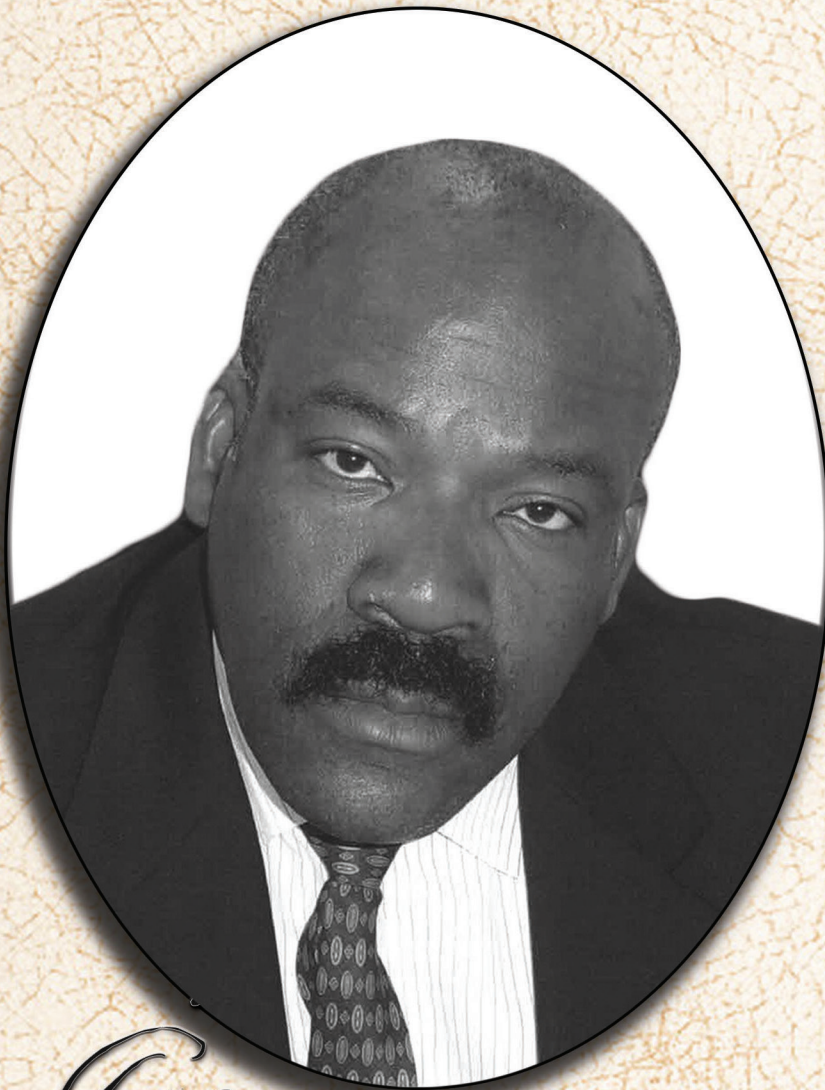


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SUNRISE: SEPTEMBER 23RD, 1954
SUNSET: OCTOBER 24TH, 2013

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2013
AT 10^{AM}

LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH
BOTTLE CREEK, NORTH CAICOS

