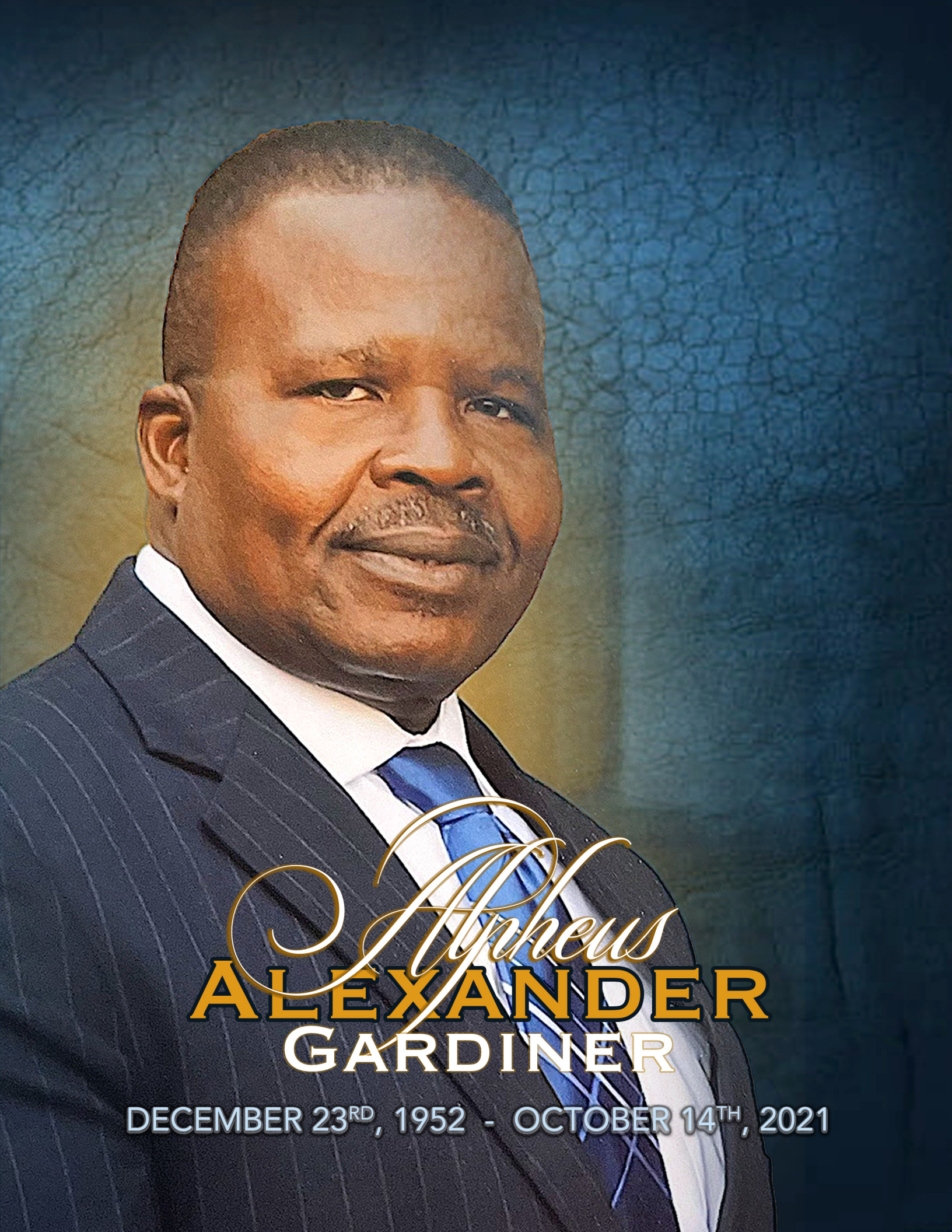
