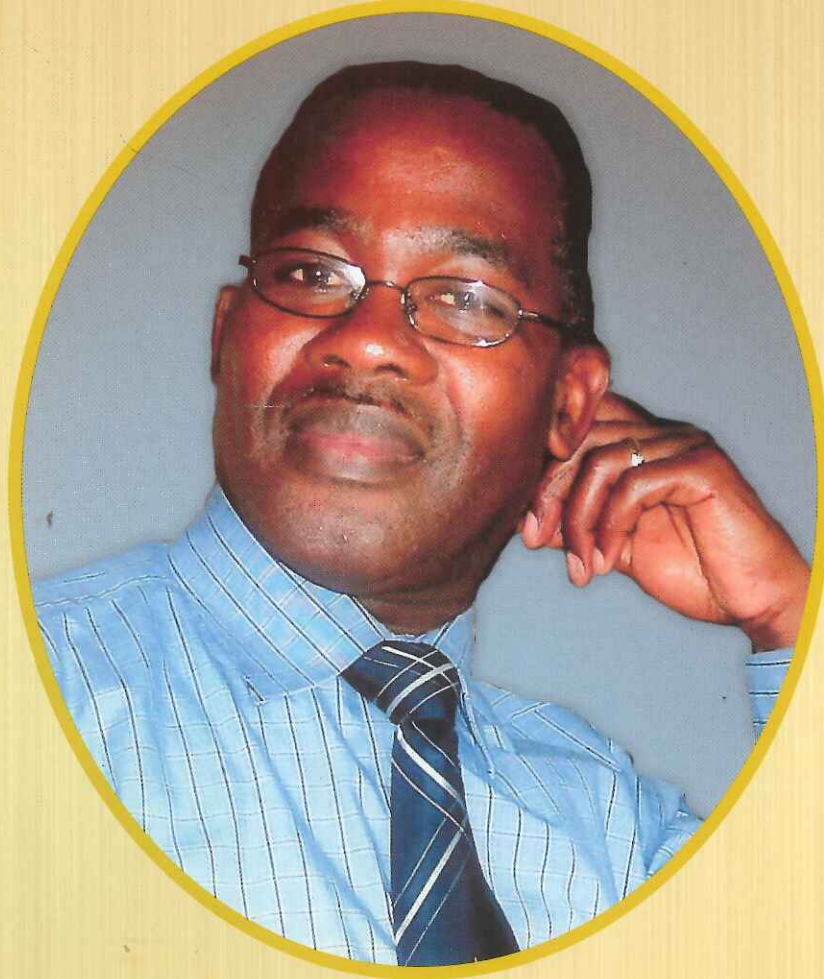


*Celebrating the
Life of*



Nathan Joseph Prince
12.3.51 - 19.4.19



Friday 24 May 2019 at 10:30am
Mansfield Road Baptist Church - Nottingham

Obituary

"I have a dream" was a very well-known saying by Martin Luther King. Those words resonated in the heart of a young schoolboy whose dream was to become a minister of religion. That boy was Nathan. Little did he realise that the dream he had as a boy he would one day "live out" during his life here on the earth.

Nathan found himself on a journey to fulfilling his dream. When he gave his life to the Saviour at a young age, the years that followed were a time of continual dedication and commitment to serving his Saviour, one upon which he never looked back. At the age of 16 Nathan, along with his family, attended the New Testament Church of God in Hitchin, where he took up the roles of Bible School Superintendent, playing the guitar, driving the minibus and was part of the Hitchin gospel group choir. Over the years the call placed upon his life as a child began to unfold and Nathan started to fellowship with the Congregation of Yahweh. In 1980 he decided to relocate to Nottingham in order to attend the Bible Training College so he could further his ministry. It was during these years that the Saviour was able to lead and direct him.

Nathan's character was one that could connect with people from all walks of life; he was very warm and approachable whether he knew you or not and he had a passion and love for others that knew no bounds. Nathan became involved in the children's and young people's work and for many years he spent time visiting their parents and building friendships. Ministering to young people was both rewarding and fulfilling, and for almost 30 years he gave himself to those who crossed his path, nurturing, mentoring, ministering, baptising and blessing them. He spent many hours listening to and caring for others; it was all part of "his life's work", his journey.