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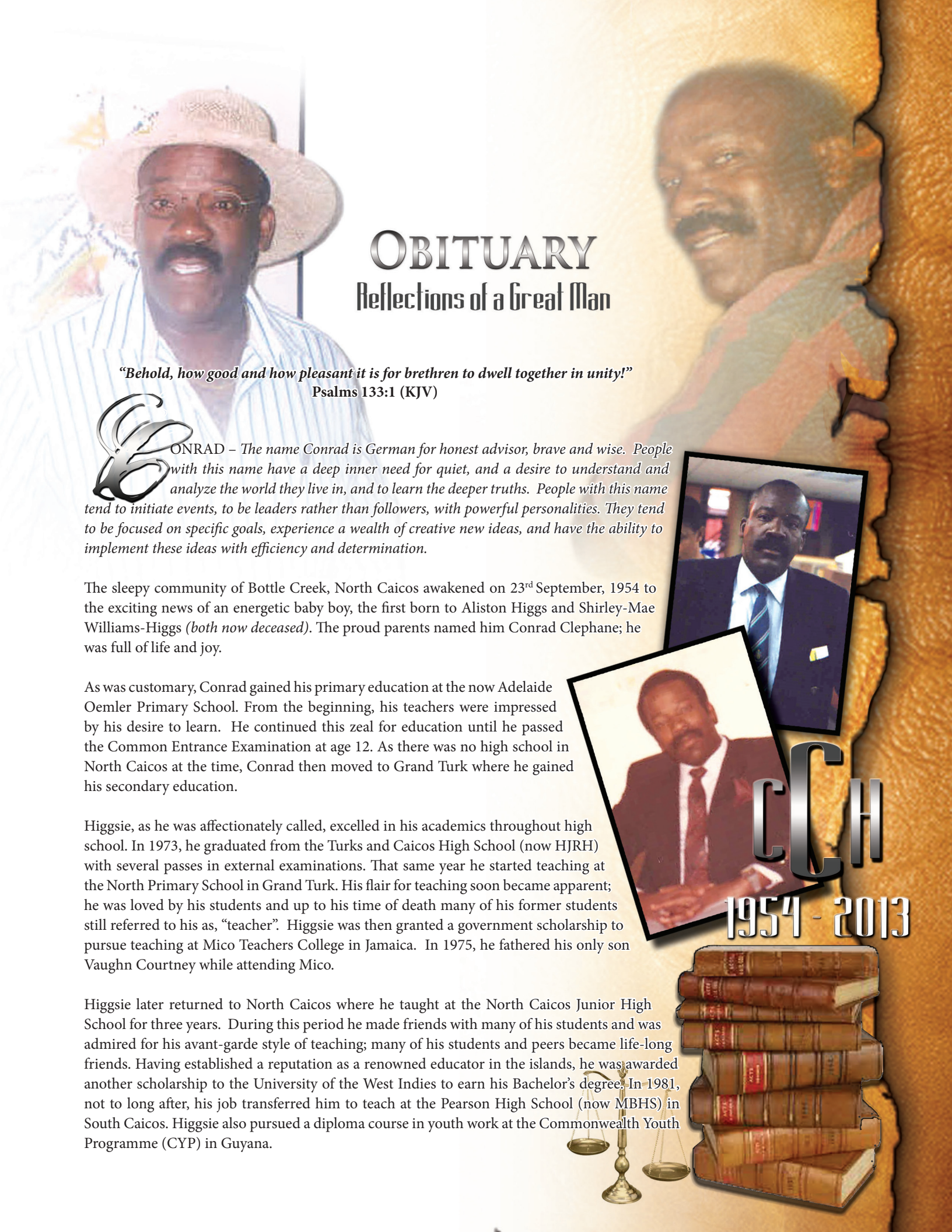
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OBITUARY

Reflections of a Great Man

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"
Psalms 133:1 (KJV)

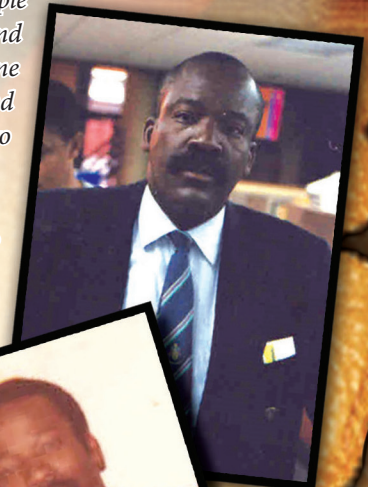
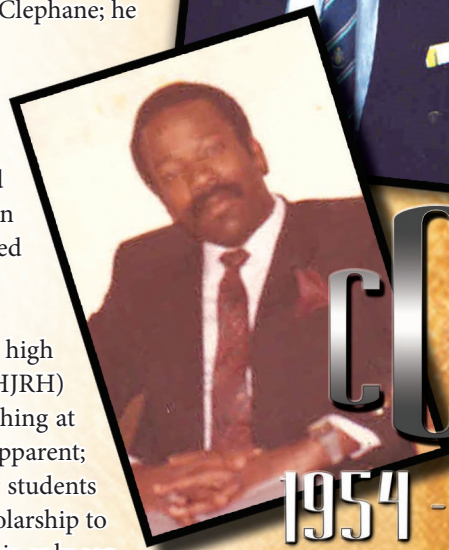
 ONRAD – *The name Conrad is German for honest advisor, brave and wise. People with this name have a deep inner need for quiet, and a desire to understand and analyze the world they live in, and to learn the deeper truths. People with this name tend to initiate events, to be leaders rather than followers, with powerful personalities. They tend to be focused on specific goals, experience a wealth of creative new ideas, and have the ability to implement these ideas with efficiency and determination.*

The sleepy community of Bottle Creek, North Caicos awakened on 23rd September, 1954 to the exciting news of an energetic baby boy, the first born to Aliston Higgs and Shirley-Mae Williams-Higgs (*both now deceased*). The proud parents named him Conrad Clephane; he was full of life and joy.