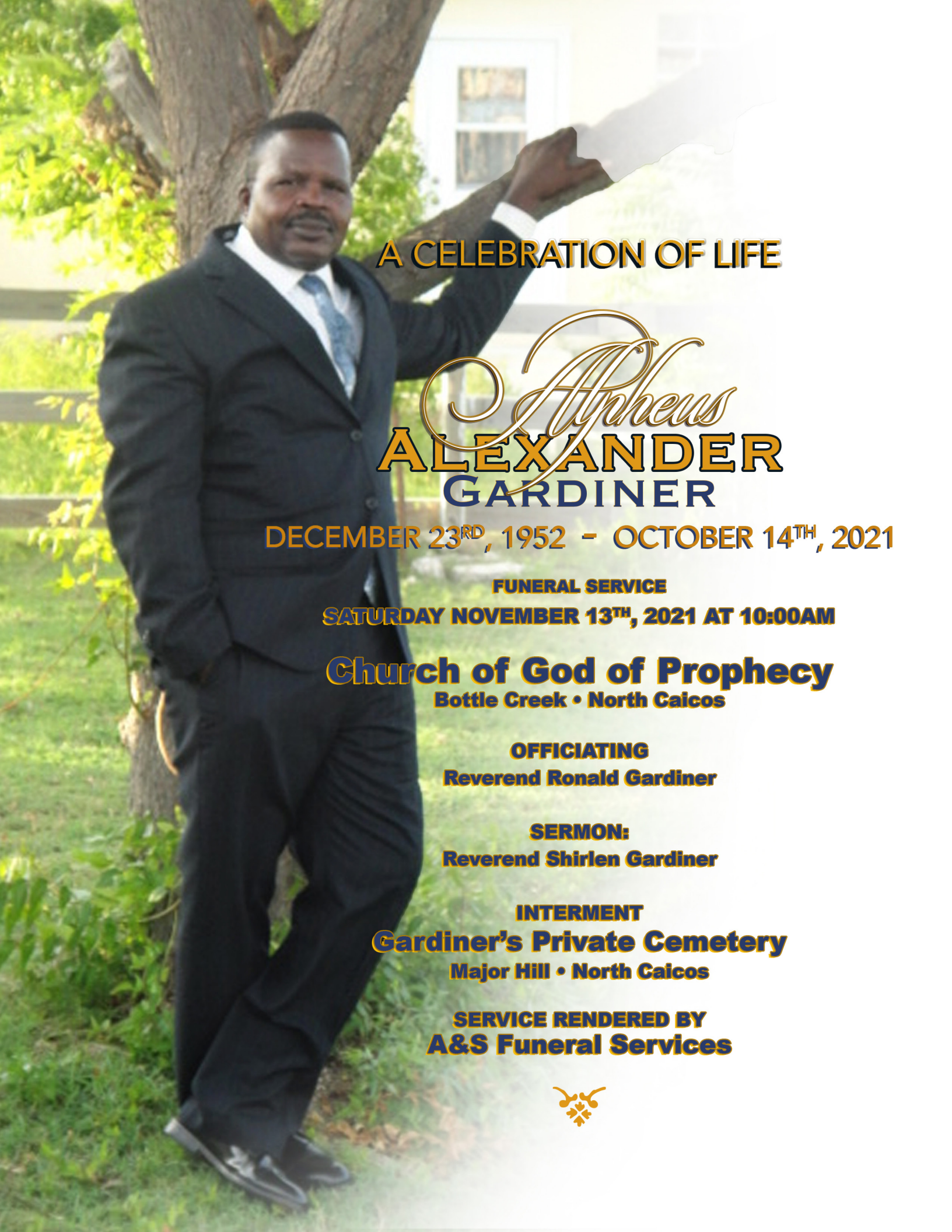




