Hedley O'Neal FORBES

28TH OCTOBER, 1932 - 3RD MAY, 2023

CELEBRATING
THE LIFE OF

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FUNERAL SERVICE:
SATURDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2023 AT 10 A.M.

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
WHEELAND · PROVIDENCIALES

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INTERMENT:
BAMBARRA, MIDDLE CAICOS CEMETERY

Headley O'Neal Forbes

HIS LIFE...HIS TIME

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven. A time to be born and a time to die". **Ecclesiastes 3: 1- 8**

A TIME TO BE BORN

In the quaint settlement of Bambarra, Middle Caicos a handsome, gray-eyed bouncing baby boy was born to the late Saunders & Anthia Forbes (Deceased). He was given the name Headley O'Neal Forbes. Headley was the fourth child and the second son. He was affectionately called "Bar-Headley" by his older and younger siblings and "Old Fow" by his friends.

A TIME TO LEARN

At the tender age of six years old, Headley started school, which he championed bare footed from East Bambarra road into the settlement of Lorimers daily under the tutelage of Peter Hall. After a short few years his parents found it fitting for him to attend the Bambarra All-Age School which was just a stone's throw away from his home. All his teachings were under the late Vera Hamilton until he left school at age fourteen.

A TIME TO LOVE

In 1954 Headley met and fell in love with the beautiful young Avis Fensina Johnson whom he loved dearly. They were married for 69 years and bless with ten children, 6 beautiful daughters and 4 handsome sons.

A TIME TO SERVE

At the age of 17 Headley accepted the Lord as his personal Saviour. He was baptized under the Reverend Riley of Jamaica. Headley loved the Lord and worshiped Him faithfully. He served as an Ordained Deacon at Bethlehem Baptist Church for over 40 plus years. Headley faithfully served his church and was committed to the work of the Lord. He served as the church organist, and the treasurer for the Middle Caicos Baptist Association for many years.

A TIME TO LIVE

Shortly after Headley left school, he began helping his father and mother in their farm, he had a "green thumb". As he got older, he then started to go to Long Cay Bank to catch fish and conch to make a little more money as he would sell them to the nearby settlements. He was very proud to be helping his parents. In 1952 Headley's quest for work and making a better way of life for him knocked at his door, he was given an opportunity to travel to The Bahamas better known as "Pineridge" to work in the pine yard, Headley was never afraid of hard work for he knew that hard work will always pay off in the end.

After Headley return from The Bahamas, he started to make his passion and gift of boat building a reality. Headley was the master craftsmen of boat building. He never drew his boats on paper because they were all sketched in his head. At the very young age of 27 he built his first boat and named it "Slipper".

His other prized boats that anchored in Bambarra shores were "The Lady K", "The East Sunrise" and "The Transportation".

Headley's love for sailing always led him to enter his sailboats in the Annual Regatta that took place in South Caicos as well as the MC Expo which were held in Bambarra. In all the races it would always be Headley's sailboat that would make its way in the seabreeze wind coming to the shoreline in first place, to win the race for EVERY TIME! He felt over joy and accomplishment for the sixty plus first place trophies he received. His mastery skills of boatbuilding was featured on international media for the Local Tourist Board that aired in the United States of

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America.

As a skilled carpenter Headley built and designed his home. Being the highly self-motivated young man he was, he realized that building and carpentry would build his finances to awaken some of his future dreams. So, in 1974 Headley was awarded the contract to build the Vera Hamilton Primary School which still stands today. A few years later in 1980 he upgraded Bethlehem Baptist Church, and shortly after in 1983 he completed the renovations for the Lorimers Primary School.

It was always Headley's dream to become an entrepreneur. With his hard work, determination, and help from God he was able to. He started a taxi and tour service company where he took tourists on sight seeing tours of Middle Caicos. The tourists especially enjoyed the tours to the historic caves in Conch Bar. Later, Headley saw a great need for a convenience store to be open in Bambarra and he did just that. He opened "H and A Convenience Store" which local residences were able to purchase various groceries and household items.