As was customary, Conrad gained his primary education at the now Adelaide Oemler Primary School. From the beginning, his teachers were impressed by his desire to learn. He continued this zeal for education until he passed the Common Entrance Examination at age 12. As there was no high school in North Caicos at the time, Conrad then moved to Grand Turk where he gained his secondary education.

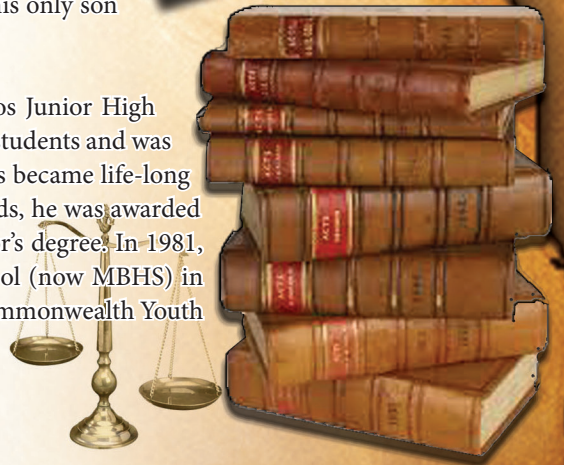
Higgsie, as he was affectionately called, excelled in his academics throughout high school. In 1973, he graduated from the Turks and Caicos High School (now HJRH) with several passes in external examinations. That same year he started teaching at the North Primary School in Grand Turk. His flair for teaching soon became apparent; he was loved by his students and up to his time of death many of his former students still referred to him as, "teacher". Higgsie was then granted a government scholarship to pursue teaching at Mico Teachers College in Jamaica. In 1975, he fathered his only son Vaughn Courtney while attending Mico.

Higgsie later returned to North Caicos where he taught at the North Caicos Junior High School for three years. During this period he made friends with many of his students and was admired for his avant-garde style of teaching; many of his students and peers became life-long friends. Having established a reputation as a renowned educator in the islands, he was awarded another scholarship to the University of the West Indies to earn his Bachelor's degree. In 1981, not to long after, his job transferred him to teach at the Pearson High School (now MBHS) in South Caicos. Higgsie also pursued a diploma course in youth work at the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP) in Guyana.



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Later on that year he was chosen to represent the Turks and Caicos in London, England at the Queen's Silver Jubilee, an experience he treasured for the rest of his life. It was during this experience that his desire to become a true academic became apparent.

Higgsie's passion and quest to make a contribution to the Turks and Caicos became well-known nationwide. In 1981 Higgsie left to pursue a new career in development finance with the Turks and Caicos Development Board. During this period, he secured a scholarship to pursue his Master's Degree in Finance at Birmingham University in England. Following successful completion of this course, Higgsie returned to the islands and became Permanent Secretary of Finance.

Love came calling soon after, and Higgsie married Colleen Anderson of Jamaica, the mother of his daughter Tamra-Lee Higgs. Colleen moved to the Turks and Caicos to teach at the Turks and Caicos High School, while Higgsie continued to pursue his career. However, a few years later, disillusioned at the slow pace of change in the TCI, Higgsie and family left for greener pastures in Atlanta, Georgia where he secured employment with the Georgia State Department of Agriculture as a trade specialist.

As fate would have it, the recession of 1990 saw closures and cutbacks in state employment and Conrad was laid off. At that point he made up his mind to return home, but he felt, that in order to make a more significant contribution than he had before, he would pursue a law degree. He left Atlanta for the United Kingdom, where he studied at the University of Huddersfield and completed a three-

year programme in a two-year period, and in 1994 he graduated with his LLB Honors and became a Barrister of Law in England, Wales and in the Turks and Caicos. While studying for the Bar, the Higgs Family was struck with a loss when their mother Shirley Higgs passed away. Higgsie, as did everyone else, took this hard, but he pressed on. Higgsie was called to the Bar on January 24th, 1996 and remained an active member of the Turks and Caicos Bar Association. Higgsie was pursuing his Master's Degree in Law up to the time of his passing.