Stephen
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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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SERMON:

Reverend Shirlen Gardiner

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THE LEGACY OF A GOOD MAN

1952 ALPHEUS ALEXANDER GARDINER 2021

A CHILD CREATED BY GOD FOR HIS PURPOSE

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. [Genesis 1:27] Alpheus Alexander Gardiner was born to parents Obed Nathaniel and Jane Rebecca Gardiner, in the settlement of Bottle Creek, North Caicos on December 23rd 1952. Elly, or Joe, as he was affectionately called by family and friends, was named in honor of a maternal uncle who lost his life at sea during a storm. Being born one of the biggest babies in the community at that time, and having nearly lost his life as a toddler due to complications with the teething process, it was clear to many that he was a special child, and that God would use his life, his gifts and abilities to be a blessing to others. To prepare him for life's journey, God saw it fit to have him nurtured by a loving family that thrived on strong Christian faith and values, discipline and hard work. It was the foundation for honing many of the qualities that he was most admired for - individualistic, determined, pioneering, bold, athletic, independent, caring, fair, strong defender, self-confident, action oriented, a natural leader, principled, strong-willed, positive, enterprising and brave.

AN INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

As a child, Alpheus attended the Bottle Creek Primary School. He performed well at primary school and was among the few students who were given the opportunity to travel to Grand Turk to attend High School there. While he valued his high school education and the many lifelong friends he developed, he sometimes spoke of the many challenges he experienced which almost led to him discontinuing, but for the pleading of his mother, whom he loved dearly. After completing high school, like several men of his day from North Caicos; the late Conrad Higgs, the late Rhynnie Williams and the late Pete Cox, he was drawn to the very noble teaching profession. He became a pupil teacher at the Bottle Creek Primary School for one year before leaving home to pursue studies at The Mico Teacher's College in Jamaica, and became a trained teacher.

Education was dear to Alpheus' heart. He loved children and children loved, admired and respected him. He was loved because he spent quality time with them, played with them, taught them in ways that were appealing to them and boosted their confidence in a way that very few persons could. His impact in the field of education was not only felt in the Turks and Caicos Islands but also further afield, so much so that within the last decade of his life several of the students he taught during teaching practice in Jamaica, proactively sought and re-established contact with him. It was his desire to take a family trip to reconnect with them in person after the pandemic, but that was not to be.

A SERVANT LEADER

Some leaders are made, others are born. Alpheus was a born leader. Only two years after returning from Teacher's College he was catapulted into leadership as the Principal of the Bottle Creek Primary School. He served as Principal for two years before moving on to serve as the Director of Sports for 10 years, Permanent Secretary for 13 years in various Ministries ranging from Health and Social Security, Police and Prisons, Disaster Response and Management, Works and Utilities, Communications, Tourism, Transport, Immigration, Labour, Civil Aviation, Maritime Administration, Development, Investment and Tourism. His final assignment as a full time employed public servant, was that of Establishment Secretary in the then Chief Secretary's Office headed by Hon. Cynthia Astwood, which lasted for two years.

The public service provided an opportunity for Alpheus to serve on many boards either as a member, a director or a coordinator. These included the Education Advisory Board, the Tourist Board, the Turks and Caicos Investment Agency, the National Insurance Board, the Business Licensing Appeal Tribunal, the National Airport Development Committee, the Health Visioning Exercise of 2002, the Solid Waste Management Study of 1998 and the redevelopment and commissioning of the JAGS McCartney International Airport. He also represented the Turks and Caicos Islands at many high level forums including: CARICOM Heads of Government and Ministers' Conferences, the British Overseas Territory Meetings in the United Kingdom, and the Overseas Countries and Territories Association meeting in Brussels.

Even after retiring, Alpheus continued to serve the Turks and Caicos Islands in various capacities, ending with his membership as a member of the Public Service Commission, a position he held until August of this year. He also continued his role as a pillar of resource, strength and service in the community of North Caicos as a Presiding Justice and member of the District Board which ended upon his passing.

Thus, 35 plus years of distinguished service and leadership afforded him the opportunity to leave an indelible mark in several areas of TCI society. Through it, he also travelled to many countries near and far, and forged many lasting, genuine and enduring relationships. He would often speak fondly of his primary school students, his boys scout troops, his table tennis players, his athletes, his office staff, his operational and technical staff,

his Permanent Secretary colleagues, and some of the leaders to whom he reported and respected. He also spoke of the world leaders he would have met, as well as technocrats whose expertise he benefited from, in a variety of fields.

A FAMILY MAN

“Being a family means you are a part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life.” –Lisa Weed. In Alpheus’ case, he was loved his whole life. As he grew, quite naturally, Nat being the closest to him in age, was also one of his very best friends, and Marie, being the eldest sister, assumed both a sister and motherly role in his life, from birth until his passing. The nieces and nephews who lived in the same community as he did, benefited from his playful side, his unique way of telling stories, as well as his regular guidance. One of them admired him so much as a child, she declared that she was going to marry him and live in Sheep’s Pen–Nyoshi. Some became his adopted children – Tony, Dorothy and Sophia, while others became his beck and call and very strict nurse when his immediate family was not around – Chrissey and Bonnie. He was thankful for the opportunity to establish adult relationships with all of his nieces and nephews and he cherished hearing them shout “uncle Elly” and stopping for moments of brief chats as he went along conducting business in Provo and North Caicos. He was proud of all of their academic achievements, the businesses they established, the skills they developed and mastered, and for simply being good people, responsible individuals and contributing citizens.