His desire to pursue new business adventures continued as he recognized the need for the people of Bambarra to have a fully operating and functioning gas station, so he opened and operated the first ever gas station which he named "East Sunrise Gas Station", which he fueled vehicles of Middle Caicos.

Later down, Headley ventured into residential and commercial real estate which marketed locally and internationally buyers.

As a businessman Headley excelled in every aspect of his many businesses and gain the utmost trust and respect throughout the Turks and Caicos Islands. He lived by his favorite phrase "The work I've done will speak for me".

In addition to being a workaholic, Headley had a great passion for music. He was skilled in playing the organ, keyboard, and guitar.

Headley was very proud to be a product of "The Big M". Many of the young men looked up to him as their role model, friend, monitor, father, and big brother. All the Bambarra boys truly loved and respected him, in February 2016 the "Bambarra Boys" honored him in a lovely Appreciation Service under the theme "Honoring The Man". These "Bambarra Boys" stayed true to the phrase "Give me my flowers while I am alive".

Headley was a giant of a man in life and humility. He loved his God, family, church and country. He always set the Lord before him in everything he did, his planning and his words of wisdom. He was a no nonsense man, what he say he meant it, every word whether you liked it or not. Still was he was loving, kind, helpful, honest, and dependable. Headley was a very strict father who brought up his children in the fair and Godly principles of the Bible.

Headley also had a way to make you laugh when he told his stories of old. When he opened his mouth, he spoke with wisdom, knowledge and truth. His presence alone lend a sense of respect, order and fairness.

A TIME TO DIE

In 2016 Headley had started to experience some health challenges. In 2019 he then relocated to Providenciales to seek further medical care from the doctors. From here on out Headley was in and out of the hospital but was in good spirits, for he was in his sound mind. After his last doctor's visit in April his health turned for the worse. The doctor's told his children to make him comfortable at home, as his days may become shorter as there was nothing else that could be done for his illness due to his age. Headley rested in his bed for the entire month of March until the time of his death. On May 3rd 2023, Headley O'Neal Forbes slip away quietly into eternity.

Headley had labored long on earth 90 full years living beyond three score and ten promised to us by God. Headley was blessed to be loved and admired by his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sister, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends and all of those who he came in contact with him.

Take your well-deserved rest. We will meet you on that great day just inside The Eastern Gate. Sleep in heavenly Peace Headley, We Love You but God Loves You Best!

Found memories will always be held in the hearts of all who loved him:

10 CHILDREN: Lynettie Forbes, Anthea Forbes, Ivisa Symonette, Brodie Forbes, Headley Forbes Jr, Jimmy Forbes, Kathlean Johnson, Ivyleen Forbes, Rachel Stuart and Lucky Forbes

1 SISTER: Murlene Forbes

1 SISTER-IN-LAW: Louise Johnson

4 BROTHERS-IN-LAW: Rodney Forbes Sr, O'Neal Gardiner, Lamuel Johnson and Herman Forbes

2 DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW: Norma Forbes and Mardibell Forbes

2 SONS-IN-LAW: Edwin Symonette and Kingward Johnson

2 ADOPTED SONS: Clifford and Melfred Hamilton

14 GRANDCHILDREN: Ramona, Tika, Kesha, Denley, Tristan, Britney, Steniqua, Simone, Jessica, Brieanna, Vankera, Raijsah, Jahson and Jaquan

23 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN: Avantre, Marco Jr, Margo, Dianni, Devaughn, Taniyah, Mario, Janhi, Tristan Jr, Trinaj, Jazariah, Reign, Taj, Credic III, Cylea, Denisha, Diamond, Aaron, Ruschae, Bryson I, Bryson II, Harry Jr, and Morgan

NIECES: Miriam, Mayola, Brenda, Eunice, Shandly, Barbara, Kathy, Sandra, Denise, Shemeka and Fiona

NEPHEWS: Leroy, John, Floyd, Rodney Jr, Nick, Terrance, Barry, Kendrick and Keith

COUSINS: Dorothy Hall, Myrtle Morris, Vella Stubbs, George Hall, Miriam Outten, Mary Dean, and Rita Woodside

