

*Kind beyond compare,
Loved beyond words.*



— Sam —

Samson Vincent D'Souza
14th September 1956 - 13th September 2021

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Kileleshwa, 17th September 2021 10:00 am

Celebrant

Father John Muragu

Master of Ceremonies

Elmer Noronha

Entrance Hymn

Oh Lord My God

First Reading

A Reading from The Book of Isaiah 25:6 7-9

Andrew Staussi

Responsorial Psalm

To you oh Lord I lift up my soul.

In you my God I wait for your return.

Andre Staussi

Second Reading

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans
(Romans 6: 3-4, 8-9)

Dominique Staussi

Gospel

Offertory Hymn

I am the Bread of Life

Prayers of the Faithful

Popsy Getonga

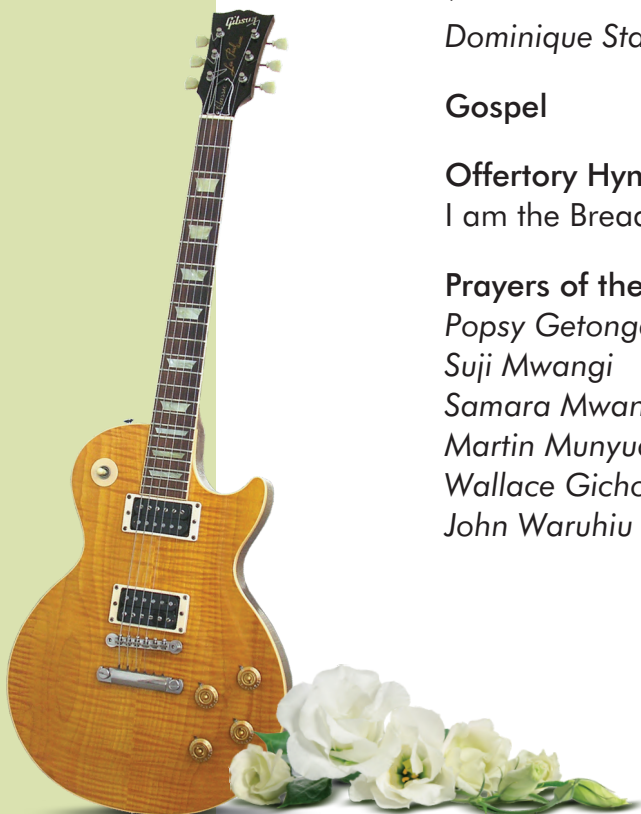
Suji Mwangi

Samara Mwangi

Martin Munyua

Wallace Gichoho

John Waruhiu



Communion Hymn

Stand By Me - Karen Gibson & The Kingdom Choir

I Won't Let Go - Clinton Fernandes

Eulogy

Peter Kanaiya

Jermaine D'Souza and Theodora D'Souza

Tributes

Popsy Getonga, Sister and on behalf of

Andrew Staussi, Brother

George Staussi, Brother

Daphne Memia, Sister

Vera D'Souza, Sister

Tony Staussi, Brother

Jackie Bedford, Sister

Malachi D'Souza, Grandson

Gina Getonga Evans, Niece, and on behalf of

James Glen Getonga, Nephew and Lulu Kivuvani, Niece.

Dominique Staussi, Niece, on behalf of

Arthur Staussi, Nephew and Michelle Staussi Gomes, Niece.

Salma Aseri, Niece, on behalf of

Thelma D'Costa and Katherine Silva, Niece.

Smera Bhatt, Niece

Marilyn Athananius, Niece

Patrick Bunatal, Cousin on behalf of Jane Bunatal, Aunt.