Alpheus was one of the most eligible bachelor of his day. In addition to being tall, dark, handsome, smart, and hardworking, he was very caring, and so he would have made any woman who was lucky enough to win his heart, a devoted and committed lifetime partner. After several years of friendship and partnership, at the age thirty-five, he asked Clara, his love, to share the rest of his life’s journey with him. On their 33rd anniversary, he thanked her for being who she promised to be to him. Throughout their 33 years of union, they supported each other in trials and in faith, in sickness and in health, in raising a family and in doing business, and in being the best versions of themselves, for themselves and for each other.

The small family unit he established along with his wife Clara, was his happy place. Every day was not a perfect day but with her help, he provided the love, security, protection and resources needed to create the life they both aspired to have. His pride and joy were his daughters Tisume, affectionately called Kameel, and Dominique, his baby girl. He was the best father to them, giving sound advice and guidance, correcting them when necessary, standing beside them in challenging situations, investing and supporting them in their educational and personal development pursuits....he was there for them every step of the way.

He loved the Sunday afternoon rides, remodeling projects, Christmas and graduation dinners, family trips and cruises, attending church from time to time, receiving messages from his grandchildren almost daily, sharing old time stories with them and gifting them for excellent academic achievements. He adored them. He also enjoyed spending time with in laws in the United States, especially his father-in-law Dewey who predeceased him earlier this year. Their affection was so strong for each other that his father-in-law called him by no other name, other than “My Son.” Alpheus was a family man in every way, and he was a man well loved.

A BUSINESS MAN

Being the independent and hard working person that he was, Alpheus always knew that if he wanted to provide a more financially secure future for himself and his family, his Earning as a public servant alone would not have provided that. After moving to Grand Turk in the early 80’s, he started his entrepreneurial journey by building an apartment complex which he later converted to a family dwelling home after marriage. His next business venture was the fulfilment of a longstanding dream to own and operate a restaurant. He constructed the Aquatic Restaurant long before retiring from the public service, but only fully operated it after leaving. Never lazy, it would serve as an establishment that would keep him fully occupied, provide an outlet to socialize in a controlled environment, as well as provide a means to supplement his pension during the later phase of his life. It was a business that kept him busier than he expected and costlier to operate, given the challenges of getting supplies on the island at a reasonable price. Nonetheless, it is a business that he took pride in, and he was happy to see the incremental progress it made over the years.

A FRIEND TO MANY

The Mariam Webster dictionary identified the essential characteristics of a friend as being someone who helps or supports someone or something when able, a trusted individual, and someone you like and enjoy being with. Alpheus was a friend and a trusted confidant to many. This coupled with the unique gift he possessed for being able to influence persons in a positive way, made him the primary source of inspiration and advice for many, be it a family and other relationship matter, a legal matter, or the consequences of making poor choices. Many would also turn to him for clarity on government laws, policies and procedures in layman’s terms, but moreover to obtain insights on his personal views about current events. This was not restricted to local issues, but expanded to regional and international geopolitical affairs as well. That is who he was. Although of a quiet disposition he was witty, articulate and very knowledgeable making most conversations with him both meaningful and captivating. This sometimes meant that his family would often have to wait very long hours for him to return from an errand that should only have taken him 10 to 15 minutes, for he seldom missed an opportunity to enlighten, motivate or offer encouraging words. to boost one’s confidence



to carry on. It did not matter if the person was a victim or the accused, he believed that everyone has worth and each new day is an opportunity to be better than the day before.

Those who knew Alpheus well, and those who did not know him well, knew that he was a no nonsense person. He disliked pretense and manipulative behaviors. It did not matter who the person was, if the situation affected him or those he loved personally, he never had to repeat himself for one to understand that he rejected what was being said or done. He would make it abundantly clear that the perceived ill intended motives behind an issue, was viewed in poor taste. Nevertheless, he did not have a vengeful heart, for as a believer, he left many things to God and he often saw Him work things out on his behalf, in His own time, and in His own way. As a family, we have the assurance that this will be the case in the circumstances surrounding his death, as it was during his life.