The senior citizens were dear and close to Nathan's heart. He had a certain quality and a unique ability to reach out to the elderly, forming a bond with them, a bond where the cords were bound together in love and could not be broken. Nathan, together with a group of ministers, would visit residential homes for the elderly on Saturday afternoons, where they would sing and he would play his guitar. These were such refreshing times,

which he often recalled with joy. His ministry also led him to visit the prison service together with a group of people from the church. He recalls lives that were changed and greatly affected by the gospel message.

Nathan was one on whom you could depend. He was someone you could look to for help and guidance. Nothing was ever too much for him. He had what many would call a "listening ear". Nothing brought him more joy than to see men and women coming to know and accepting the Saviour as their personal friend. His pastoral and caring nature led him into volunteering within the Spiritual Care sector of the hospital, later becoming a hospital chaplain. It was here that he found great fulfilment in ministering to the sick, the dying, the bereaved and the lost. Caring for the "whole person" was the "heart" of his ministry. Nathan also served as regional overseer for the South and Midlands regions, a role that was both challenging and rewarding.

He had a passion, an energy and a drive for evangelism. He wanted to see men and women come to know a

Saviour who was real and personal. The clear message left with every believer was, *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation"* (Mark 16:15). Evangelism was Nathan's passion; it was what lit him up and gave him energy and drive. His life's mission was all about bringing men and women into that Kingdom, seeing the Kingdom of the Messiah come.

His longing was that the Kingdom would be seen within in us, reaching out and touching men and women from every background, culture and race and that love would be the driving force.

A true servant. Companion, friend, pastor, husband and father. Nathan, you were brought into our world and into our lives for a reason, we have all in some way been touched, inspired and blessed by you. Your words, passion, drive and humour have left its mark indelibly engraved upon our hearts.

Nathan you will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved you.

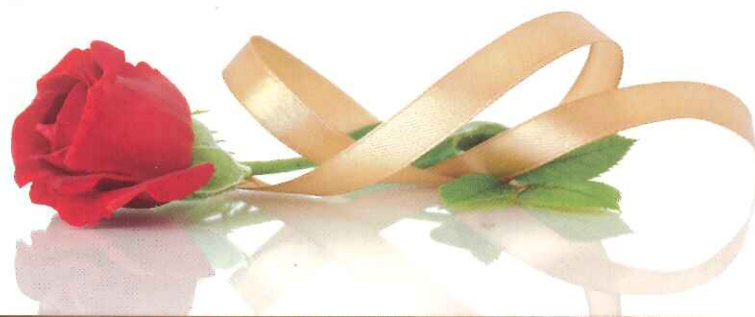
Barbara Prince



Order of Service

Officiating Minister - Pastor Alcot Walker

- Pre-Service Singing** : Eleanor Williams, Samuel McLeod & Friends
- Processional** : "In Yah's Hand" Garry Parks
- Welcome & prayer** : Pastor Beverly Nembhard
- Hymn 1** : "How Great Thou Art"
- Scripture Reading** : Lola Shirley (sister in law)
- Tributes** : Revd. Andrew Keith, Revd. Arthur Shivas,
Jeremy Stapleton, Louise Laing
- Poem** : Patricia Vladev - written by Stansted School
- Musical Tribute** : James Douglas
- Eulogy** : Veronica Mason (sister in law)
- Male Group Song** : "The Longer I Serve Him" Led by Samuel McLeod
(With congregational participation)
- Tributes** : Nathania Prince (daughter), Niall Prince (son)
- Dance** : "My Redeemer Lives" Yvonne Matts, Glenn Graham
- Tribute** : Pastor Alcot Walker
- Address** : Pastor Sean Samuel
- Hymn 2** : "Oh I Want To See Him"
- Prayer For Family & Blessing** : Pastor Alcot Walker
- Recessional Song** : "How Can I Say Thanks" by Andraé Crouch (CD)
- Shofar Blast** : Thomas Mahey, Asher Jacobs



Service

How Great Thou Art

O Yah my El, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour Yah, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour Yah, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

And when I think, that Yah, 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.