Mboche Waithaka, on behalf of T-48

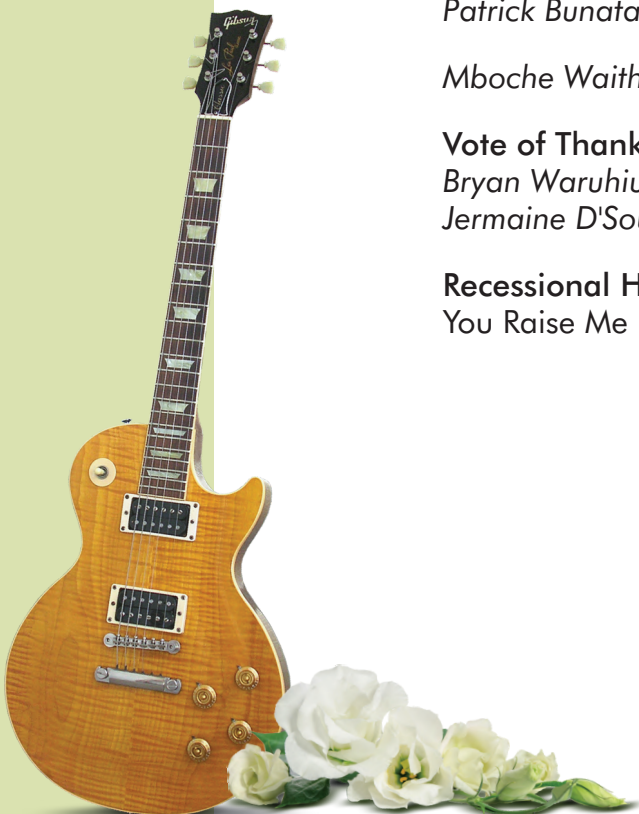
Vote of Thanks

Bryan Waruhiu

Jermaine D'Souza and Theodora D'Souza

Recessional Hymn

You Raise Me Up - George Staussi





ENTRANCE HYMN



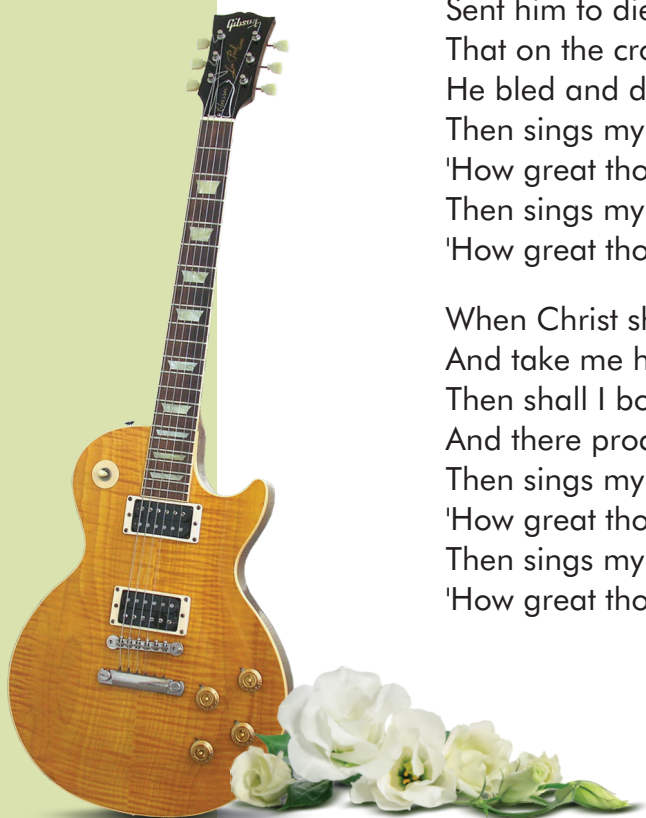
Oh Lord My God

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power 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:
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!'

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



FIRST READING

Andrew Staussi

A Reading from The Book of Isaiah
The Lord will swallow up death for ever.

On that day;
On this mountain the Lord of hosts
will make for all peoples a feast of fat things
And he will destroy on this mountain the covering
that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death for ever,
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people,
he will take away from all this earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day, "Behold, is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord.





RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Andre Staussi

The Response:

*To you Oh Lord I lift up my soul.
In you my God I wait for your return,*

Remember your compassion, O Lord,
and your merciful love,
for they are from of old,
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

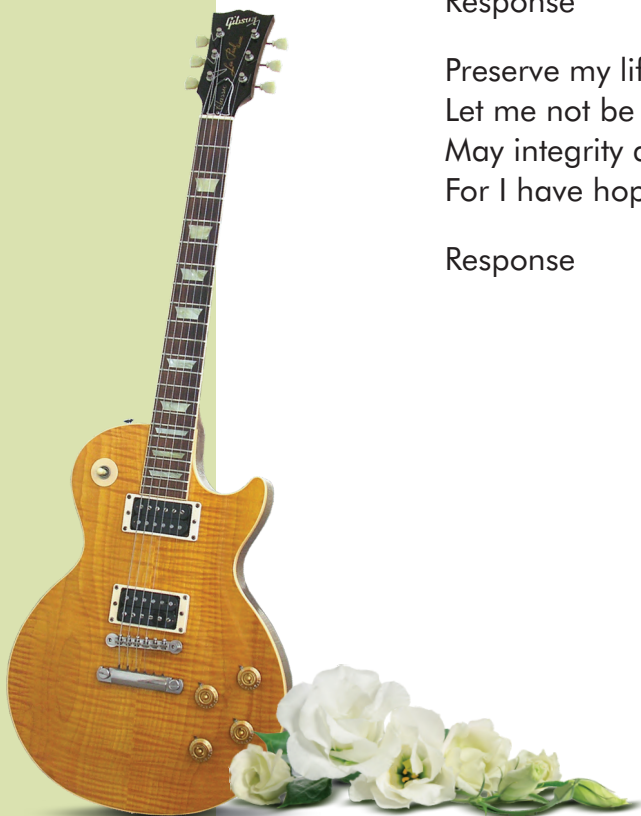
Response

Relieve the anguish of my heart,
and set me free from my distress,
See my lowliness and suffering,
And take away all my sins.

Response

Preserve my life and rescue me
Let me not be put to shame, for in you I trust.
May integrity and virtue protect me,
For I have hoped in you, O Lord.

Response



SECOND READING

Dominique Staussi

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brethren:

Do you not know that all of us
who have been baptised into Christ Jesus
were baptised into his death?
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into
death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father,
we too might walk in newness of life.

But if we have died with Christ,
we believe that we shall also live with him.
For we know that Christ being raised from the dead
will never die again;
death no longer has dominion over him.

The word of the Lord.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in
him may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

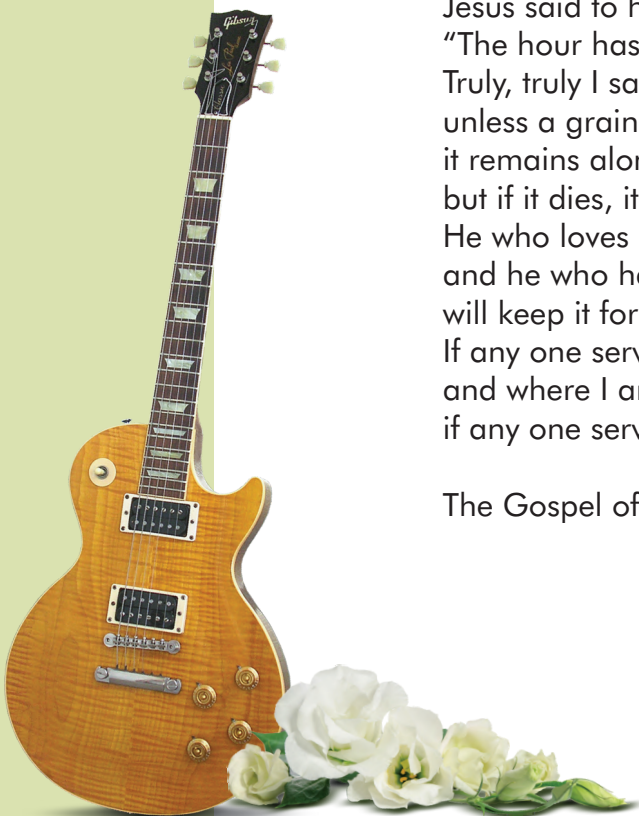
GOSPEL

Father John Muragu

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

At that time;
Jesus said to his disciples,
"The hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified.
Truly, truly I say to you,
unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains alone;
but if it dies, it bears much fruit.
He who loves his life loses it,
and he who hates his life in this world
will keep it for eternal life.
If any one serves me, he must follow me;
and where I am, there shall my servant be also;
if any one serves me, the Father will honour him."

