

In Gratitude

CELEBRATING
THE ABUNDANT LIFE OF

We, the family of the late **Norbert Didier** would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all their relatives, friends and well-wishers both here and abroad, who have been a source of inspiration and support during his illness, death and burial.

Your words of encouragement, prayers, telephone calls, cards, social media messages, flowers and visits have been a source of strength and comfort during this very trying time.

May Almighty God continue to bestow His richest blessings on all of you.



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NORBERT DIDIER
JANUARY 09TH 1970 – AUGUST 24TH 2020



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FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2020
THE PEOPLE'S PENTECOSTAL FAMILY CHURCH,
GOODWILL, DOMINICA
VIEWING: 1:30P.M. SERVICE: 2:30 P.M.
INTERMENT: ROSEAU PUBLIC CEMETERY

NO UNFINISHED TASK – NORBERT “NORBY” DIDIER

The song, “No Unfinished Task,” has a line, which reads, “When my life on earth is past, there is one thing I ask, ‘don’t let me leave behind an unfinished task.’” This must have been part of Norbert’s daily prayer, for he left behind no unfinished task, when he left to meet his maker on August 23, 2020. On June 4, 2020, the day his diagnosis was confirmed, Norbert said I leave my life completely in God’s hands, and if it is His will that I come to meet him, my wife and family will be okay. I have lived my life planning for the day, when I will be gone. When you witnessed how methodical he was, down to the last day, how his faith never wavered, not even for a flicker; you know that you were looking at a man, who knew, he had finished all the work God had assigned to him, and he had done it well and served faithfully. He had fought the good fight, kept the faith and was ready to claim his prize. He went peacefully, leaving behind no unfinished task.

Norbert was a family man. He loved his wife and children with all he had. He lived for them. The love he shared with his wife, Paula, was a love of the fairytales. He, while batting for the DCP Cricket team at a match at Warner, sighted, in his words, “a beautiful young lady with her shades,” and told his batting partner, “I am going to get out. I want to talk to this girl!” And out, he did, and made a beeline to “this girl!” When he came up to her, he realised he knew her as they had attended the Mahaut Primary School at the same time. That conversation led to more conversations, and the rest, as we say, was history! Norbert and Paula were married in 1998 and bore three beautiful children, Courtney, Niome and Stephan. Paula had a son, Dwayne, and Norbert loved and cared for him, like his very own.

He was, according to Niomi, the best father. He disciplined with love; however, he never beat them. He made his expectations clear and his children knowing what was expected, lived up to those expectations. His children will miss him dearly. On the day of his passing, Niomi was crying, as she said, “not for me, but for Stephan. They were so close. They went together everywhere.” Niomi, with great pride, says her father can never be replaced, as she talks about the bed, he made for her, himself, for her birthday. Courtney could not allow her father to be laid to his final rest, in her absence, and so she willingly and lovingly endured the PCR and rapid tests for COVID-19 and the fourteen days of quarantine, to pay her last respects to her father. He would move mountains for her. She said, “Aunty do you know my father paid my entire tuition the Friday, before he passed?” This was a small act to recognize and pay tribute to her father’s love.

IN THE SWEET BY AND BY

There’s a land that is fairer than day,
And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way,
To prepare us a dwelling place there.

*In the sweet by and by,
We shall meet on that beautiful
shore;*

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We shall meet on that beautiful
shore.*

We shall sing on that beautiful shore
The melodious songs of the blessed;
And our spirits shall sorrow no
more,
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest.

To our bountiful Father above,
We will offer our tribute of praise,
For the glorious gift of His love,
And the blessings that hallow our
days.

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

When the trumpet of the Lord shall
sound,
And time shall be no more,
And the morning breaks, eternal,
bright and fair,
When the saved of earth shall gather
Over on the other shore,
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll
be there.

*When the roll is called up yonder
(3x)*

*When the roll is called up yonder
I’ll be there.*

On that bright and cloudless
morning,
When the dead in Christ shall rise,
And the glory of his resurrection
share;
When his chosen ones shall gather
To their home beyond skies,
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll
be there.

Let us labor for the Master
From the dawn till setting sun,
Let us talk of all his wondrous love
and care;
Then, when all of life is over,
And our work on earth is done,
And the roll is called up yonder, I’ll
be there.

**SOMEDAY, SOMEDAY I'LL
GO WHERE JESUS IS**

Someday, someday
I'll go where Jesus is;
Someday, someday
I'll go where Jesus is.
Someday, someday
I'll go where Jesus is;
I'll be caught up to meet Him,
I'll be Caught up to meet Him,
I'll be caught up to meet Him in
the air.

I'll be caught up to meet Him,
Caught up to meet Him;
Where joy and happiness,
Peace is mine!
One day in glory,
I'll tell the story,
I'll be caught up to meet Him in
the air.

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, O Glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, Hallelujah, bye and
bye, I'll fly away.*

When the shadows of this life have
grown, I'll fly away. Like a bird from
prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away. To a land where joys
shall never end,
I'll fly away.

SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon, we are going to
see the King (3 times)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to
see the King.

No more crying there, we are going
to see the King (3 times)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to
see the King.

No more dying there, we are
going to see the King (3 times)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're
going to see the King.

He practiced God's commandment by honouring his parents and was a wonderful brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Norbert Didier, better known as "Norby," was born on January 9th, 1970 to Agatha and Tartan Didier. He was the second of six children and the first son. His siblings are Linda Graham, Cuffbert, Ronny, Armand and Marvo Didier. Norbert was the family's sage and adviser; always ready with the right words and advice. In addition to giving each of his siblings a personal message, the day before his passing he left behind a voice note...that way, he remains forever present!

Norbert was a genuine friend and a good co-worker. His friends knew they could always depend on him to be there and to also tell them the hard truths, as he urged them to make wiser choices. His co-workers knew they could depend on him. If Norbert got it, they knew they were covered. Friends and co-workers cried, like they had lost a family member, and indeed they had; even as they recounted stories of their time with him.

Norbert attended the Mahaut Government School and the Dominica Technical College. He would over the years, attend several training programmes, to enhance his skills and competencies. He believed in education and lifelong learning to enhance one's life and to be the best one could be. Norbert was not a man of shortcuts. He was disciplined, honest, trustworthy, frank and organised. He was truly a man of Integrity.

Norbert started his working life at age 17, at the Dominica Coconut Products, working for ten years. It was there he was transformed from a youth to a man. In 1998, the same year he married his love and soulmate, he joined the staff at the Dominica Electricity Company Limited (DOMLEC), where he served for twenty-two (22) years, until his passing. Norbert had strong work ethics and was a committed, dedicated and loyal employee, always striving to enhance his skills, giving and being his best. Paula, his wife, often teased him, that even in his illness, he could not put his work hat down, as he tried to supervise everything around him, including her. She would tell him, "Mr. Supervisor, I am not an employee at DOMLEC!" He would sit on the back porch and supervise the workers on his garden below.

Norbert loved farming and he met many people in the farming community, because of that love. He was an avid sportsman; excellent cricketer and footballer. He played for a few teams including the DCP All Stars Cricket Team, as indicated earlier and Jimmit Strikers Football Team



Norbert does not want us to mourn him. He wants us to celebrate his life with thanksgiving. The night before he passed, he summoned Josephine, his sister-in-law and Managing Director of Gentle Rest Funeral Services Ltd, and asked her how many tents she had, as he wanted a big thanksgiving celebration, on his return from Martinique. One sensed that Norbert knew he was going, but did not want to cause any alarm, so he lulled everyone in comfort that he was going to Martinique and he would be back.

Norbert was well-loved and he knew it. He got his flowers while he was alive. He was amazed by the way his family, friends and co-workers rallied around him, each trying to outdo the other in meeting his needs! His medical team just had to say what was needed and people were falling over themselves to provide it. Norbert lacked for nothing. He commented often and was so thankful for the huge outpouring of love for him and towards him. He would say to Paula in jest, "All that love is for you, and it is so much, it is overflowing to me!" He, however, knew that, this was his love.

Norbert does not want us to grieve like a people without hope, for above all, Norbert loved and trusted the Lord. His faith, as we told you before never faltered. Norbert wants us to take a lesson from his life and to keep his legacy alive. He wants us firstly to secure our crown in heaven by serving the Lord with all our hearts, minds and souls.

He want us to love, take care and make time for our family, honour our parents, develop a strong work ethic, build genuine friendships and relationships, prepare a plan for our lives and have the discipline to execute it, manage our finances prudently, be keepers of our word and people of integrity. And, when all is said and done, work towards leaving behind no unfinished task.



Norbert "Norby" Didier: A Man among Men, Loving Husband, Devoted Father, Caring Son, Exemplary Brother, Uncle, Nephew, Cousin, Genuine Friend; We Love You. We Miss You. We Celebrate You. Your Legacy Lives On. Rest in Eternal Peace. Your Work on Earth is Done. Your Crown of Glory Awaits You. You Left Behind No Unfinished Task. We Thank God for You.

GRAVESIDE HYMNS

JESUS GONE TO PREPARE A MANSION

In my Father's house are many mansions
If it were not true He would have told me so
He has gone away to live in that bright city
He's preparing me a mansion there I know

Jesus died upon the cross to bear my sorrow
Freely died that souls like you might have new life
But I know that soon there'll come a bright tomorrow
When the world will all be free from sin and strife
Do not shun the...

WHEN WE GET TO GLORY LAND

When we get to glory land
Christ will hold me by his hand
United we'll be!
So happy, so free!
In the blessed land above,
Christ will tell of his love
What a glorious day!
When we get to glory land.