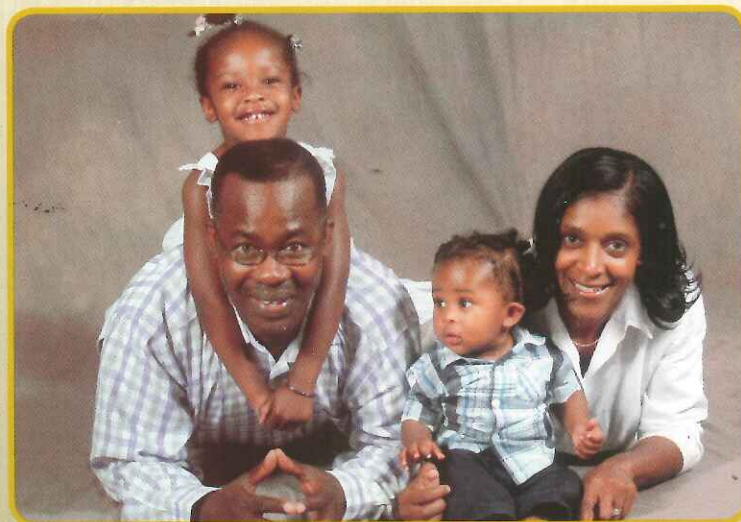
When Yahshua shall come, with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My El, how great Thou art!"

Carl Bobert

The Longer I Serve Him

Refrain

*The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.
The more that I love Him, more love He bestows.
Each day is like heaven, my heart overflows.
The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.*



Service

Oh I Want To See Him

As I journey through the land, singing as I go,
Pointing souls to Calvary—to the crimson flow,
Many arrows pierce my soul from without, within;
But Yahweh leads me on, through Him I must win.

Refrain

*Oh, I want to see Him, look upon His face,
There to sing forever of His saving grace;
On the streets of glory let me lift my voice,
Cares all past, home at last, ever to rejoice.*

When in service for Yahweh dark may be the night,
But I'll cling more close to Him, He will give me light;
Satan's snares may vex my soul, turn my thoughts aside;
But Yahweh goes ahead, leads whate'er betide.

When before me billows rise from the mighty deep,
Then Yahweh directs my bark; He doth safely keep,
And He leads me gently on through this world below;
He's a real Friend to me, oh, I love Him so.

Rufus H. Cornelius



Sermon Extracts

A few extracts from Nathan's personal sermon notes, which are particularly close to his heart. We hope you will be encouraged and challenged by them.

DIVINITY WITHIN

It is my firm conviction, that, if we have the courage to surrender our will to that of the Master, to believe that we are part of a great company left here to carry on His work, then, as a Body, we have a momentous opportunity to secure a major advance of the message of the kingdom, in our towns, cities, nation and the world.

It is the Spirit's job to win humankind back to Yahweh – Yahshua knew that it was the sovereign plan that man would work in partnership with the Spirit to carry on the work He had begun.

When we are baptised in the Spirit we live one life with Yahshua.

We then have a new vision of ourselves – **His vision of us.**

A new vision of the world – **His vision of the world.**

A new vision of Yahweh – **His vision of Yahweh.**

We have the mind of Yahshua by being baptised in the Spirit. Not only is it true that we see as He sees; *it is also true that through our eyes He can now look at men, through our hands He can touch them, and He can travel to the lost wherever they are.*

It all begins with the emptying of self. ***That is the first principle of life. I live yet not I but Messiah who lives in me*** – (Galatians 2:20).

WHO WANTS TO BE A SLAVE

Yahshua never asks us to be anything or do anything that He himself hasn't. As He was in the world so should we be.

If you want to be effective in the Kingdom of heaven or to excel the only way is to be a slave.

In the Kingdom, Yahshua never did advocate part-time or short-term service – it's for life.

Yahshua requires those who are His to be His slaves – to serve Him with the devotion, obedience and loyalty as one would expect from a slave.