The Gospel of the Lord.





PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL



*The Response to our prayers is:
Lord Hear Our Prayer.*

POPSY GETONGA

Let us pray for Sam. In baptism he died with Christ, may he now share in the fullness of his resurrection. We pray to the lord.

SUJI MWANGI

God is full of mercy and compassion. May he forgive Sam for any sins he committed through his human frailty. We pray to the Lord.

SAMARA MWANGI

Many friends and members of our families have gone before us and await the Kingdom. Lord grant them an everlasting home with your Son. We pray to the Lord.

MARTIN MUNYUA

For Sam's sorrowing family, his daughter Theodora, his son Jermaine and his Grandson Malachi, and for his brothers and sisters, and for all his family and friends, that you may find strength and consolation in your Christian faith and in the love and support of this community. We pray to the Lord.

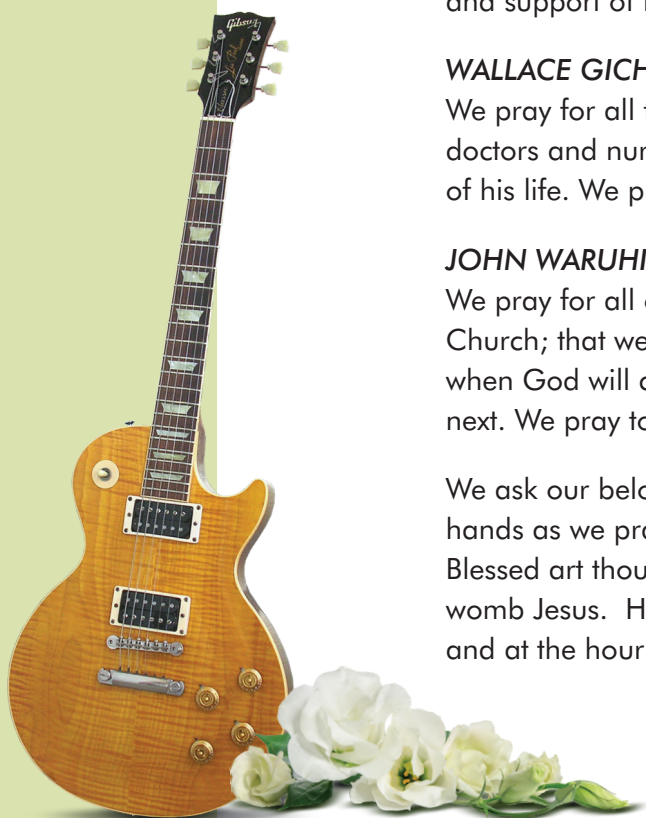
WALLACE GICHOHO

We pray for all the doctors, the nurses and carers, particularly the doctors and nurses who were so good to Sam in the last months of his life. We pray to the Lord

JOHN WARUHIU

We pray for all of us here today and for all members of our Church; that we may be prepared for the hour of our own death, when God will call us by name, to pass from this world to the next. We pray to the Lord.

We ask our beloved Mother Mary to hold our dear Sam in her hands as we pray: Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed art thou amongst women. And blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.





OFFERTORY HYMN

I am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of life,
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,

He who believes in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father draws him.

And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live for ever,
He shall live for ever.