NO GRAVE SHALL KEEP MY BODY DOWN

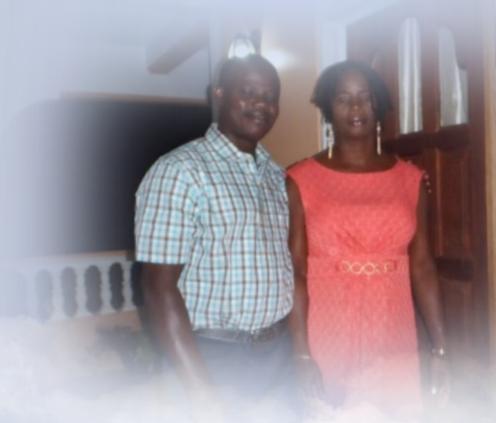
No grave shall keep my body down (2)
When the trumpet shall sound
And the dead in Christ shall rise
No grave, no grave

CLOSING SONG
ACROSS THE BRIDGE

I have lived a life of sin,
in this world am living in,
I have done forbidden things I shouldn't do.
I asked a beggar on the way,
if he could tell me where to stay,
where I could find some happiness and all that's true.

**Across the bridge,
there's no more sorrow,
across the bridge, there's no more pain,
the sun will shine across the river
and I'll never be unhappy again.**

Follow the footsteps of the King,
till you hear the voices sing,
I'll be singing all the glory of the Lord,
the river Jordan will be there,
sounds of trumpet you will hear,
I'll be living on the promises of God.



FUNERAL SERVICE FOR NORBERT DIDIER

Viewing	1:30-2:30
Tributes:	<i>Domlec Representative Family Representative Friend Farmer's Group Representative</i>
Procession	
Entrance	<i>How Great Is Our God</i>
Opening Prayer:	<i>Pastor Polydore</i>
Welcome	
Worship:	<i>Campbell Pentecostal Church</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Oh I Want To See Him Look Upon</i>○ <i>You Are God Alone</i>○ <i>You Are My Strength</i>○ <i>Victory Belongs To Jesus</i>○ <i>All My Life You Have Been Faithful</i>
Scripture Reading	
Special Tribute	
Scripture Reading	
Eulogy:	<i>Dr. Valda Henry</i>
Sermon	
Prayers For The Family	
Closing Prayer	
Closing Song	<i>Across The Bridge</i>
Graveside Hymns	<i>Jesus Gone To Prepare A Mansion When We Get To Glory Land No Grave Some Day Some Day I Will Go Where I'll Fly Away Soon And Very Soon When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder</i>



ENTRANCE
HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice, All the Earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

You're the name above all names
You are worthy of our praise
And my heart will sing
How great is our God, How great...

ALL MY LIFE YOU HAVE BEEN FAITHFUL

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never failed me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head

Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend

And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah!
And all my life You have been faithful, oh
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God, yeah!

'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything, 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running
after me, oh-oh, 'Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after, it keeps running after me

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing, 'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good,
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God (2x)



VICTORY BELONGS TO JESUS

Who will stand against the Lord?
No one can, No one will

Who will stand against the king?
No one can, No one will

Oh oh oh (2x)
Victory belongs to Jesus
Victory belongs to Him
Oh oh oh (2x)

Victory belongs to Jesus
Victory belongs to Him

I said, who can stand
(who can stand against the Lord?)
No one (no one can)
No one (no one will)
Yes, who can stand (who can stand against the king?)
Nobody can (no one can)
No one will (no one will)

Oh oh oh (2x)
Victory belongs to Jesus (victory belongs to Jesus)
Victory belongs to Him
Oh oh oh (oh oh oh) Oh oh oh

Victory belongs (victory belongs to Jesus)
Victory belongs to Him

Yeah yeah
Oh oh oh (2x)
Say the victory belongs to Jesus
(victory belongs to Jesus)
(Yes it does!) Victory belongs to Him
Oh oh oh (2x) Victory...

WORSHIP SONGS

OH, I WANT TO SEE HIM

[Chorus] [Bridge:]

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.

You're unchangeable (Unchangeable)
Unshakable (Unshakable)
Unstoppable (Unstoppable)
That's who you are (That's who you
are)
[2x]

"YOU ARE GOD ALONE"

You're not a God created by human
hands
You're not a God dependent on any
mortal man
You're not a God in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan, that's just the way it is
[2x]

YOU ARE MY STRENGTH

You are my strength
Strength like no other
Strength like no other
Reaches to me

You are my hope
Hope like no other
Hope like no other
Reaches to me

**You are God alone, from before
time began
You were on Your throne, You are
God alone.
And right now, in the good times
and bad
You are on Your throne, You are
God alone.**

**In the fullness of Your grace
In the power of Your Name
You lift me up
You lift me up**

You're the only God whose power
none can contend
You're the only God whose name
and
Praise will never end
You're the only God who's worthy
Of everything we can give
You are God, that's just the way it is

Unfailing love
Stronger than mountains
Deeper than oceans
Reaches to me

Bridge
Your love O Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness
Reaches to the sky