Alpheus has left a monumental legacy. The pages of this booklet are insufficient to tell his complete life story, nor can the words we say, fully convey the love we will forever have for him. He had a rich and rewarding life, he has fulfilled his life's purpose and now his journey has come to an end.

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Left to cherish his memories are;

WIFE: Clara

DAUGHTERS: Tissume "Kameel" and Dominique

MOTHER-IN-LAW: Mayolene

SON-IN-LAW: Berkley

GRANDSON: Brandon

GRANDDAUGHTERS: Tishana and Brianna

ADOPTED CHILDREN: Dorothy, Tony, Sophia, Judith Robinson and Hector Sanchez

BROTHERS: Oneil, Obed "Nat", Hosea, McAllen, Nelson

SISTERS: Marie, Ruth, Carolyn and Madgelyn

BROTHER IN LAWS: Kenneth, Malachi, Luther, Sherman, Anthony, Robert and Alvin

SISTER-IN-LAWS: Cassandra, Iona, Rosenthal, Violet, Annie, Marjorie, Joylyn, Sherry, Alma, Shantel and Melissa

AUNTS: Catherine and Delia

NEPHEWS AND NIECES: Don, Dwayne(Noreen), Brandon (Tremeka), Shawn (Karen), Delano, Ronald (Monique), Arthur Jr. "Bobby", Andrew (Jenay), Shirlen(Mila), Ricardo, Dario (Clinterah) Selvin, Shanwell (Vanessa), Stellon (Valeda), Omard, Oliver, Omel, Leroy, Dwight, Darren, McAllen, Travis, Rowan (Shantha), Jerwon, Kenlee, Newman (Ismae), L'Mont, Luther Missick II "Luke", (Shatonna), Salvasando "Sal" (Janessa), Robert Jr. "JR", Rashard, Randy, Ryan, Jahrome, Carlton "CJ", Alvin "TJ", Sherman Jr. "Jay" and Tory.

NIECES AND NEPHEWS: Kelcine, Karen, Darnell, Kendra (Darren), Sophia (Clayton), Brikell, Deanna, Florinda, Leasa, Joanna(Drexwell), Ruth (Keno), Violet "Vicky", Britney, Sussana (Kenneth), Patricia, Charmaine, Dorothy (Donavon), Bernestine(Edward), Chrischelle (Andrew) Nyoshe(Sean), Straudia, Shaudley, Lara, Oshana, Ladonna, Deandra, Donnette, Shadika, Judith, Candace, Karen, Beryl (Godwin) Michelle, Jahzmin (King), Aaliyah, Shaquina, Victoria, Merissa, Amari and Antrell.

SPECIAL FRIENDS: Hon. Robert Hall, Hon. Cynthia and Dr. Leopold Astwood, Hon. Rhondalee and Gary Knowles, Hon. Ralph Higgs, Hon. Oswald Skippings, Hon. Emily Saunders, Hymeanus Missick, Holton and Jane Williams, Delton and Cherlyann Jones, Geraldine and Winston Adams, Denise Saunders, Desmond Wilson, Derek and Shonia Been, Rev. Julia and Dennis Williams, Gairy and Monty Lightbourne, Dr. Hubert and Beatrice Fulford, Eugene and Vivian Outonye, Keith and Claudette Malcolm, Perry Sinclair Missick, Crista Adams, Mrs. Lillian Misick, Nurse Sylvia Melhado, Nurse Mary Forbes, Lynn Missick-James, Nathaniel Smith "Tanny", Warren Williams, Heartly Coalbrooke, Joseph Swann, Terry Smith, Alfred Smith, Pastor Frederick Braithwaite, Sacha Wellington, Franck Mauricet, Jocelyn, the Missicks, Gardiners, Handfields, Williams, Forbes, Halls, Jones, Greens, Swann and Smith families, and a host of special family members and dear friends that are too numerous to mention.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP The Baptist Union Praise Team

PROCESSIONAL

OPENING REMARKS Reverend Ronald Gardiner [Nephew]

OPENING HYMN “All the Way, My Saviour Leads Me”

All the way my Savior leads me—
What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?
Heav’nly peace, divinest comfort,
Here by faith in Him to dwell!
For I know, whate’er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well;
For I know, whate’er befall me,
Jesus doeth all things well.

All the way my Savior leads me—
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for ev’ry trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the rock before me,
Lo! a spring of joy I see;
Gushing from the rock before me,
Lo! A spring of joy I see.