Are you ready to make that commitment, the kind that will put you in the same company as the disciples of old? Can you give up your own ambitions and give yourself totally to Him?

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Nothing would transform our pictures and practices of evangelism like rediscovering the role of the Holy Spirit and working in partnership with Him - ***we must remember that it is the job of the Holy Spirit to win man back to Yahweh.***

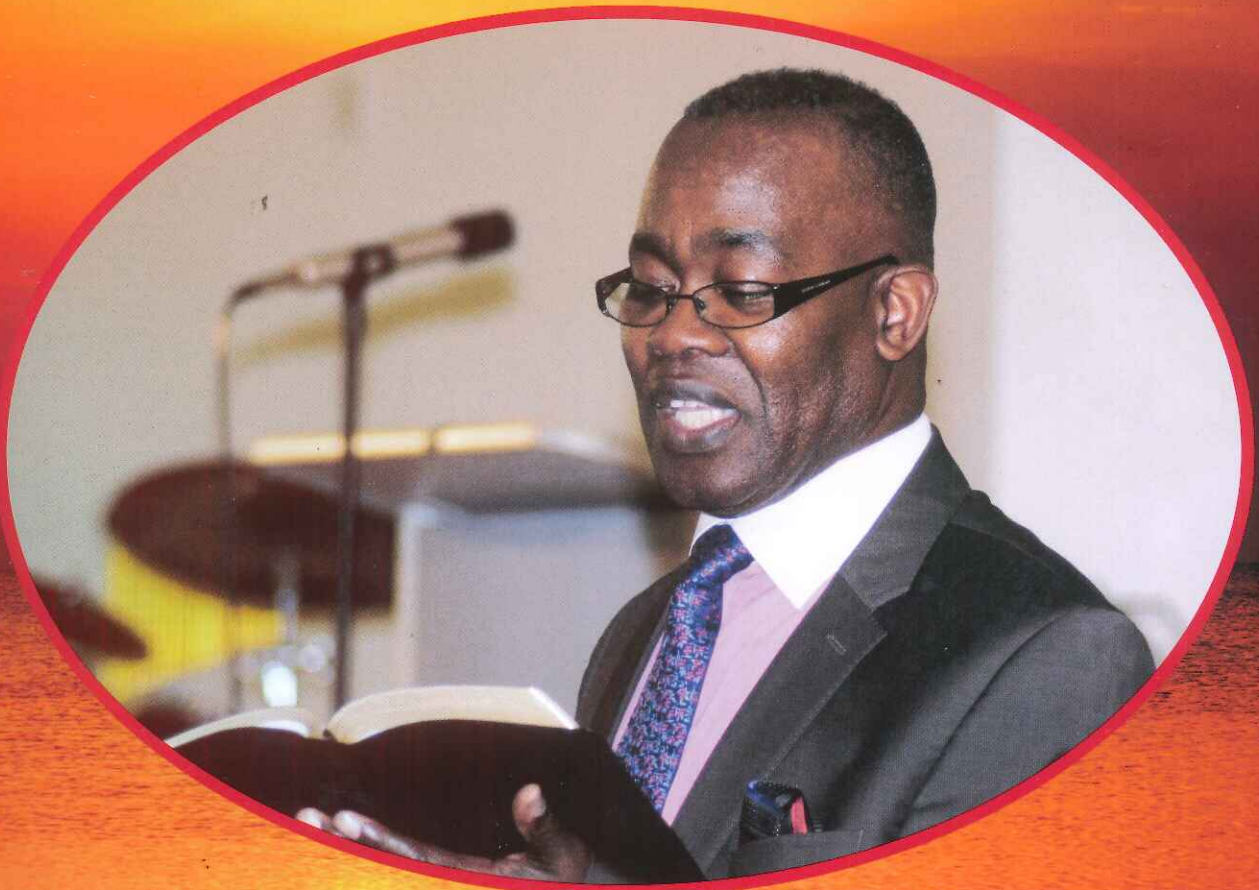
It never ceases to amaze me that Yahweh allows us to take part in sharing His love with others. Yes, the great commission (*Matthew 28:18-20*) commands us to go and share. But more than that, it's a blessing. Who would thoughtfully choose anything else?