GODCHILDREN: Gloria Higgs, Ezekiel Johnson and Mosses Gibson

SPECIAL FRIENDS: Albert Higgs, Yvette Handfield, Winston Gardiner, Dennis Been Sr, William "Bill" Clare, The Thomas Brothers of South Caicos, Vernon Forbes

A HOST OF OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS INCLUDING:
Reverend Derek Hamilton & Family, Former MP Robert Hall & Family, Honorable Ralph Higgs & Family, Franklyn Robinson & Family, Edward Hall & Family, Hilgrove Hall & Family, Cornelius Forbes & Family, Branford Hall & Family, Willet Smith & Family, Velina Smith & Family, Charles Hall & Family, Arthur Forbes & Family, Mayalice Forbes & Family, Earnest Forbes & Family, Pat Forbes & Family, Juliet Robinson & Family, Vivian Johnson & Family, Ulma Forbes & Family, Vincent Forbes & Family, Mack Forbes & Family, Mary Outten & Family, Samuel Hall & Family, O'Neal Gardiner & Family, Neat Taylor & Family, Arthur Johnson & Family, Walter Forbes & Family, Twiceson Forbes & Family, Hilton Forbes & Family, Paula Parker & Family, Florerita Gibbs & Family, Lila Forbes & Family, The entire community of Bambarra, Conch Bar, Lorimers and North Caicos, Bethlehem Baptist Church Family, The doctors, nurses and staff of Inter Health Canada Hospital Providenciales, A & S Funeral Services and many other relatives and friends too numerous to mention.

- ORDER OF SERVICE -

PROCESSION AND SEATING OF THE FAMILY . . . . . A&S Funeral Service

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Rev. Dr. Goldstone Williams

OPENING HYMN . . . . . "When My Life Works Is Ended"

When my life work is ended, and I cross the swelling tide,
When the bright end glorious morning shall see;
I shall know my redeemer when I reach the other side,
And His smile will be the first to welcome me.

Chorus:
I shall know Him, I shall know Him,
As redeem'd by His side I shall stand,
I shall know, I shall know Him,
By the print of the nails in His hand.

Oh the soul-thrilling rapture when I view His blessed face,
And the lustre of His kindly beaming eye;
How my full heart will praise Him for the mercy, love and grace,
That prepares me for a mansion in the sky.

Oh, the dear ones in glory, how they beckon me to come,
And our parting at the river I recall;
To the sweet vales of Eden they will sing my welcome home,
But I long to meet my Saviour first of all.

Thro' the gates to the city in a robe of spotless white,
He will lead me where no tears shall ever fall;
In the glad song of ages I shall mingle with delight,
But I long to meet my Saviour first of all.

INVOCATION. . . . . .Reverend Pastor Earnest Forbes

OLD TESTAMENT READING. . . . . Psalms: 121 1-8 . . . . . Norma Forbes [Daughter-in-law]

REMARKS. . . . . Mr. Robert Hall [Former MP for Middle Caicos]

TRIBUTE IN SONG . . . . . O'Brien Forbes [Cousin]

NEW TESTAMENT READING. . . 1 Corinthian 15: 50-58. . . . . Tristan Newblod [Grandson]

TRIBUTE . . . . . Mr. Charles Hall [Family Friend]

SPECIAL TRIBUTE . . . . . Paula Parker [Cousin]

SPECIAL REFLECTION. . . . . Clifford Hamilton [Adopted Son]

OBITUARY . . . . . To Be Read in Silence

REFLECTION . . . . . Mr. Vernon Forbes [Family Friend]

SELECTION. . . . . "Spirit of Bethlehem Choir"

EULOGY . . . . . Reverend Derek R. Hamilton Snr.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY. . . . . Reverend Evan Williams

BENEDICTION. . . . . Reverend Derek R. Hamilton Snr.

RECESSIONAL HYMN. . . . . "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.