All the way my Savior leads me—
Oh, the fullness of His love!
Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father’s house above.
When my spirit, clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day,
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way;
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY Rev. Kevin Myers

TRIBUTE IN SONG Brianna Williams [Grand-Daughter]
and Meghan Gardiner [Niece]

CONDOLENCES ON BEHALF OF CLERGY Rev. Evan Williams

1ST SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:31-39..... Clayton Thomas Jr. [Nephew]
and Tishana Williams [Grand-Daughter]

TRIBUTE IN SONG Nieces and Nephews

CONDOLENCES Government Officials
Hon. Akierra Missick - Acting Premier
H.E. Anya Williams - Deputy Governor
Hon. Arlington Musgrove - MP, North and Middle Caicos
and Minister for Immigration and Border Services
Hon. Edwin Astwood - Leader of the Opposition

TRIBUTE IN SONG FOR THE FAMILY Robyn Hinds

REFLECTIONS. Hon. Cynthia Astwood [Former Chief Secretary and Family Friend]
Hon. Robert Hall [Friend]
Lyndon Gardiner [Former Student and Boys Scout Member]

MUSICAL Berkley Williams [Son-in-Law]

OBITUARY Sherry Dyer [Sister-in-Law]

2ND SCRIPTURE READING Eccl 9:10-12 & Ephesians 5:15-16.Ms. Denise Saunders
[Mentee and Family Friend]

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “City Of Gold”

There’s a city of light
Where there cometh no night
‘Tis a city of beauty untold;
All my treasures are there,
And its beauty I’ll share
When I get to that city of gold.

Chorus
When I leave all trouble and care,
I will say good morning up there;
I will have great gladness untold,
When I get to that city of gold.

There’s no sorrow up there,
In that city so fair
And no sickness can enter I’m told;
Shadows all will have flown,
I will meet friends I’ve known,
When we get to that city of gold.

Won’t you go there with me,
To the home of the free,
Would you see heaven’s beauty unfold?
If you will come along,
We will sing heaven’s song,
When we get to that city of gold.

SERMON. Reverend Shirlen Gardiner [Nephew]

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT A&S Funeral Services

BENEDICTION Reverend Ronald Gardiner

CLOSING HYMN “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

Chorus
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.



REVEREND RONALD GARDINER-PRESIDING

PRAYER

OPENING SONG "It's Alright Now"

There was a time I traveled
A lonely sinful road
Beneath a heavy burden bending low
But now all things are different
For Jesus took my load
It's alright now I'm His I know

A-down a lonely pathway
Without a friend to guide
I walked in sin and sorrow all alone
'Til Jesus came and found me
And drew me to His side
It's alright now for I'm His own

Chorus:
It's alright now
For I am in my Savior's care
It's alright now
My Savior hears and answers prayer
He'll walk beside me
'Til I climb the heav'nly stair
And ev'rything is alright now

No more in sin I wander
No more in darkness roam
The Lord has placed
My feet on higher ground
Each day new heights
I'm gaining my soul is nearing home
It's alright now I'm heaven bound

COMMITTAL Reverend Evan Williams

BENEDICTION

"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.

Let us then be true and faithful,
Trusting, serving every day;
Just one glimpse of Him in glory
Will the toils of life repay.

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 overspread the sky;
But when travelling days are over,
Not a shadow, not a sigh.

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.

"HEAVEN'S JUBILEE"

Some glad morning we shall see, Jesus in the air
Coming after you and me, joy is ours to share
What rejoicing there will be, when the saints shall rise
Headed for that jubilee, yonder in the skies

Chorus
Oh what singing, oh what shouting
On that happy morning when we all shall rise
Oh what glory, Hallelujah
When we meet our blessed Savior in the skies

Seems that now I almost see, all the sainted dead
Rising for that jubilee, that is just ahead
In the twinkling of an eye, changed with them to be
All the living saints to fly, to that jubilee.

When with all that heavenly host, we begin to sing
Singing in the Holy Ghost, how the heavens will ring
Millions there will join the song, with them we shall be
Praising Christ through ages long, heaven's jubilee.

"NO TEARS IN HEAVEN"

No tears in heaven no sorrows given
All will be glory in that land
There'll be no sadness all will be gladness
When we shall join that happy band.

