## **Dennis Strong**

Dennis "Buddy" William Strong Jr. was born in Stanley, NC on August 5, 1939 and went home to the Lord on August 4, 2016. He was 76 years young when he passed. "Buddy" was the eldest son of Dennis W. Strong Sr. and Mozelle Connor Strong of Pittsburgh, PA. He is a graduate of Homestead High School and a veteran of the US Air Force.

Father of David, Michael (Sheila), Dina, Virgil, and John D. (Kelly) Strong and Lisa Perry and Kari Abdal-Khallaq. Grandfather of 16 and great grandfather of two. Brother of Lena Borders (Joe), Brenda Frazier (Andrew - deceased), Sara Jones, Eric, Lester (Patrice), and Tim (Jane) Strong and the late Docia Puryear (Robert) and Joyce Singletary (Nathan).

Dennis joined St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church two years ago at the time of Synod 2014 of which he was one of the principal organizers as a "vision" team leader. He also joined the choir at that time. He served as an announcer at Sunday mass and was known for his golden voice, great sense of humor, and his joyful, fun-loving spirit.

Dennis introduced 'Lectio Divina' to the St. Dominic's choir as required by Synod. *Lectio Divina* (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional Benedictine practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of God's Word.

Dennis was the founding president of the Caribbean Institute of Certified Management Consultants. His management consulting firm, Strong's Supreme Service, Inc., focused on strategic assessments, implementing change, training, and team development, particularly in the hospitality industry. He enjoyed and was known for helping other consultants achieve and sustain global standards in their practices.

Before moving to Barbados, Dennis lived for many years in Toronto, Canada, where he owned a consulting firm and was active in the local business community.

Dennis was an avid spots enthusiast; particularly golf, basketball, American football and cricket. He was a lover of music, particularly jazz, R&B, Soca and gospel.

The memorial service takes place on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church, Maxwell, Christ Church, Barbados. at 4pm.

The "Celebration of Life" service will be held on Saturday, August 27th from 11am - 2pm at Triumph Church, 1293 Mt. Nebo Road, Sewickly, PA 15143. Repast immediately following the service.

The Strong family wishes to offer special thanks to Robert Dabney, the family of Alfred Allman, Pauline Louison and her friends and associates, the good people at CICMC and friends of Strong Supreme Service.

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