Evangelism could become an adventure in detection rather than a burden of making it happen. Witness is not about us, it's about Yahweh and His presence with us as we help others on their journey to faith.

THE KINGDOM

Therefore, the most important work on earth is *not* your job; the most important work on earth *is not* the bureaucracy of governments. The most important work on earth is not the work of the law enforcement agencies trying to keep the peace. The most important work on earth is **THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

Yahweh's plan was to give Himself through His Son who would reconnect earth to heaven through His sacrifice. He would be both king and redeemer of Israel and also of the entire human race (*John 3:16*).



*“The nature of His mission was to re-establish
the kingdom of heaven here on the earth”*

Tributes from International Ministers

Nathan was a great friend, a real bosom buddy, example to the younger generation, a worker and a traveling companion and one that I shall dearly miss. He was sober and had a deep love for Yahweh and His people, that was manifested in his compassion for the saints and people in general.



LYNVAL HENRY (National Overseer, First Congregation of Yahweh International) - JAMAICA

For more than three decades I have known Pastor Nathan Prince to be an exemplary, dedicated and faithful servant of Father Yahweh. The light of this beacon and the fruit of his tireless labour in the Kingdom will continue to be evident long after his sunset. Thank Yahweh for a life well-lived. We shall meet again in the new Jerusalem.



ESTELLE TAYLOR - USA

I highly admire Brother Nathan's faith and wholehearted devotion to Yah. Brother Nathan has been a brother, a friend, a helper and an encourager in my life. I remember the anointing that was upon him as he taught us about the work of the Holy Spirit in a believer.

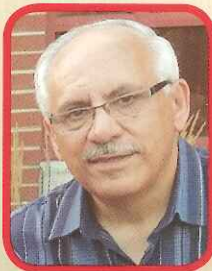


I have two boys in my family bearing the name "Nathan". The boys will be a constant reminder of Brother Nathan to me.

Till we meet again brother, REST IN PEACE.

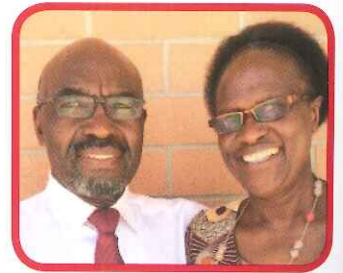
BEATRICE TANUI (MAMA MOSES) - KENYA

Nathan Showed me what passion, conviction, and commitment to Yahshua look like. He was someone I consider to be a friend, a light, a bearer of truth, and a true brother. I will miss being able to come and see him.



MARK VLAD (Senior Pastor, New Beginnings Church) - USA

We are very sad as we speak about our brother and friend, Pastor Nathan Prince. Ever since we came to know him, we have loved and appreciated him.



We know Nathan as an honest man who sincerely sought to know the Word and the will of Yahweh as clearly as possible and live by it. He longed to see the power and the anointing experienced in the early church working here and now among the brethren.

We love you, and miss you, Nathan.

Shalom and Rest in Peace.

ELIJAH & MOLLY NGUGI (National Overseers, COY) - KENYA

The zeal for Yahweh's house was deep in your heart. Kenyans will live to remember you dear Brother Nathan for your service of love.



KUNGU MACHARIA
(Regional Overseers, COY) - KENYA

Nathan has been a real brother, a very close friend and a great fellow-servant in the work of the Kingdom. I cherish the times we spent together, the ministry we shared together and the places we visited together. I will miss our heart to heart talks around the Scriptures and the many hours we shared singing the 'old-time' Gospel songs. Wonderful, wonderful times! I commend and appreciate my dear brother's devotion to Yahweh and the depth of his love for people. We'll meet again in the coming Kingdom. Shalom.



ALCOT WALKER (National Overseer, COY) - UK



Dad was a father who cared, but he was also my best friend. He protected and looked out for me. He was full of humour and loving.

Dad just wanted the best for me and encouraged me to work hard and believe in myself and just do my best. I have so many fond memories that I will always cherish.

