



THE SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
FOR THE LIFE OF

*Theodore Addington Williams*

*October 13th, 1958 - January 13th, 2020*

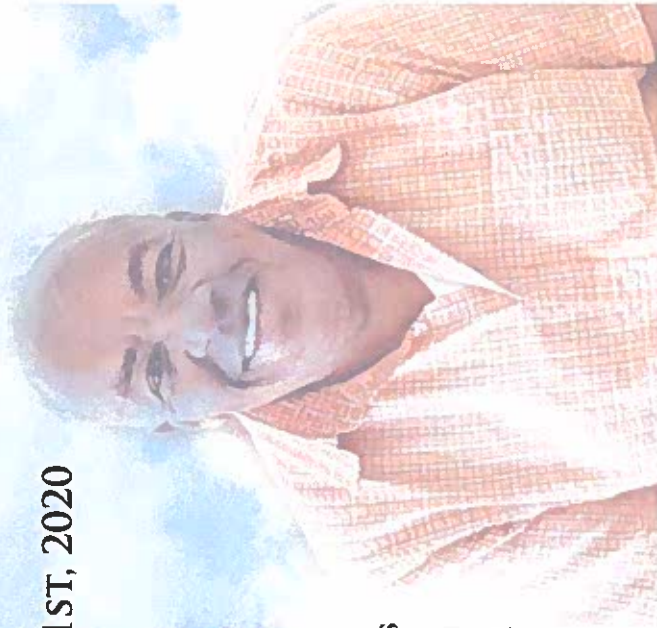
CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH  
COLLINS AVENUE  
NASSAU, THE BAHAMAS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2020  
AT 11:00 AM

OFFICIATING:  
Pastor Rob Elliott

PIANIST:  
Mrs. Angela Wells

SONG LEADER:  
Mr. Edgar Moxey





I have  
*fought*  
the good fight  
*finished*  
the race & kept the  
*faith*

- 2 Timothy 4:7



# Theodore's Story

Time met eternity, on October 13, 1958, as the sun softly kissed the cheek of a little baby boy. He gently reclined in Clarabelle's arms, as Earlin Williams Sr., his father, proudly looked on. He shall be called Theodore Addington Williams, the gracious parents agreed, that life-changing day on the island of New Providence. With wild affection wrapped in their bosom, they called the first of their seven children, Ted.

This young lad grew and flourished like any other little boy his age. He received his early education at Government High School. After graduating from high school, Ted continued his higher education at the College of The Bahamas and then on to the University of Windsor in Canada, where he obtained a Bachelor of Arts Degree, in Communication. He was very active with Canterbury College and the School Administration. On his return from university, Ted found employment at the College of The Bahamas, for a short period; then at The Broadcasting Corporation of The Bahamas. Being adventurous as he was, he decided to become an entrepreneur. For seven years he worked as an independent marketing consultant, after which he moved on to advertising and public relations. Never one to be satisfied with doing just one thing, Ted got into ornamental and architectural metal works and procurement. He was also involved in polished concrete and resin floors with Dion, his brother up to the time of the stroke. Ted's passion for the martial arts got him involved in Taekwondo. He owned and operated several

Taekwondo schools throughout New Providence and on the islands of Andros and Exuma. His beloved sport took him around the world: Korea, Aruba, Colombia, Cayman, and throughout the United States. He was President of The Bahamas Taekwondo Federation (1992-2015); at the time of his passing, he was Secretary General.

In 1996 Ted met O'Lydia (Lydia) Ferguson at her place of employment and in 2001 they were joined in holy matrimony. "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favour from the Lord," Proverbs 18:22. For Ted, Lydia was this "good thing." Together, in 2001, they started a computer training and business services company, which allowed them to work closely together. In 2015, Ted and Lydia relocated to Rock Sound, Eleuthera. On June 6, 2019, seven hours after arriving home, he suffered a massive stroke and was airlifted to New Providence. He then underwent surgery at Doctors Hospital. After being discharged from hospital, he was readmitted on two occasions for various complications. On December 8, 2019, Lydia took him to Cuba for further treatment. On January 13, 2020, he quietly slipped away to bask in "Heaven's Son Light."