Chorus:

No tears (in heaven bear) no tears (no tears up there)
Sorrow and pain will all have gone
No tears (in heaven bear) no tears (no tears up there)
No tears in heaven will be known.

Glory is waiting, waiting up yonder
Where we shall spend an endless day
There with our Savior we'll be forever
Where no more sorrow can dismay.

No tears (in heaven bear) no tears (no tears up there)
Sorrow and pain will all have gone
No tears (in heaven bear) no tears (no tears up there)
No tears in heaven will be known.

"I'LL FLY AWAY"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away (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 (I'll fly away).

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

"GLAD REUNION DAY"

There will be a happy meeting in heaven I know,
When we see the many loved ones we've known here below;
Gather on the blessed hilltops with hearts all aglow,
That will be a glad reunion day.

Chorus

Glad day, a wonderful day,
Glad day, a glorious day,
There with all the holy angels and loved ones to stay,
That will be a glad reunion day.

There within the holy city we'll sing and rejoice,
Praising Christ the blessed Savior with heart and with voice;
Tell Him how we came to love Him and make Him our choice,
That will be a glad reunion day.

When we live a million years in that wonderful place,
Basking in the love of Jesus, beholding His face,
It will seem but just a moment of praising His grace,
That will be a glad reunion day.





DO YOU TAKE THIS MAN?

I pen these words dear husband, in memory of the love and marriage that was uniquely and innately, our very own.

From the outset we sought God's guidance, established our terms, and depended on His divine leading to fulfill our hopes and our dreams. With Him as the head we charted each day, with a heart of thanksgiving, the will to succeed against all odds, and the daily choice to be there for each other come what may. This we did until that day.



I will forever remember what drew me to you; your wisdom, your ability to inspire, your storytelling, your wit, your ambitiousness and the ways you demonstrated love and care.

Above all, I cherished that safe and happy space that you created in your heart and your life for us to be, spiritually, authentically and affectionately, Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus and Clara Gardiner, or simply "Mr. and Mrs. G."



Your strong character, your maturity, the way you cared for your parents and all children, your acknowledgement of our creator, these things told me that you were a man among men, and you would always be there. There was no doubt that if we worked together, as we often did in tasks be they menial or grand, through great distance or near, our future, the future of our children and those who depend on us, would be in good hands.

And now that our hopes of growing old together will be no more, and as I live the rest of my life reflecting on memories through our decades of space and time together, clinging to the you in me and things that made us one, our love, the love we nurtured, will endure. It will endure beyond till death do us part.

I DO,
Lovingly, your wife.
CLARA

DEAR DADDY,

I never imagined I'd have to say goodbye this soon. I don't foresee the reality of you not being here becoming any less painful as time goes on.

You were well known for being a strong advocate for discipline but you still had a warm and jovial spirit. You kept everyone giggling and engaged any time we would gather together



making for some of the best memories that I'll always hold dear to my heart. With me being the only young child in the family for awhile, at times you became a child again for me, from allowing me to force berets on your hair to going on rollercoasters with me on our family vacations.

I observed you persevere through life's challenges and always remain a source of wisdom, compassion and stability to our family. Whenever I would be at a cross road you would thoroughly consider each path with me and send me on my way with encouraging words to courageously take the next step. I also appreciate that you gave me space to learn some lessons on my own without judgement, with an understanding that experience is the best teacher. Pressing on without you is daunting to say the least. Since you have been gone 'What would daddy say, think or do' has been the constant theme of my thoughts.

At every stage of my life you were present and active no matter how busy life got. You would travel any distance to support me through a milestone. You believed in me through my phases of poor judgement and failures. Your belief in me will forever motivate me to be confident even when I am feeling lost.

Because of your constant sacrifice to build and provide a good life for us, I took so much pride and pleasure in being able to assist you or bring joy to you in any way. To be your daughter is an absolute blessing and a privilege that I do not take lightly. Even though you are gone I still find comfort in your love that I know will never depart from me.

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN DADDY.

Love eternally.

