

Richard LOUIS

Richard Frank "Eagle" Louis was born January 16, 1964, in St. James, Barbados to the late Veronica Marie Louis and Idon Ashley Andrews. Richard succumbed to his battle with cancer and earned his Heavenly wings on January 3rd, 2025.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Victor Louis.

As one of six siblings, Richard was encouraged by his parents to excel both academically and athletically;

In 1979, at the age of 15, Richard represented his country, Barbados, in the Carifta Games in Jamaica where he placed 2nd in the 400 meter under 17 Boys heat. In 1980 in Bermuda he won the 400 meter, 200 meter, and placed 2nd in the 100 meter, which led him to win the Austin Sealy trophy (which is presented to the most outstanding athlete).

In 1981, he won the men's 400 meter in a meet-record time of 46.62.

Richard started his U.S. track career at Howard University in Washington DC, in the fall of 1981 and quickly impacted the team as a rookie, continually challenging his senior members when practicing. His determination and persistent attitude led him to make the 4x400 meter team, which set several Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) and National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) records.

Richard also went on to win in the Penn Relays 4X400 competition (where spectators see some of the world's most electrifying track and field athletes compete). These accomplishments led him to make the Barbados Olympic team at the 1984 games in Los Angeles where he made the 4x400 finals. He was also on the team during the 1988 games in Seoul, Korea. Richard graduated from Howard University in 1985 and shortly thereafter moved to New York, where he worked for the City of New York for 15 years before moving to

Florida. There, he continued in his field with Broward Regional Health Planning Council and Henderson Behavioral Health.

Richard also was very much involved in Cricket as a young teen and into his adult life.

As a member of the cricket world, some of his affiliations included; President of the South Florida Cricket Association, Captain of the Northeast Masters, Central Florida Cricket League, Brooklyn Team (Swansea) and the USA National Cricket Team.

Richard was also the VP of Port St Lucie Cricket Club, where he was the Captain of the Cricket team.

Richard leaves to cherish his memory **his daughters** Patrina and Shlya Louis, **son** Kashaan Louis and **granddaughter** Ashley Louis; **Sister** Beverley Louis Gibbons (Rondell Gibbons), **brothers** Monroe Louis (Gloria Brooklyn NY, Kealster Louis (Katie) VA Beach Virginia, and Robert Louis (Rosalind) Accra Ghana. Nephew Jason, **nieces**; Kathy, Amanda, and tons of **cousins and friends**.

We were truly blessed to have **Richard Frank Louis** in our lives!

A life well lived..Flying high like the Eagle he was!!!

Memorial service will be held at Good Shepherd Church Fitts Village Saint James March 22nd at 10am.