In 2001 Ted recommitted his life to the Lord, during marriage counselling. He delighted in reading the Bible every day. During the last two years, Ted and Lydia would start the day off by listening to Gospel music and reading their daily Bible scriptures online. Lydia had a time of praise and worship with





Ted in the hospital in Cuba. They read the Bible, prayed and listened to his favourite Christian music. They got closer than ever during this time.

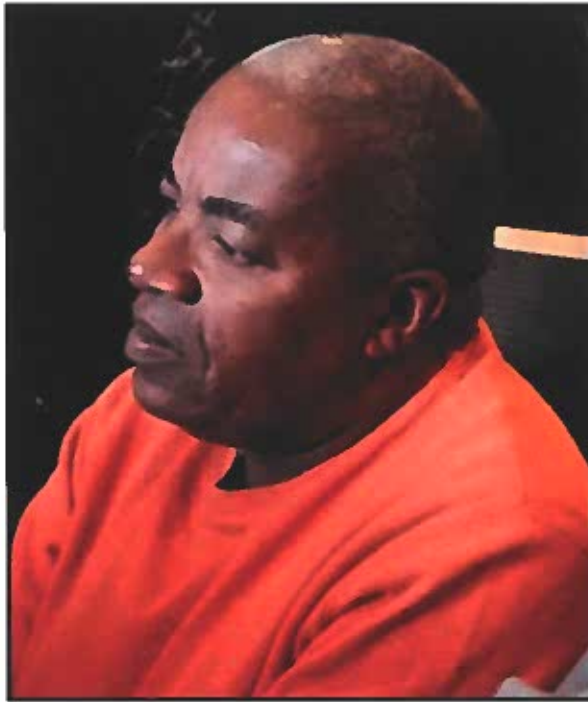
A lover of life, Ted was. He had a laugh that came from deep down within. Ted had a knack for making people laugh. There was never a dull moment with him. He loved his siblings and was the glue that held them together. He had a great love for his Taekwondo family and was always there to offer suggestions and advice.

#### **Left to Celebrate His Life**

Fond affection will forever linger in the hearts of: O'Lydia, his wife; Parents: Earlin Williams Sr. & Clarabelle Williams; Brothers: Earlin Jr., Fenton Sr., Lynden, Trevor and Dion Williams; Sister: Kim Pulfer; Brothers-in-laws: Marc Pulfer, Philip and Luther Ferguson and Paul Miller; Sisters-in-law: Stephanie, Valarie and Helen Williams, Berthalee Curry, Margarita, Linda and Edith Ferguson and Bessie Miller; Nephews: Cordero, Lyndon, Daniel, Dionte, Fenton Jr., Travis, Ashley and Darren Williams and Julian Pulfer; Nieces: Lesly, Nadia, Thayne, Daneisha, Abbey, and Grace Williams, Olivia and Joelle Pulfer; Step-children: Everette, Anthony, Monica, Tanya and Anishka; Uncles: Norman Beckford, Wendell Cray Williams and George Williams of Ohio; Aunts: Jacqueline Carrol, Brenda Ammons of Detroit, and Lucy Bell of Miami; Adopted Family: Carol Clarke, Rosie Gibson, Alice Campbell; Special Friends: Ethric Bowe, Daryl Marchant of Canada, Steve Graham of Cayman Island; Camille Campbell, Gregory Bullard, Wayne Ingraham, Julian Carey, Claudius Culmer, John Duckworth, Dorothy

Rahming, Shawn Ingraham, Norman Carey, and Jamaal Bethel of Eleuthera; Family and friends: Cyd Ward and Family, Hussein Duncombe and family, Deborah Higgs, Carol Brown, Shantell Johnson, Darlene Williams, Steve Williams, Hosafina Curry, Reginald and Shantell King, Loren and Ebony BENEBY, Pastor Rob Elliott and Calvary Bible Church Family, River of Life Union Baptist Church Family, The Sunset Park community, Rock Sound, Eleuthera community, GHS Class of 75, Windsorites (University of Windsor Class), Nassau Martial Arts Academy, Trinidad & Tobago Taekwondo Association, Taekwondo Association of Barbados, BVI Taekwondo Association, and Bahamas Olympic Association and many others too numerous to mention. Special thanks to: Karen Williams (Private PCA), Tanya Ferguson, Christine Curry-Wong of Curry's Pharmacy, Sherwood Collie, the staff of The Rock Sound Clinic, Dr. Magnus Ekedede, Dr. Edison Thompson, Sisters Ruthiema Elliott and Stephanie Williams of PMH, the staff of Doctors Hospital ICU, the staff of PMH Private Surgical Ward, the staff of Sala C of CIMEQ Hospital in Havana Cuba, and The Bahamian Embassy of Cuba.