Love you always dad.

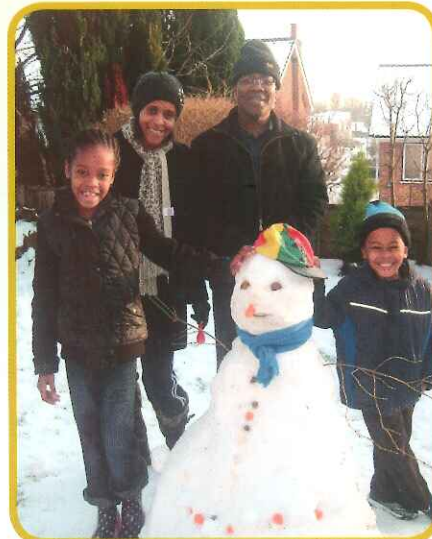
Nathania Prince

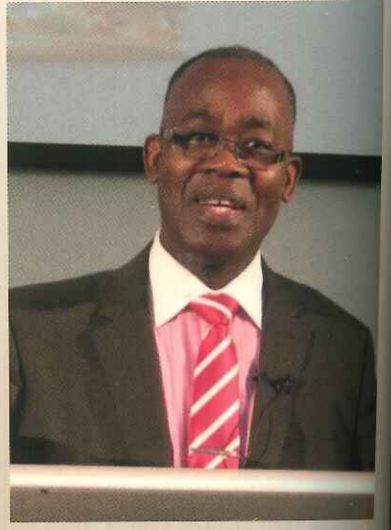
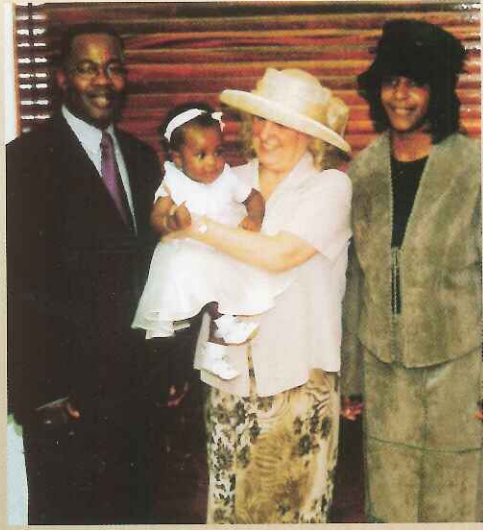
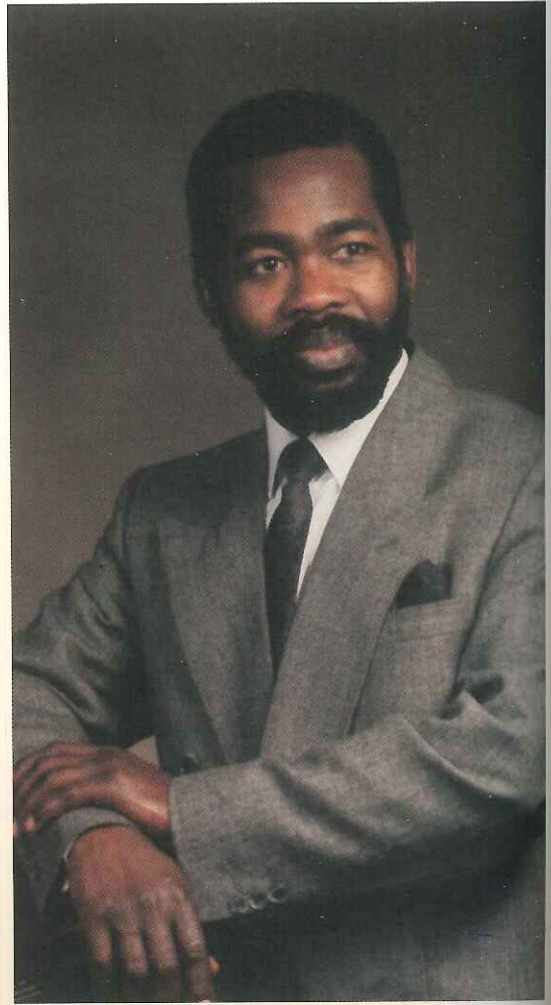
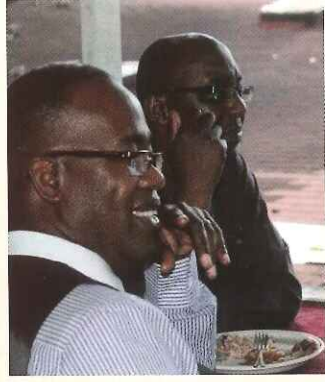
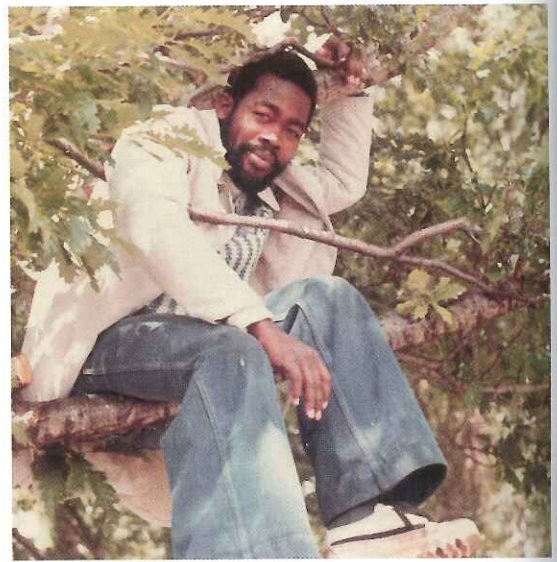
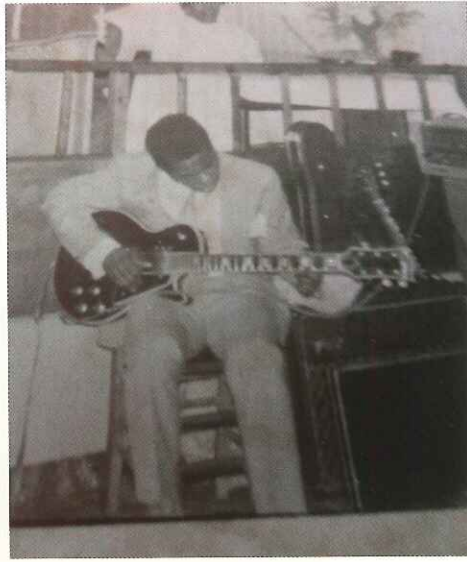
Dad meant so much to me, he was always there and someone you could talk to. He taught me the importance of working hard and not to forget Yahweh, but to put Him first in everything. I have so many memories that will stay with me forever.