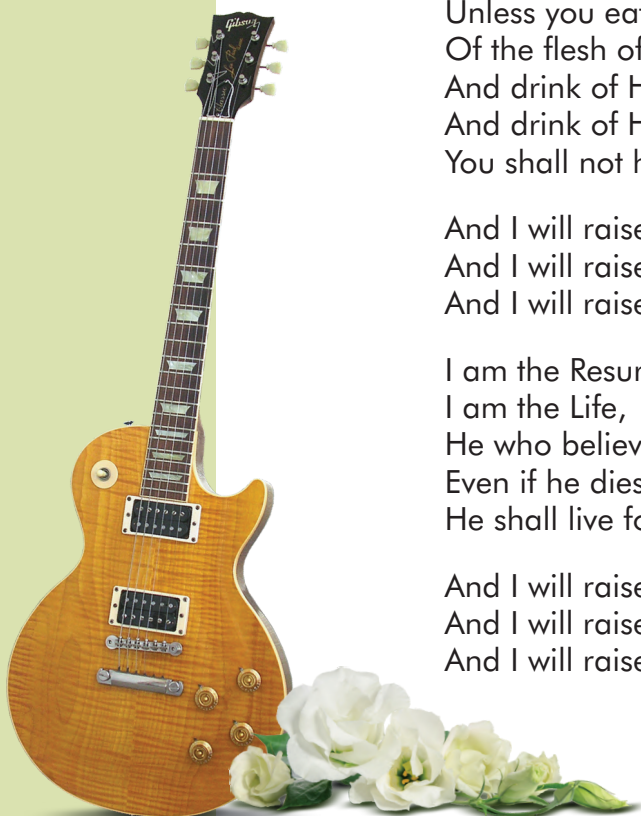
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.

Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood,
And drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you.

And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life,
He who believes in me
Even if he dies
He shall live for ever.

And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.





COMMUNION HYMNS

Stand By Me - Karen Gibson & The Kingdom Choir

I Won't Let Go - Clinton Fernandes



Eulogy



— Sam —

Samson Vincent D'Souza

14th September 1956 - 13th September 2021



Early life

Our mentor, a role model, father, grandfather, brother and father figure to many. Sam rose from humble beginnings, born in Pangani, Nairobi on the 14th September 1956. The sixth born child of the late Joe and Ida D'Souza who were of Goan and Seychellois heritage. His siblings are Tony, Andrew, George, the late Mona, Daphne, Vera, Popsy and Jackie. The bond between the nine siblings was strong and admirable as a family unit.

As a small boy, he was very mischievous and frequently found himself in problems. Some of the unforgettable incidents were where he once took a few chickens being reared by his grandmother and drowned them in a bucket of water while trying to force them to swim. He was really given a spanking by his great grandmother, Chi-dame. His great grandmother Chi-dame (meaning small lady in creole) was a no-nonsense lady who took care of, disciplined, and educated all her thirty two grandchildren. All who lived in the same homestead and amongst them were brothers, sisters and cousins. Sam's mischievous ways were many. In another incident he stole some charcoal from the kitchen stores and distributed to his friends. He was accorded the same corporal punishment.

Education /Career

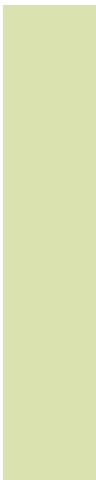
Sam joined St Teresa's Primary school and later went to Eastleigh Secondary School where he completed his East African Examination Certificate.

After high school he immediately started working at Hotel Boulevard, Nairobi where the senior management noted his determined pragmatic approach to problem solving, his quick learning abilities, his customer service approach and his great attitude and hard work. He was seen as having great potential for a management role as a hotelier within the organization. An organization which had a chain of hotels across Europe and Kenya.

Sam was then enlisted on seconded attachments in Switzerland, Germany and the USA on management training programs and courses where he finally graduated in Hotel Management.

After his graduation and completion of his studies, Sam returned to Kenya where he was duly appointed the General Manager of the Six Eighty Hotel, Nairobi where he remained for the most part of his career. He transformed the Six Eighty Hotel into one of the more premium hotels in the city.

During the 2002 presidential campaign and the subsequent accession to Statehouse Nairobi by the former president, His Excellency Mwai Kibaki, Sam was appointed the Head of Catering and Hospitality. Part of his responsibility was to devise menu selections, coordinating resources, event planning, negotiating and controlling budgets for all Statehouse functions across the country.



He was promoted as Deputy Managing Director of Kenya Tourist Development Corporation (KTDC) during the same regime where he had the responsibility of formulating and executing projects for developing the tourist industry of Kenya. These included the challenging role of reviving the state's lodges and hotels, which needed modernisation to fulfil their potential.

When his term ended at KTDC, Sam ventured into private consultancy in the Tourism, Hotel and Hospitality industry. Two of his most significant consultancies were the Oasis Camp in Southern Sudan and Balloon Safaris in Kenya.