DOMINIQUE



A TRIBUTE TO DADDY

This blow is hard and the shock of you passing severe. This seems so unreal. You have always been the center of my world. Over the years, you have been mother, father, counselor and friend. You were my superhero from the time I can remember. You were firm but loving, you were vocal yet compassionate. You accomplished much yet you remained humble. You gave your all in everything that you did and encouraged me to do the same. You were a giant of a man with a heart of gold. You have left an indelible mark in the lives of so many. You taught me to always stand tall, to be resilient and to remain focused. Giving up was never an option. Your laughs, though few at times, were infectious. We will never forget the times that you kept us laughing until it hurt while you sat with a straight face and end with your favorite phrase “boy, that’s some stuff”

I love you with an unending love which time or circumstance can never change. You will forever be my hero and my greatest inspiration. I love you daddy.

Your loving daughter
TISSUME (KAMEEL)

TRIBUTE TO GRANDPA

Dear Grandpa
We were recently told,
some news that no one my age
should have to behold.

Some news that hurt us dearly
so much that we couldn't even think clearly
news that stated that you were taken away from us
by some people who obviously couldn't see
the amazing person that you were.
But now we'll try to make it clearer
so they can see the wonderful,
amazing grandpa you were to us.
You were the one who would
always be the best company.

The one who would always be there
no matter the place, it could be anywhere
you were always there to support,
no matter what we did, from playing a sport
to doing different things of all sort
your sweet sense of humor was the best.
Man! To have someone like you, we were really blessed.

You were like our backbone,
one who was very instrumental
in helping us to reach every milestone.
saying goodbye to you will be really hard
especially saying goodbye to your tremendous heart
the caring, awesome, diligent person you were.
Oh! It will be so difficult to see you depart.

But one thing that I'll always remember,
is the way you always encourage us
even when our greatness, we couldn't see
Goodbye Grandpa!
We want you to know, that you were
and will always be our hero.

YOUR LOVING GRANDS
TISHANA, BRIANNA & BRANDON




1952 - 2021

TRIBUTE

Your favourite word revealed your mentoring passion and hearts desire for humanity. Every contact with you we were sure to hear, “Do your best” or “You’re the best” or “All the best”. We love you brother, uncle, nephew, mentor and confidant because you gave us your best, but God loves you best. Continue to take your best sleep in peace.

**MARIE, AUNT CATHERINE,
SOPHIA, CLAYTON, BRIKELL, ANGELICA,
CONRAD JR, CLAYTON JR,
KRISTEN AND JEWEL**



TO ALPHEUS MY BROTHER

DEAR ELLY,



I never thought in my wildest imaginations that you were going to leave us. Our hearts were broken into uncountable pieces. However, I cherish the times we had in our younger years, and every moment that we spend together in your last years. It was a hard time hearing of your passing on 10/14, and I pray that the time over the years to come will get better. In the meantime, we will take refuge and seek strength and understanding in God almighty, the one who gives life and takes it away. The one who shelters us in the time of storm. The one who does all things well. Brother, my heart hurts and mourns for you. I will always love you and through God’s abundant love, mercy and grace, I’m looking forward to meeting you again. Sleep on my brother. Rest in peace

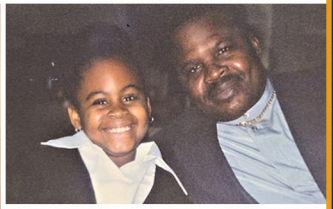
**YOUR SISTER
CAROLYN**



THE MEASURE OF A MAN

What is the measure of a man?
Is it strength?
Intelligence?
Or fearlessness?
The ability to lead others down the right path?
The ability to inspire the seed of greatness in those who need encouragement?
If the aforementioned are measuring tools,
Then many live life as men.
Do you wear your love for God like shining armor?
Is the love of God resting upon and guiding you?
No one can question your strength, intelligence or leadership.
There are plaques, and championships to prove the ability to lead.
Measuring sticks the world uses to define a man.
What can't be measured is the soul of a man.
A man's soul is the inward interpretation of his outer shell.
May your soul catch fire.
The flames of decency, honor and integrity burning bright.
Bright enough to light the way
For hundreds of young men in the dark.
Bright enough to bring honor
To a world forever changed by your presence.
Bright enough to heat the souls of younger men you leave behind.
The true measure of a man is the legacy he leaves.
Be you husband, father, brother or friend,
Leave your torch burning brightly,
And we will never allow the flame to die.
As we are all warmed by the fire of a true Man.

- Penned by Traquita Thomas









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May God bestow on each of you, His richest blessings.

THE FAMILY

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