Niall Prince

Nathan was a kind and caring person, who always wanted the best for us. We remember the many stories he would tell us especially of growing up in Jamaica. He told them in such a funny way that made us all laugh. We will miss him, but know he's now with his loved ones.

Latoya and Kelisa Brown





An online memorial can be viewed at www.funeralzone.co.uk/obituaries/62036

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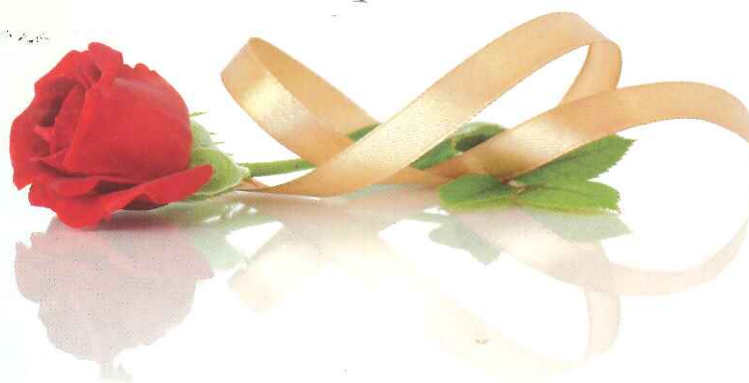
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“What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven in the lives of others” - Pericles

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