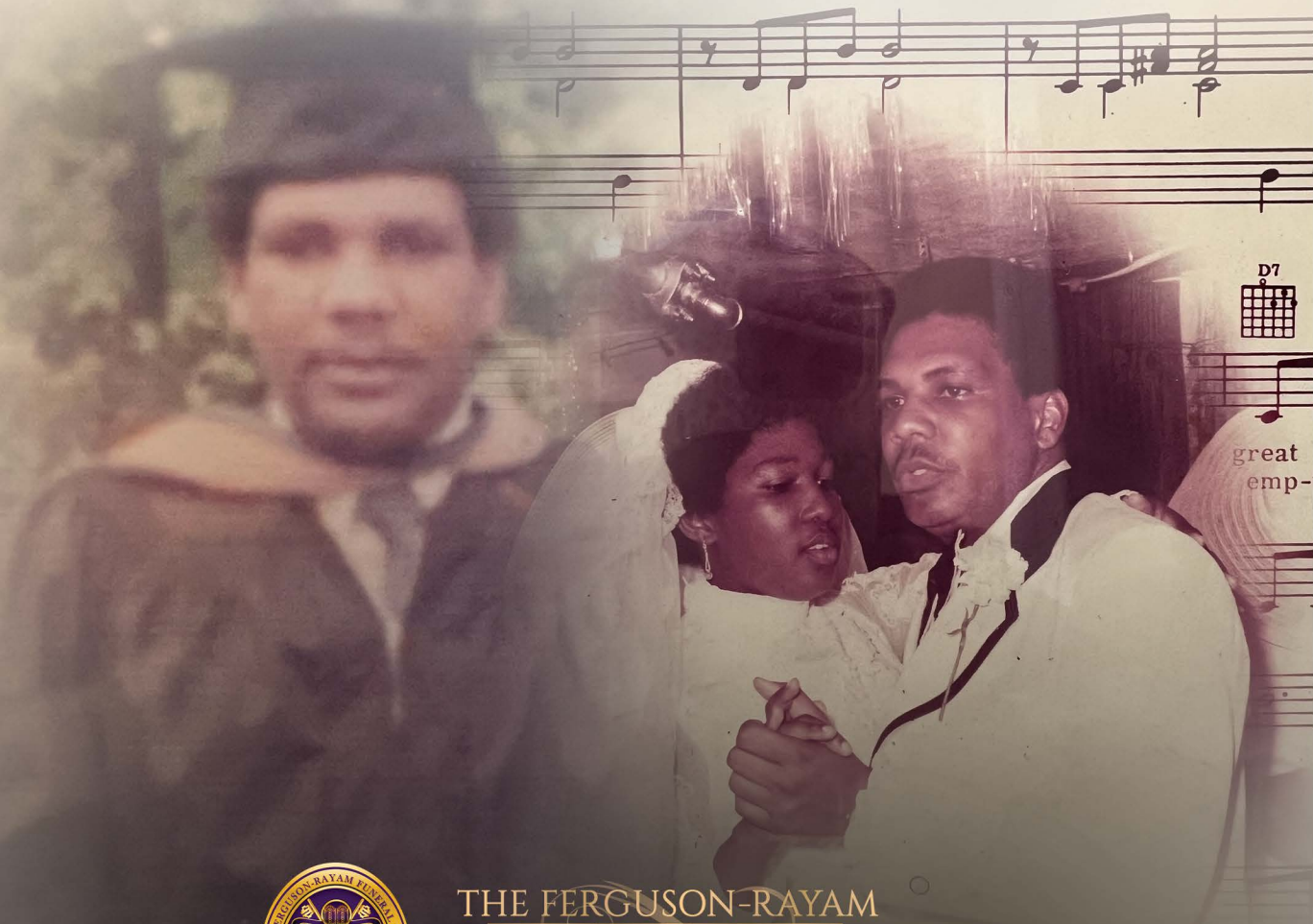


ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Scipio Family would like to acknowledge each act of kindness and love displayed during this time. We sincerely appreciate the calls, texts, expression of condolences and most of all the prayers. May God continue to bless, strengthen, and comfort you.

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APRIL 24, 1942 ~ FEBRUARY 20, 2026

THE LIFE STORY OF MICHAEL SCIPPIO

Michael Oliver Scipio was born on April 24, 1942, to Margaret Cato and Conrad Scipio in the town of St. George on the beautiful island of Grenada. At some point in his life he was given the nickname "Suzie," a name that stayed with him throughout the years. Many of his friends and acquaintances knew him by this name, and he carried it comfortably.