Family Life

Sam met the love of his life Roseline (Zina) who was an Air Hostess with Kenya Airways during a work-related trip to Germany and he married Zina in October 1987. They were blessed with two beautiful children, Theodora, their daughter and Jermaine, their son. In time, Sam's adorable and smart little grandson Malachi came along.

Sadly the love of Sam's life, his wife Zina, passed on in 1998 at a very young age and so early in their marriage, leaving Sam heartbroken and with the sole responsibility of raising his children and nurturing his grandchild.

The bond between Sam, Theodora, Jermaine and Malachi was an incredible one. Forged and maintained through their personal journey as a family. You would often hear the kids joking and messing around with their father, Jermaine taking on his father's wit and giving back as much as Dad would dish out. He speaks on the close bond they had and how they spoke so calmly on topics when no one was around. Sam would take Jermaine around the Table 48 boys and say proudly that he had brought his personal bodyguard and now he wants everyone to talk up. Theo was the motherly figure to all three boys. She speaks of how she was often made fun of for her rabbit eating habits and her over-protective mannerism for her boys.

Sam was hardworking, strong, loving, humble and a gentle soul, who loved his family with deep devotion, ensuring that they always got the best.

Social and Sporting life

Coming from a family with great football talent Sam was influenced by his older brothers and developed an interest in participating in soccer tournaments organized by Goan and Seychelles clubs in Nairobi and Mombasa. Although he enjoyed playing football, he did not progress to National levels to become great superstars as his three older brothers did.

He developed an interest in playing golf during his later years just as a hobby and not competitively.

He ventured into music at an early age where he was also influenced by his elder brothers who had already formed a family band named the G-Boys, which was later renamed the Dragons. He played the rhythm guitar and was also the main singer due to his golden voice.

He was a great Karaoke singer and could sing songs which sounded more like the original tracks. His favorites songs which pull the crowd to the dancing floor and received overwhelming applause whenever he sang were Mustang Sally by Otis Reading and Rock Your Baby by George McCrae.

Sickness

Sam was initially admitted into Hospital in March 2019 due to kidney complications which was then controlled through medical care and with medications. Unfortunately, he developed further medical complications a few months later, starting with the degeneration of his eyesight, which resulted in him having to have weekly injections twice directly into the eyes. After a collapse at home in June 2021, he was then rushed to hospital. 6 weeks later he was found to have suffered Acute Heart Failure due to severe blockages to two of his main arteries, which then resulted in him having to have four stents inserted. After a short healing period at home (5 weeks), Sam was once again rushed into hospital where he bravely fought from pneumonia and blood clotting complications. He soldiered on until he was taken to rest by his angels.

Sam was a proud family man, a mentor and an inspiration to many on how to live their lives and make the best of every single day count. He showed strength and love right up until his last days with us.

He is now gone but his spirit shall forever live with us and his legacy will never be forgotten.




...with Mum and Dad

Tribute

From Theo & Jermaine
and your loving grandson, Malachi.



*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*



Dad, you are our Sun, Moon and Stars.
Our love for you knows no bounds, you fought the
battle of your life and you are now at peace and
in a place where you can watch over us more
fiercely and protectively. You would often say we
were your heartbeats, but Dad you were our soul,
our air, our everything, our reason to live!
You taught us so much yet gave us the space to let
us learn on our own. You never judged but
instead loved harder... The greatest lesson you
gave us was not to view setbacks as failures but as
stumbles from which to dust ourselves off and
charge forward again. With lessons well learned.
For that Dad we will never let you down,
we will continue what you started together
and make you proud...

...this is our promise to you.

It is so hard to say good-bye, but we find solace in
knowing you are no longer suffering and are at
peace. So, continue your walk with your love,
knowing that we will be okay just as you planned
for us to be... We love you Dad always have,
always will, in this life and the next for all eternity.
Distance holds no relevance, till we meet on the
other side. Remember - It Is what It Is...

Our Love Always and Forever,

Theo & Jermaine
and your loving grandson, Malachi.



Let the music play



— Sam —















*Your life was a blessing.
Your memory a treasure.
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond measure.*