Graduating from the University of Huddersfield in 1994, Higgsie opted to re-join the Turks and Caicos Government and pursued employment with TCInvest as Inward Investment Manager in Grand Turk; a position he performed in an exemplary fashion.

When the tenure of the then CEO ended, Conrad acted as CEO, he was later confirmed to that post. Higgsie held this distinguished position until he retired in 2012. ***It is worth noting that, during his tenure as the CEO of TCInvest, some of the greatest economic growth and development in the Turks and Caicos took place.*** Conrad was often heard saying that his years at TCInvest were some of his most enjoyable and memorable years due to the team with which he worked. Last year Higgsie was made Notary Public and Justice of the Peace and was looking forward to serving the communities of North and Middle Caicos.

Despite being a very busy man, Higgsie found a way to balance his time well between work, travel and family. Indeed a family man, Higgsie would often travel to North Caicos where he would spend time and share jokes with his nieces and nephews, whom he

loved.

In 1998 grief struck the family again when his father Aliston Higgs passed away. This was no doubt difficult for the Higgs siblings, but Higgsie being the eldest accepted a leadership role and undoubtedly became the face and voice of his branch of the Higgs family. He was very kind to his brothers and sisters, always providing good counsel and did everything he could to ensure their needs were met.

Apart from being family oriented, Higgsie was also a community and country man. He loved this country. More specifically, he loved North Caicos. He would always speak of North Caicos food and fishing; the highlight of his "*boyhood days*" was catching a jack the length of his body (big so) which was also, the first time he feed the whole family. Recalling this great feat, in his signature dry sense of humor, Higgsie would always say, ***Rocky! "You remember that time I catch that jack?"*** We know that story backwards, by now.

Conrad was born and raised in a Christian home and these values and brotherly love were instilled in him at an early age. Throughout his life he acknowledged God as his Saviour and his faith in God was unquestionable. While at school he attended the Wesleyan Methodist Church and as an adult he was confirmed into the membership of the Caribbean and The Americas; Conrad was dedicated to his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

After his retirement Higgsie moved to North Caicos where he resided until his death. His final years brought him the contentment he longed for, he spent his time reconnecting with his family and friend, relaxing in his beloved Bottle Creek ■



MAY HIS SOUL
REST IN PEACE



LEFT TO CHERISH HIS PRECIOUS MEMORIES ARE:



CHILDREN: Vaughn and Tamra-Lee Higgs

GRANDCHILDREN: Lea Higgs, Reyshaan Walker, Coutney Nicole Higgs

BROTHERS: Rocky, Paul, Ralph, Nathaniel, Quinton and Oehlers Higgs

SISTERS: Lucille Higgs and Roberta Outten

NEPHEWS: Giovanni, Jerome, Leonard, Oehleo, Alonzo, Hussien, Quinn, Kennon,
Lucas, Jordan, Noah and Ethan Higgs, Joel Leitch and Ashley, Joel Leitch
Terrell and Kelsey Handfield,

NIECES: Roxandra, Jennifer, Pandera, Jacquovia and Lauren Higgs, and Carla, Sophia, Tanya and
Erica Handfield

GRAND-NEPHEWS: Kiume Malcolm

GRAND-NIECES: Devanna Higgs, Samia and Samisha Lightbourne

SISTER-IN-LAWS: Dianne, Alison, Pansy and Gloria Higgs

UNCLES: Alvin, Ralph and Daniel Williams, Hartwell and Earle Higgs

AUNTS: Agatha Jones, Delia Delancy, Elena Patrick, Chellis Ferguson, Mythis Gardiner, Miriam,
Tyler and Gwendolyn (Flexie) Williams, Patrice Williams, Victoria Williams, Elleemay Higgs

GRAND-AUNTS: Roselyn Handfield, Carrie Smith, Venice Stubbs, Gretel Grant, Thelma and Mottis Williams

GRAND-UNCLES: Rufus, Stanley, Charles and Kenneth Williams

2nd MOTHER: Olive Dorsette

GOD CHILDREN: Darry Handfield and Abner Phillipe Jr.

