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Arima mourns the loss of a son.
Sheldon Anthony Gomes: Cricketer- Extraordinaire;
Sheldon Anthony Gomes (born 18 October 1950) Arima; is a former cricketer who played first-class and List A cricket for Trinidad and Tobago and other Trinidad teams from 1969 to 1983.
Gomes' highest first-class score was 213 against Jamaica in the 1976-77 Shell Shield. That was also his most prolific first-class season, with 633 runs at an average of 70.33 and three centuries
We petition you O Lord: for Arima struggling with her grief.
Bend near, O Lord, and hear our prayers. We call out to you from the depth of our need. We seek your presence and your help .we are again confronted with our limitations and our weakness. Death has again brought us to the place where we must admit that we are incapable of sustaining life beyond its reach. Only you can do that, and we give thanks for your willingness to do so.
Help these family members embrace the reality that death is not the last word. We pray that the meaning of resurrection and hope of life eternal might provide a sure foundation on which to build hope. Help them to find a joy that is beyond the reach of sadness and not a conditioned upon circumstances. Help them to find a peace that is underneath their sadness and beyond the reach of doubt. Allow this peace to reassure them that life eternal is not vain hope, but a lively hope, an essential hope. Most of all, help them to experience your own loving presence. Death creates a void that may tempt us to think that we are abandoned. Help them to know they are not alone, but are kept forever under your watchful and compassionate gaze. And that you will receive them even as you have received their loved one, in Christ's name.
We call upon you, O Lord. With conflicting feelings of gratitude and sorrow .we are grateful for the life of Sheldon .so many of us have been beneficiaries of his energy and enthusiasm; his outlook on life was so vital; so positive ;his optimism was like a magnet that drew us all in. We were encouraged and challenged by the dynamic manner in which Sheldon lived his life and faith.
We feel sorrow because this dynamic presence has been taken from us. This bright personality and hopeful energy no longer brightens our days, except in our memories. Help us, o ;lord, as we seek to honor this good life with thanking.
We are drawn to Sheldon's family. Our sorrow is partly rooted in theirs. We hurt with them and for them .their loss greatly outdistances ours because their lives were touched more profoundly by Sheldon's. Help them, o lord, to find your comfort and peace. Help us to serve your Ministry as Ministers of your Grace. Condolences to Gomes Famil
Dr. Cliff Bertrand : An Arimian!



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- Philbert Alleng** RIP Sheldon. Like · Reply · 2w
- PJ Joe** Thank you Dr. Cliff Bertrand. You have indeed represented all of us, Arimians and friends of Sheldon and his family. You preached with reverence. We appreciate your kind words. Rest In Peace Sheldon, our Brother, our School Mate, our Hero and our friend. 🙏 Like · Reply · 2w
- Merrit Hartblay** My condolences Like · Reply · 2w
- Don Haynes** He was also instrumental in introducing cricket to the new York high schools. RIP. Like · Reply · 2w
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- Douglas Barzey** He had an inspiring record. May he Rest In Peace. Like · Reply · 2w

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