



Ivan Locker

August 24, 1938 - January 6, 2023

Ivan Samson Locker was born on the beautiful Emerald Island of Montserrat, West Indies on August 19, 1938, to the late George Henry Locker and Sarah Louise Greenaway. He was the seventh son of nine children. Ivan's father and uncle Alfred "Freddy" Locker were ordained Elders of Ebenezer SDA Church, and his mother Sarah served as a Deaconess. Ivan and his siblings were very active in church and were regular attenders in Sabbath School and church services.

Ivan was the only one of his siblings who was afforded a private SDA school education. He then went on to Trade Carpentry school and excelled. At a young age Ivan preached in his local church and served unofficially as Youth Pastor. It was during this period that he along with the pastoral leadership, extended the right hand of fellowship to 'Dorothy' (who would become his wife little did he know then) after her baptism as a young teenager. In 1960 Ivan along with his best friend Jim Ryan, boarded a ship (that was later referred to as

"The Love Boat" by his children) bound for London, England--- a voyage that took sixteen days.

During this time, the vessel made only two stops in Tenerife, Spain. As fate would have it,

Dorothy was also on the same ship yet neither one knew it upon boarding. Ivan was

mesmerized by the size of the ship and all the amenities that were available: food, electric

irons, showers, entertainment, etc. Once settled in London, Ivan worked in several industries,

including holding the title of Supervisor in a paint mixing factory. The following year Ivan and

Dorothy were reacquainted, began courting and were married in 1962. Out of this union came

four beautiful children. Brian, Hilary, Brenda, and Percy who was the only child that was born in

Montserrat, W.I. The family immigrated to the United States in 1975 and settled in Rosedale,

NY (now Springfield Gardens) and were members of the Springfield Gardens SDA Church (now

Community Worship Center) where Ivan held numerous church offices. He played both piano

and organ well and had a melodious bass voice as a choir member. Ivan worked for Russ Togs,

Inc. as garment Supervisor from 1975 -1991 then he opted for early retirement. After a visit to

see his beloved sister Margaret Ann Walters in Florida, he fell in love with the city of Ocala. So,

in 1994, he and Dorothy purchased land and built their forever home a few doors away from

Margaret. Enjoying the warmth of Florida, Ivan embarked on his own lawn

care business until his health would no longer permit him to continue. Ivan was a member of the Silver Spring SDA Church (now Hope Springs) where he held many church offices and preached whenever invited to the pulpit. Ivan was well versed in the Scriptures and provided life and spiritual counsel to countless church and community members. In 2018, Ivan's health began to decrease but he remained faithful, positive, and encouraging. Having lost two of his children, Ivan still pressed on trusting his Lord. On Friday January 6, 2023, God saw his son's struggle and allowed him to take his final breath with his bride of sixty years and two children at his side. Ivan will be missed, and his memory will be cherished by: Dorothea Evelyn Locker (wife), Esau Fenton (son), Brian Leslie Locker (son), Hilary Mavis Locker (daughter-deceased), Brenda Tracey Locker (daughter), Percy Paul Locker (son-deceased), Toyin Maboye Ekundayo (grandson), Geneva Renet Locker (granddaughter), Brenae Joelle Bellard (granddaughter), Paul Matthew Locker (grandson) (Erica), Margaret Ann Walters (sister), John Locker (first cousin) and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives, loved ones and friends.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Park

1515 NE 3rd Street
Ocala, FL 34470

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel
606 SW 2nd AVE
Ocala , FL 34471

Funeral Service

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

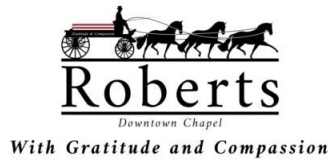
JAN 19. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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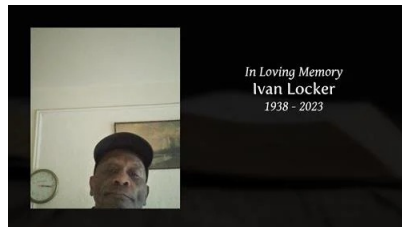
RJ

Brenda, we are praying for you and your family during this difficult time. God is your Rock and salvation. He is our great comforter and will sustain you through! Rythee and Kelven Jones

Rythee Jones - January 20, 2023 at 07:29 PM



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IW

“ Bro & Sis. Wellington met the Locker’s at the Springfield Gardens SDA church. We spent many wonderful years together. At this time we express our condolences to the entire family. We look forward to the day when we will be reunited. We continue to pray for you. God bless and comfort you all. 🌹 🙏

Ivorie Wellington - January 19, 2023 at 10:23 AM

JM

“ Dear Locker family, we join the many others who are praying with you as you have this time of grief. Grief is only that one side of the coin. It hurts so much because there’s so much love, love is the other side of the coin. I am thankful that God is with you.

Jimmy Munoz

jimmy munoz - January 19, 2023 at 07:36 AM



“ My family has known Brother Locker as members of the Springfield gardens SDA church in Queens NY and we met him again when we relocated to Ocala in 1996 and we will always remember him as a faithful servant of God. He encourages you when ever you call him to offer words of encouragement for his family. Keep trusting in God Sister Locker and the rest of the family. Rest In Peace until Jesus returns for His children. From the Jacobs/Hinds family.

Cora Jacobs-Hinds - January 14, 2023 at 07:45 PM



Amen beloved family. We love and appreciate you.

Brenda Locker - January 17, 2023 at 12:11 PM

VB

We will miss Papa Ivan! You're at peace with the Angels in Heaven. Our sincerest condolences 🌸 and prayers for strength to the Mama Dorothy, Brian, Brenda, Brenae and the rest of the family. We are here for you.

Love Joe and Michelle Bellard

Victoria Bellard - January 18, 2023 at 09:02 PM

EK

Brenda, Robert and I are so sorry to hear about you Dad's passing. Our hope is in the promise of Jesus Christ. We will be together again. We pray for God's strength to be with you and the family during this difficult time. We send you all of our love. Always!

EDLYN JEAN BAPTISTE KEY - January 19, 2023 at 10:36 AM