1st COUSINS : Faith Smith, Maxine Brooks, Frank, Stanley, Harewood and Sean Smith, Debby Mills, Joy
Smith, Andrew and Dalton Jones, Hyacinth Fulford, Kay Moss, Gwendolyn La Borde,
Glenda Fraser, Patrick Grant, Sharlene Richards, Raymond, Randy, Voinel, Ian, Samson,
and Piedo Williams, Momma Leena, Fiona Dean, Darron, Saintclair, Paulette, Jermaine,
Owen, Stevie, Phillipa and Angela Higgs, Shawn Williams, Roschelle Scavella, Debbie
Gilbert, Joshua, Daniel, and Sophia Williams, Eric and Danny Delancy, Ian and Ralph Patrick,
Oliver, Charish, and Charvis Ferguson, Bam Williams, Brent and Carl Higgs

**EXTENDED FAMILY &
CLOSE FRIENDS** The Williams, Higgs, Gardiner, Smith, Handfield and especially Willard and
Carrie Smith, Eddie and Dianne Smith, Myrtle Mills, Evelyn Wayne,

INCLUDING: Yanina Guzman, Rosella and Leanne Higgs, Daphne Clayton, Aisha Sealy,
Norman Forbes, Gilmore "Gilley" Williams, Clayton Been, Clayton Green,
Sam Swann, Lovey & Jandorlyn Forbes, Oswald Simons, Alpheus Gardiner,
Kathleen Gabriel, Paul Cox, Monty and Gary Lighbourne, Astwood Forbes,
Hartley Coalbrooke, Kingsley Been, Royal Robinson, Keith Malcolm, Bruce
Jennings, Alonzo Melephant, Jason Francis, Sandra Garland, Blythe Clare,
Dale and Clement Pierrgiovanni, Washington Missick, Fairbell Harvey, David & Elaine
Kennedy, Jim Head, Hycinth Been, Michael Pierrera, Maxwell Handfield and Family,
Mac Campbell, Fleco Handfield, Wainwright Missick, Whitney Bain, Berley Williams,
Albert and Louise Williams, Sylvan Green, Hopeton Henry, Cleveland and Kenrick
Wayne, Jude St. Ville, Lynden Gardiner, Sherman Clarke, Winston Gardiner, Nurse
Arokim and Nurse Munroe, the McIntosh Family and the entire community of Bottle
Creek



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MUSICAL PRELUDE.....Brentford Handfield
PROCESSIONALThe Family
OPENING SENTENCES..... Pastor Eddie Smith (*Cousin*)
INVOCATION..... Rev. Samuel Goldstone Williams (*Cousin*)
OPENING HYMN “Oh Beulah Land”

I've reached the land of corn and wine,
And all its riches freely mine;
Here shines undimmed one blissful day,
For all my night has passed away.

A sweet perfume upon the breeze,
Is borne from ever vernal trees,
And flow'rs that never fading grow
Where streams of life forever flow.

O Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land,
As on thy highest mount I stand,
I look away across the sea,
Where mansions are prepared for me,
And view the shining glory shore,
My heav'n, my home forevermore!

My Savior comes and walks with me,
And sweet communion here have we;
He gently leads me by His hand,
For this is Heaven's borderland.

The zephyrs seem to float to me,
Sweet sounds of Heaven's melody,
As angels with the white-robed throng
Join in the sweet redemption song.

OLD TESTAMENT READING.....Ecclesiastes 3..... Valeda Gardiner (*Cousin*)
CONDOLENCESClergymen
The Governor's Office
Member of Government
Member of the Opposition

SELECTION..... Wesleyan Methodist Church Choir
HOMAGE..... Alonzo Higgs (*Nephew*)
TRIBUTE..... Turks and Caicos Bar Association
SOLOJacquovia Higgs (*Niece*)

OBITUARY.....Dianne Higgs (*Sister-In-Law*)
 SELECTION.....Lighthouse Church
 TRIBUTE.....Nathaniel & Quinton Higgs (Brothers)
 SELECTION.....Former Students (*North Caicos Jr. High School*)
 NEW TESTAMENT READING.....1 Corinthians 13.....Daniel Williams (*Uncle*)
 SOLO.....Jermel Williams (*Cousin*)
 AS I KNEW HIM.....Samuel Handfield (*Cousin*)
 CONGREGATIONAL HYMN.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not,
 As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest,
 Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
 Join with all nature in manifold witness
 To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy Faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
 Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
 Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
 Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
 Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