Michael was one of three children born to his parents, alongside his siblings Cecil Scipio and Mona Scipio. As a child, his sister Mona remembered him as very independent. He often enjoyed his own company and was known to venture to places where other children his age would not go without friends.

Michael could best be described as a gentle soul. He was quiet, easygoing, generous, and witty. Those who knew him appreciated his calm nature and steady presence. Despite his quiet demeanor, he was never a pushover—when Michael had something to say, he expressed himself clearly and with conviction.

He received his primary education at Palmer School in St. George's, Grenada, where he excelled academically and earned a scholarship to attend the Grenada Boys' Secondary School (GBSS) in Tanteen. In addition to his academic success, Michael was a talented athlete who excelled in several sports. He played point guard for the Frogs basketball team, one of the top teams in Grenada, and also represented the Grenada National Team in competitions against teams from Trinidad and Barbados. He also enjoyed table tennis and soccer, playing for the Honved team in Grenada and later for Howard University during his undergraduate years.

After graduating from GBSS, Michael worked at Hubbard's Shipping Company in Grenada and spent a short time serving in the West Indian Regiment. Determined to pursue greater opportunities, he later migrated to the United States to further his education and build a better life. Even from afar, he remained attentive to his mother and ensured she was well cared for.

Michael attended Howard University in Washington, D.C., where he graduated with honors with a degree in Accounting. He later earned a Master's degree in Accounting from George Washington University. He went on to become a Certified Public Accountant and built a long and successful career with New Jersey Transit's Railroad Division, where he worked for 25 years until his retirement.

On August 24, 1974, Michael married Phyllis Sylvester in Brooklyn, New York. Their union was blessed with three children: Darryl Oliver Scipio, Rachel Bryant, and Meshele Scipio Hardy.

Family meant everything to Michael. He was a loving father and a dedicated provider who believed deeply in the importance of education. He was known to be strict with his children when it came to their studies, often reminding them that without proper education, life could become difficult and mediocre. He always wanted more for them.

His grandchildren brought him great joy. Even during the later years of his illness, when communication became difficult, they loved being close to him. The younger ones would climb into bed with him, and he looked forward to sharing treats and exchanging "high fives."

Over the past five years, Michael's health gradually declined. During this time, his wife and devoted caregiver, Phyllis, sought the assistance of home health aides to help care for him at home. One aide in particular, Patricia Flowers, deserves special acknowledgment for her dedication, compassion, and excellent care over the past four and a half years. The family now considers Patricia a member of the family and will always be grateful for the comfort and care she provided.

Michael leaves to cherish his memory his beloved wife of 51 years, Phyllis Scipio; his children Darryl Scipio (Erika), Rachel Bryant, and Meshele Scipio Hardy (Thomas); and his eight grandchildren: Jordan and Christian Bryant; Bijoux and Toussaint Scipio; Noah, Joshua, and Jaxon Hardy; and Zyheira Fisher-Hardy.

He is also survived by his sisters Shirley Bruno, Janice Rougier Moore, and Sonia Bambe; his brother Harold Jacob; sisters-in-law Earline Sylvester, Joyce Smith, and Shirley Sanon; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends.

Michael was predeceased by his mother Margaret Cato, his father Conrad Scipio, his sister Mona Scipio, and his brothers Cecil Scipio and Winston Scipio.

Michael will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His gentle spirit, kindness, and quiet strength will live on in our hearts forever.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Funeral Service | 11:30 AM

Congregational Baptist Church

399 Bergen St., Newark, NJ 07103

Bishop George C. Searight Sr., Officiating

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

PRAYER

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Jordan Bryant
Psalm 27

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Earline Sylvester
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SONG SELECTION

Psalmist April Rix

REFLECTIONS

Raymond Steele, Best Friend - Audio Tribute
Mary Simpson, Family Friend
Alice Nicholson, Cousin
Meshele Hardy, Daughter
Phyllis Scipio, Wife

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & OBITUARY

Darryl O. Scipio

SONG SELECTION

Psalmist April Rix

EULOGY

Bishop George C. Searight Sr.

RECESSIONAL

**Committal to Follow at Rosedale Cemetery*

**Repast to Follow Burial in the fellowship hall of the church*

