

# In Celebration of the Life of *Hrlene Wong King*

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians Church 17 North Clinton Avenue East Orange, NJ 07017 Reverend Jean Max Osias

5:00pm The Links Incorporated Memorial Ceremony
6:00pm The Rosary Confraternity Prayer
6-9pm Viewing in Sanctuary
and Collation in Parish Hall

Friday, June 20, 2014

10:00am Visitation 11:00am Funeral Mass Recessional to Roseland Crematory \*Repast in Parish Hall following

July, 2014

Memorial Service Interment Diamond Head Memorial Park 529 18th Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

## Obituary

On the evening of Sunday, June 15, 2014, Arlene Wong King, of East Orange, NJ, passed peacefully of natural causes, surrounded by her children and her priest. Arlene was 74 years old.

Arlene was born to the late George H.K. and Doris Wong, both converts to Catholicism, on April 11, 1940. She is one of three sisters, including Rita Gonzalez and the late Claire Tong, who grew up in Kahuku, Hawaii, a small, rural town of 500 nestled amidst the sugar cane fields on the North Shore of Oahu. She received a B.S. from Oregon State University and a M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

At Columbia University, she met her former husband, Kenneth D. King and came to settle in East Orange. Arlene and Kenneth had three children, now beautiful adults; Lorrie, Douglas and Leidene. Lorrie is a businesswoman, Douglas is a mechanical engineer and Leidene is an educator. Lorrie's husband is Edbert Morales, MD. Arlene has many other children, Dennis Cook, Eric Hayden and the late Warren Lott. She also is called Grandma by Sanaa Hayden.

Arlene spent many years serving the greater East Orange and surrounding communities. She has been a parishioner at Holy Spirit and Our Lady Help of Christians Church since 1963 when she moved to East Orange. An active member, Arlene chaired the Lector and Stewardship ministries, was a member of the Rosary Confraternity and Parish Council, a Minister of Communion, Secretary of the Finance Council, and involved with the Church's newsletter and a variety of church related activities.

Arlene spent much of her life making positive contributions to the East Orange Community. Throughout her 40-year career in education, she affected the lives of students at the former East Orange Catholic High School for Girls, East Orange High School, and Bernie L. Edmonson Community Education & Adult Education Center. Additionally, before retiring as Principal in 2008, she launched the East Orange Alternative High School. She was an outstanding and committed teacher, Department Head, COE Coordinator, Supervisor, and Assistant Project Manager. She also served as Director/Principal of Adult Education whose mission was to provide an education for citizens who wanted to obtain Adult Basic Education and/or take ESL classes and, ultimately, receive an Adult High School or GED diploma.

From 1978-2005, Arlene served on the Board of Directors of the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson and supported their efforts to empower women and eliminate racism. She served as Treasurer, chaired various committees, and was a three-term President.

Arlene was a member of the Board of Trustees for the Urban Youth Development Corporation and the East Orange Public Library, where she served as Treasurer. She was a member of the Essex County Chapter of The Links, Inc. since 1988, serving on various committees, as Financial Secretary, Vice-President and in 2009 completed four years as President.

She has been honored for her professional contributions and accomplishments. Frontiers International recognized her as "Woman of the Year" and Edmonson Center awarded her its "Teacher of the Year." She received the "Governor's Recognition in Teaching Award" and was named "Teacher of the Year" by the East Orange School District. In 1989, Arlene was selected as a Woman of Influence by the YWCA of Essex and West Hudson. In April 2007, she received the 2007 Lifetime Minority Achiever award from the East Orange Turrell Branch of the YMCA.

Arlene was preceded in death by her parents, George Hong Kwai Wong and Doris Wong, and her sister, Claire Tong.

Arlene is survived by her children, daughter Lorrie and son-in-law Edbert of New York, NY, son Douglas of Union City, CA, daughter Leidene of Alexandria, VA, son Dennis Cook of East Orange, NJ, son Eric Hayden, daughter-in-law Kim Scott and granddaughter Sanaa Hayden; former husband, Kenneth King; sister Rita Gonzalez and brother-in-law Eddie Sr., nephew Eddie Jr. and his wife Mary, grandnephew Matthew and niece Kim; sister Jacqueline Nowell and Family including Anner, Marie, Diane, Willie Jr., Morris, Benjamin, Lisa, Donovan, Greg, Passion, Shakira, Ayeshia and Deidra. Given Arlene's parents had many brothers and sisters there are a host of beloved cousins in Hawaii many whom she was close to and very much embraced as sisters and brothers.