The Committal Service will follow at the Bambarra Cemetery, Middle Caicos

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- COMMITTAL SERVICE -

OPENING REMARKS ..... Reverend Evan Williams

OPENING HYMN ..... "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

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

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

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

ACT OF COMMITTAL..... Reverend Evan Williams

HYMN ..... "City of Gold"

There's a city that looks o'er the valley of death,
And the glories can never be told;
There the sun never sets, and the leaves never fade,
In that beautiful city of gold.

Refrain
There the sun never sets, and the leaves never fade;
And the eyes of the faithful our Savior behold,
In that beautiful city of gold.

There the King, our Redeemer, the Lord Whom we love,
All the faithful with rapture behold;
There the righteous forever shall shine as the stars,
In that beautiful city of gold.

Every soul we have led to the foot of the cross,
Every lamb we have brought to the fold,
Shall be kept as bright jewels our crown to adorn,
In that beautiful city of gold.

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BENEDICTION . . . . . .Reverend Evans Williams

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.

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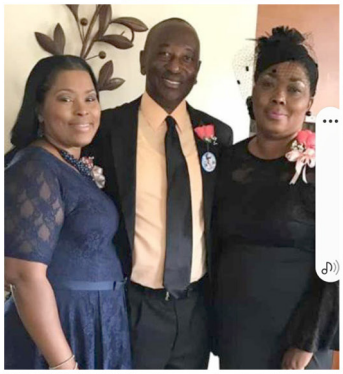

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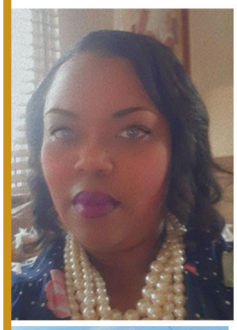

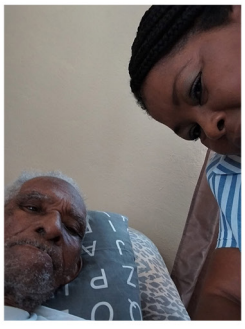

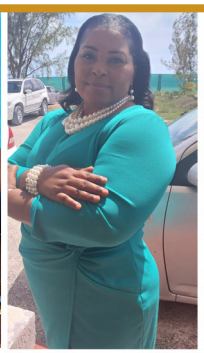
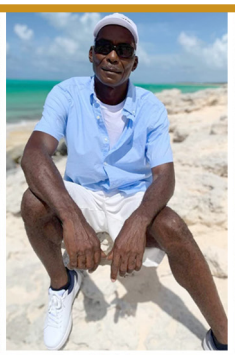

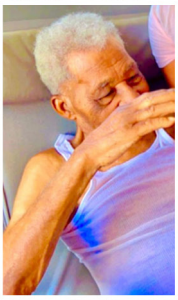

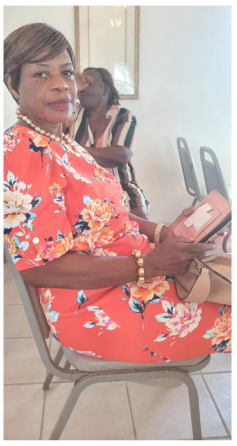

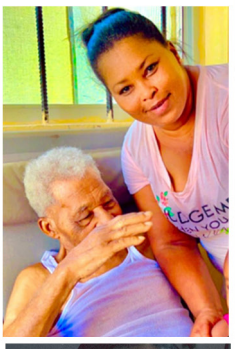

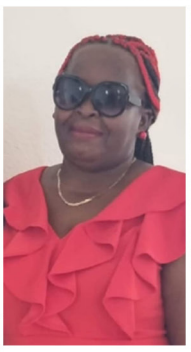

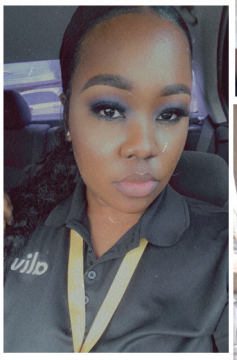

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Jimmy Forbes Lucky Forbes
Clifford Hamilton Kingwood Johnson
Edwin Symonette

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THANK YOU ALL

THE FAMILY