

Clifton, NJ Family Church: Passing of Our Dear Brother, Mr. Richard John Francis

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Dear brothers and sisters,

We wish to inform you that another one of our members and dear beloved brother, Mr. Richard John Francis peacefully ascended to the spirit world.

Richard John Francis was born at St. Michael Barbados on October 24, 1954. He was one of the original founding members of the Family Federation for World Peace in Barbados. He spent many years serving, teaching and leading our Barbados Church. He also worked in the safety and development of the New Yorker Hotel, a landmark building in New York City. He was Blessed in marriage to Evelyn in 1995 and together they raised two beautiful children Jazzera and Ethan.

He worked with British Telecommunication Company: Cable and Wireless, became certified as a Salvage Diver and worked with a Caribbean salvage company as a scuba diver. He also became certified as a ranked Karate instructor, and started the first Tae Kwon Do school in Barbados. He also inspired many young people to get involved in Tae wa Do as a sport and discipline. He was a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer for a major hotel group and a health and fitness business. Mr. Francis also loved the beach, and spent lots of time engaging in swimming, diving and snorkeling.

On Wednesday, August 23rd, Mr. Francis departed from this earthly life, leaving behind a legacy of absolute faith, absolute love, and devotion to Heavenly Father. In September of 2021, he was in and out of the ICU for a couple of months. Then later moved to a rehabilitation center to aid in his recovery. He eventually was stabilized and was later moved back home to aid in his recovery at the end of June. Last July, he had a successful heart surgery. However, this past Wednesday his heart stopped suddenly.

Mr. Francis leaves behind his wife Evelyn, and children Jazzera, and Ethan. Brothers David, Dave, Pearson and Marlon. Sisters Sharon and Ramona.

We hope that you are able to contribute to this fundraiser, of which all proceeds will go to cover the cost of funeral and hospital expenses. Due to Mr. Francis's long stay in the hospital and rehabilitation, we anticipate that the medical bills will be significant. Any assistance that can be offered to their family during this difficult time is greatly appreciated. Please keep the Francis family in your thoughts and prayers as they navigate this profound loss.

More details about Mr. Francis's Viewing, and Seonghwa will be sent out as soon as it is clarified. There will also be a link provided organizing a 40 Hour Prayer Chain before his Seonghwa Ceremony, which will start on Monday (8/28) morning. Please direct all donation to Ms. Evelyn Zelle: 973-444-2420.

Sincerely,

Pastors Naokimi Ushiroda, Nancy Jubb, and Atsushi Takino