# *Saying Goodbye*



As this day of sorrow comes,  
tears in our eyes, loneliness in our hearts,  
we say goodbye.

Thank you for sharing your life with us,  
without you, we will not know  
the love of God for us.

For you are a blessing in our eyes.  
We thank the Lord for sharing you with us.  
He has given us a great gift that we will never forget.  
Even as the sun sets and the rain falls down.  
God is indeed amazing, for knowing who we need.

*by Grace Noll Crowell*



# Order of Service

## Musical Prelude

Opening Remarks ..... Pastor Rob Elliott

Prayer ..... Pastor Rob Elliott

## Hymn

### "It is Well With My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

## Refrain

*It is well, with my soul,  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thou't!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

Scripture Readings ..... Pastor Rob Elliott  
*Taken from Jeremiah 29:11-13, Romans 8:28-39 & John 14:1-6*

Solo ..... Latoya Brown



Tributes

Mr. Ethric Bowe *GHS Class of 75*  
Mr. Sheano Dorsette *Bahamas Taekwondo Federation*  
Ms. Antionette Seymour *Windsorites*  
*Dion Williams Brother*

Musical Selection ..... Mr. Sacario Leadon *GHS Class of 75*

In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

*Psalms 16:11*

Hymn

“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

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come  
'Tis grace has 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've first begun

Message ..... Pastor Rob Elliott

Committal ..... Pastor Rob Elliott

Recessional Hymn  
"To God Be The Glory"

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

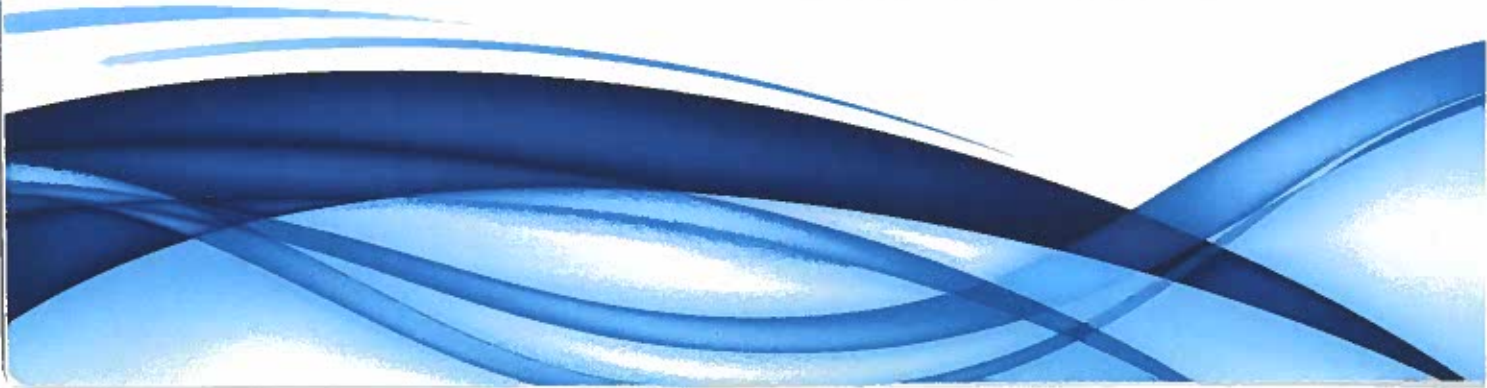
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Please join us for a repass, immediately after the service in the Earl Weech Auditorium.



## *Our Gratitude*

Words cannot express how grateful we are for all the expressions of love and support received. Monday, January 13, 2020 - a day that has forever changed our lives.