In lieu of flowers, Arlene requested that donations be made out to Holy Spirit/Our Lady Help of Christian's church located at 17 North Clinton Street, East Orange, NJ 07107. Please note "Arlene Wong King" on your donation. Donations will support the church and the children's choir.



### Gloha 'Oe (Farewell to Thee)

Ha`aheo ka ua i nâ pali Ke nihi a`ela i ka nahele E hahai (uhai) ana paha i ka liko Pua `âhihi lehua o uka

> Hui Aloha `oe, aloha `oe

E ke onaona noho i ka lipo One fond embrace, A ho'i a'e au Until we meet again

'O ka hali'a aloha i hiki mai Ke hone a'e nei i Ku'u manawa 'O 'oe nô ka'u ipo aloha A loko e hana nei (Hui)

Maopopo ku`u`ike i ka nani Nâ pua rose o Maunawili I laila hia`ia nâ manu Miki`ala i ka nani o ka lipo (Hui)

#### Translation:

Proudly swept the rain by the cliffs
As it glided through the trees
Still following ever the bud
The 'ahihi lehua of the vale

#### Chorus

Farewell to you, farewell to you
The charming one who dwells in the shaded bowers
One fond embrace,
'Ere I depart
Until we meet again

Sweet memories come back to me Bringing fresh remembrances Of the past

Dearest one, yes, you are mine own From you, true love shall never depart (Chorus)

I have seen and watched your loveliness
The sweet rose of Maunawili
And 'tis there the birds of love dwell
And sip the honey from your lips
(Chorus)

- Written by: Queen Liliuokalani

## Order of Service

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Prelude	Richard Alston, Pianist
Opening Hymn"Sweet Sweet Spirit"	Dr. DeCosta Dawson, Pianist Dee Jackson Sield, Soloist
First Reading	Edbert Morales, MD
Responsorial Psalm"The Lord Is My She	epard"Jean Napoleon, Pianist
Second Reading	Anner Lee Moss
Gospel Acclamation	Jean Napoleon, Pianist
Homily	
Prayer of Faithful	Yolette Reseau
Offertory"Ave Maria" (the Schubert Version	
Incensement	Alma Attys, Soloist
Lord's Prayer	
Communion Song"Taste and See"	Dr. DeCosta Dawson, Pianist Dee Jackson Sield, Soloist
Incensement/Meditation Song"My Trib	oute" by Andrae Crouch Richard Alston, Pianist
Closing Prayer	
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## Hopi Prayer

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am the thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glint in the snow.
I am the sunlight on the ripened grain.
I am the autumn's gentle rain.
When you awaken in the morning hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush.
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there,
I did not die.

-author unknown











#### **Pallbearers**

Douglas John King Dennis Cook Edbert Morales, MD Eric Hayden Benjamin Nowell Abdulsaleem Hasan

#### **Honorary Pallbearers**

Dr. Kenneth D. King Dr. DeCosta Dawson

### Heknowledgements

We are grateful for each and every one of your expressions of love and support extended to our Mom throughout her healing process. You kept her close in heart and mind though she was away from you, and it meant so much to her and us. Your visits, shopping outings on her behalf, meals cooked and delivered with love as well as your affirming prayers, phone calls, text messages, flowers, cards and other gestures of support reminded her that she was surrounded and enfolded by you who loved and cared for her. We also appreciate very much each of you who honored her desire to quietly and privately journey this path. Thank you for maintaining her confidence, as we know it may have been challenging to do.

Mom also wanted to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Hattie Osborne, Gwen Wolverton, Yolette Reseau and Father Max, who was also one of her sons. Words are inadequate…

Special thanks to Dr. Louis Sangosse for his thoughtfulness and concern in caring for our Mom, Claudia Poku for her care, Mom's Church Family and Essex County Link Sisters.

God's grace has been apparent throughout this process and we are so thankful. Infinite blessings to you and yours.

#### Services of Arlene Wong King Entrusted to: Perry Funeral Home

34 Mercer Street • Newark, New Jersey 07103 Office: 973.824.9201 Fax: 973.824.6210 Perryfuneralhome.com

#### **Rosedale Cemetery and Crematory**

408 Orange Road • Montclair, New Jersey 07042 973.673.0127 Rosedalecemetary.org

#### **Diamond Head Memorial Park**

529 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue • Honolulu, Hawaii 96816 808.735.2872 Diamondheadmortuary.net



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