EULOGY.....Pastor Willard Smith
 PRAYER OF COMFORT.....Rev. Julia Williams
 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.....A & S Funeral Services
 CLOSING HYMN.....“God Be With You”

God be with you till we meet again;
 by his counsels guide, uphold you,
 with his sheep securely fold you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
 when life's perils thick confound you,
 put his arms unfailing round you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet, till we meet,
 till we meet at Jesus' feet;
 till we meet, till we meet,
 God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
 neath his wings securely hide you,
 daily manna still provide you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
 keep love's banner floating o'er you,
 smite death's threatening wave before you;
 God be with you till we meet again.

BENEDICTION.....Bishop Arthur Gardiner

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SCRIPTURE READING Pastor Willard Smith

FINAL WORD Pastor Willard Smith

COMMITTAL Pastor Willard Smith

“IT IS FINISHED”

There's a line that is drawn through the ages
On that line stands an old rugged cross
On that cross, a battle is raging
To gain a man's soul or it's loss

It is finished, the battle is over
It is finished, there'll be no more war
It is finished, the end of the conflict
It is finished and Jesus is Lord

On one side, march the forces of evil
All the demons, all the devils of hell
On the other, the angels of glory
And they meet on Golgotha's hill

The earth shakes with the force of the conflict
And the sun refuses to shine
For there hangs God's son, in the balance
And then through the darkness he cries

Yet in my heart, the battle was still raging
Not all prisoners of war had come home
These were battlefields of my own making
I didn't know that the war had been won

Oh, but then I heard the king of the ages
Had fought all the battles for me
And that victory was mine for the claiming
And now praise his name, I am free.

“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 pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

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.

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

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FOR MY BIG BROTHER

You showed me a lot of things,
I learned a lot I didn't know,
But you forgot to teach me one last thing
How to let you go.
I know you didn't mean to leave me
Sometimes we have no choice,
I miss being your little sister,
Hearing my name called by your voice,
Roberta, "when are you going to make some soup?"
I cried all day to today, because we had soup
Conrad, you were unable to join our group.
I wish I got to say "I Love You"
Before you were giving to the sky,
If God could grant me one last wish
I'd ask to "Goodbye"
You always meant a lot to me,
I could never love you less,
I Know It's True When They Say
"HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST"

R.I.P

Your Loving Sister Roberta

A MILLION TIMES

A million times we've needed you,
A million times we've cried.
If love alone could have saved you,
You never would have died.
If all the world was ours to give,
We would give it yes, and more,
To see you coming up the steps,
And walking through the door.
To hear your voice and see your smile,
To sit and talk a while,
To be with you that same old way,
Would be our fondest day.
A heart of gold stopped beating,
Two smiling eyes closed to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

From: Neices & Nephews

STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

If tears could build a stairway,
and memories a lane.
I would walk right up to Heaven
and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say "Goodbye".
You were gone before I knew it,
and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness,
and secret tears still flow.
What it meant to love you -
No one can ever know.

But now I know you want me
to mourn for you no more;
To remember all the happy times
life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten,
I pledge to you today
A hollowed place within my heart
is where you'll always stay.

Your Children:
Tami & Vaughn

YOU GAVE ME A BROTHER

You gave me a brother
you taught me to dream
you gave me a brother
you made us a team

You gave me a brother
you taught me to smile
you gave me a brother
for such a short while

You gave me a brother
you taught me to treasure
you gave me a brother
whose love you couldn't measure