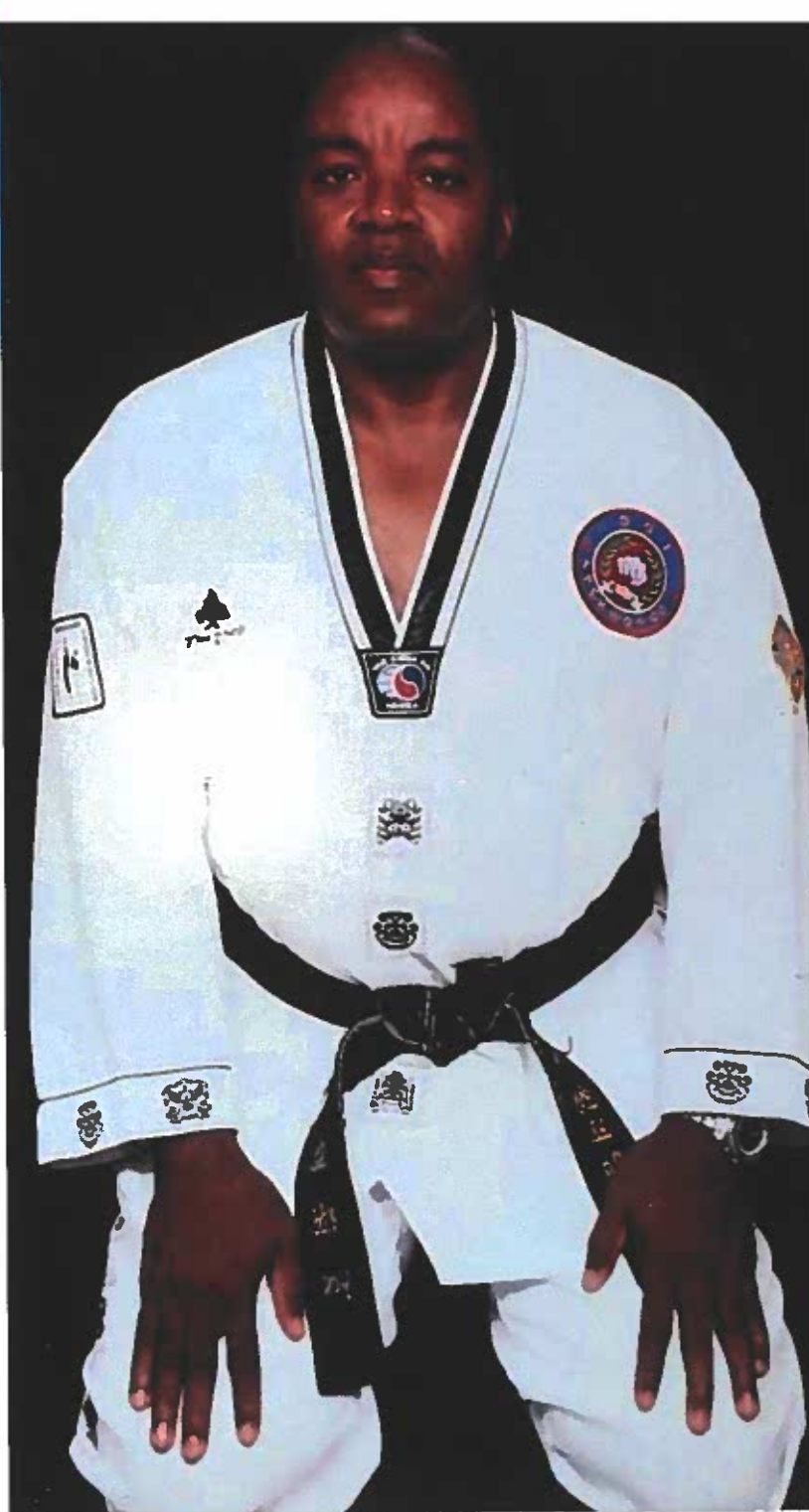
The stories you've shared, the calls and the visits will always remain with us.

Simply an amazing husband, brother, uncle and friend - a man with integrity and grace.

These last days have been the hardest days for all of us, and we appreciate your kindness.

God bless and keep you. We thank you in advance for your continued prayer, love and support.

*Thank you*





# Life

Life is just a stepping-stone  
A pause before we make it home  
A simple place to rest and be,  
Until we reach eternity.  
Everyone has a life journey,  
A path to take with lots to see  
God guides our steps along the way,  
But we were never meant to stay.

Our final destination is a place  
Filled with love, His majesty and grace.  
Today we celebrate the life of a loved one  
Who has gone before us, the race he has won.  
His journey has now ended,  
His spirit has ascended  
Claiming the great reward  
With Jesus, our Lord.

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