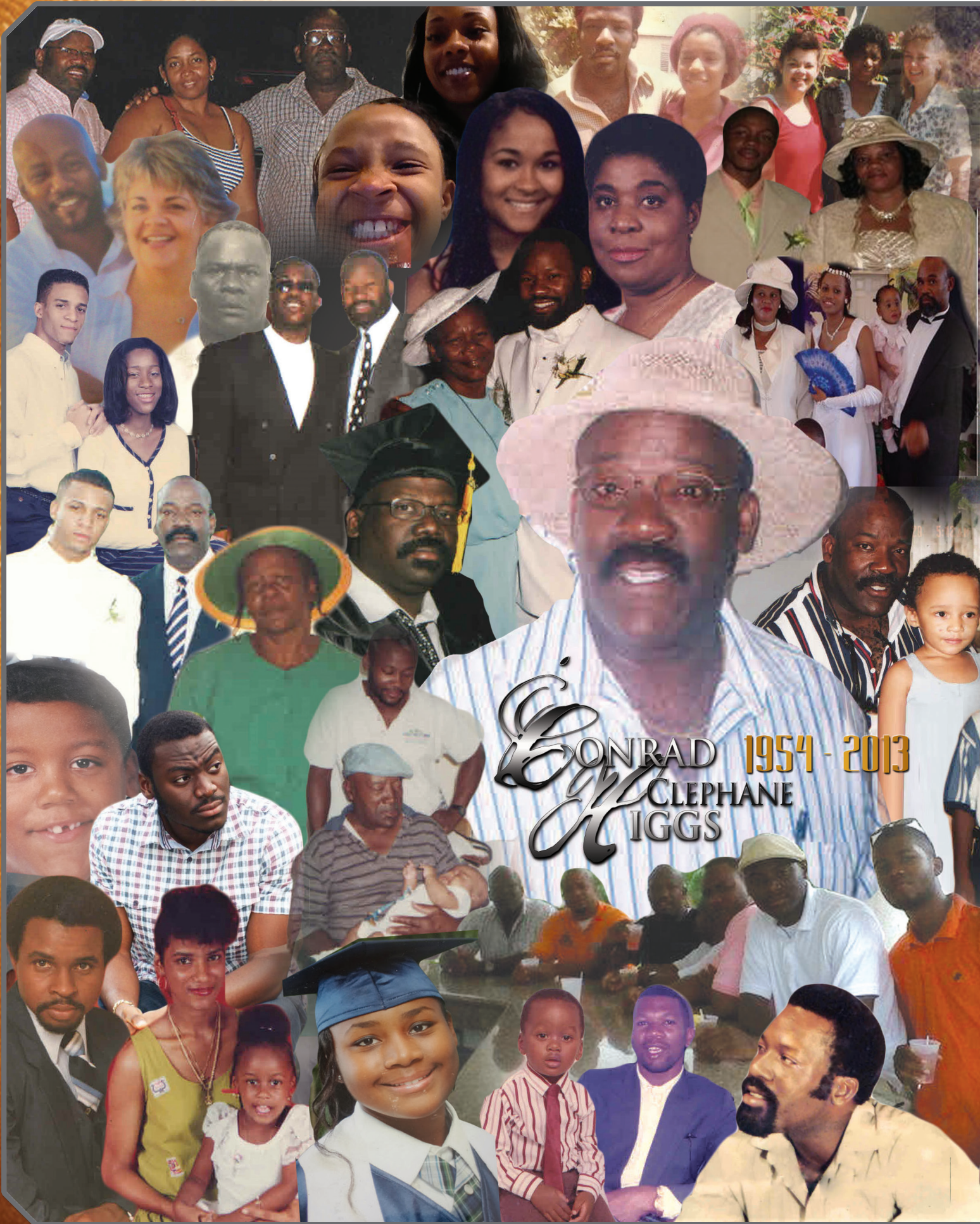
You gave me a brother
you taught friendship to grow
you gave me a brother
whose fate I couldn't know

You gave me a brother
you taught me to love
you gave me a brother
who is now up above

You gave me a brother
you gave me hope
he took my brother
teach me to cope

From: Your Brothers





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DANIEL WILLIAMS	VOLARIE MONACE	MATHELY BELONY
JERMAINE HIGGS	SAM SWANN	MONTY LIGHTBOURNE

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To Darren Pinder, Darvel Handfield, Dedrick Handfield, Brother & Sister Willard Smith and Family, Brother & Sister Eddie Smith and Family, Pastor Harris, George "Mason" Seymour, the nurses at North Caicos Clinic, North Caicos Police, we say thank you, we are grateful for your efforts and pray God's blessings upon you .

We ask that you keep us in your thoughts and prayers
as we continue the healing process.
May God bless and keep each of you in his perfect peace.

~ The Family~

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