

*Holy Trinity  
Episcopal Church  
Homegoing  
Service for*

*Ms. Lucy Rohilda Crawford*  
*February 3, 2017*

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## Obituary

**Lucy Rohilda Alexandria Crawford**, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great-great grandmother, sister, aunt and mother-in-law, was born on April 23, 1922, in Kildonan Village, Berbice, in the then British Guiana, which later became Guyana.

‘Ms. Lu or Aunty Lucy’, as she was affectionately called by her family and friends, was not only the family’s historian but also the village historian. She could remember and relate all events that took place and could also trace the family ancestry. With her exceptional memory, she was always willing to share her knowledge. Most importantly, she explained that she was fortunate to have met her great-great grandmother who was a slave brought from the West African country of Guinea, and was called Janett (name given to her by the slave masters); her real name being Cece Sabo. Everyone in the village came to Lucy to enquire about their ancestry and she was always able to give them details.

Aunty Lucy was a faithful woman of God, who loved and praised the Lord. She had an exceptional knowledge of the Bible and could explain it in detail and in simple terms for anyone to understand. She encouraged her children, grandchildren and her loved ones to serve the Lord. She served as a Sunday School Teacher in her Church at the Kildonan Scotts Church in Guyana.

When the First Black President of the United States, Mr. Barack Obama was elected, it was one of the proudest moments in her life. She got emotional and asked her daughter to come to her room to kneel since she couldn’t have done it and she prayed fervently for him.

Ms. Lu was stern and truly the family’s disciplinarian, as her children, and most of her nieces, nephews and cousins felt the ‘heat of her hands’. They called her Ms. Put to Right. She respected time, was always punctual, and felt that if there is a stated time then, one should respect it. She would get upset if anyone was late.

Despite these traits, she had a wonderful humorous side. She was full of wisdom and shared wise sayings such as “the ‘worst stick to befall a woman in her relationships is ‘the Domestic’ stick”.

Ms. Lu lived in Mackenzie, the bauxite mining town in Guyana, where she worked as a nanny for the then Demerara Bauxite Company (DEMBA) staff. She later studied cosmetology and became a hairstylist.

Lucy was married to the now deceased Mr. Clive Crawford. In the final days, she suffered with Alzheimer’s disease and though her speech left her, she could communicate effectively by singing her favorite hymns and repeating the Lord’s Prayer.

Left to mourn the loss of Lucy are her loving children: Bernadette, Diane and Janette. Grandchildren: Dylon, Dionne, Lugard, Pharez and Jarrett. Great-Grand Mother of Joshua, Aliya, Zabrina, Alexa, Ayanna and Delia. Great-Great Grandchild: Kayla. Mother-in-Law of David and William. Grand Mother-in-Law of Alex and Leah. Sister of Eula and Winston of London, the United Kingdom, and Janette (Dolly) of Guyana. Aunt of Emmette, Rapheal, Jean, Stanislaus, Gillian, Rosemund, Marcel, Simone, Donna, Floyd, Maude Ann, Arlene, Patrick and Denise. Cousin of the Richardsons/Jacksons-Tessa, Claudette, the Lytes- Elaine and Lucille, the Moores Aunt Vi, Ira and Izell, the Bens, Lois, Iran, Harold and Mavis.

*Celebration of The Life of*  
*Ms. Lucy Crawford*

April 23<sup>rd</sup> 1922 - January 30<sup>th</sup> 2017

Procession..... "I Am Resurrection and I Am Life" (BCP pg. 491)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Lucy Crawford and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Liturgy of the Word**

First Reading..... Aliya Cameron - Wisdom 3: 1-5,9

Second Reading..... Simone Benn - Revelation 7: 9-17

Hymn ..... "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" - LEV# 109 (vs.1-2)

Gospel..... John 14: 1-6

Hymn..... "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"-LEV# 109,(vs. 3)

Sermon..... Rev. Peter Jackson

Obituary..... Pharez George

Reflections..... Two persons

The Prayers of the People..... Marcelle Roberts

For our sister Lucy, let us pray to our Lord Jesus

Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress;

draw near to us who mourn for Lucy, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented;

bring our sister Lucy to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our Lucy; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Father of all mercies, we pray to you for Lucy, and for

all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

## The Peace

Offertory Hymn..... "Blessed Assurance" - LEV #184

In honor of the deceased, a collection will be taken to support the work of The Holy Trinity.

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him,

being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time,  
put all things in subjection under your Christ, and  
bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your  
saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons  
and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the  
firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit all honor and glory is yours,  
Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

### Communion

Communion Hymn.....“How Great Thou Art” - LEV #60

### Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love  
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the  
Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have  
given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant  
that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in  
affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that  
kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor  
crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Commendation

Celebrant, Give rest, O Christ, to your servant Lucy with your  
saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life  
everlasting.

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your  
servant Lucy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,  
a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a  
sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the  
arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

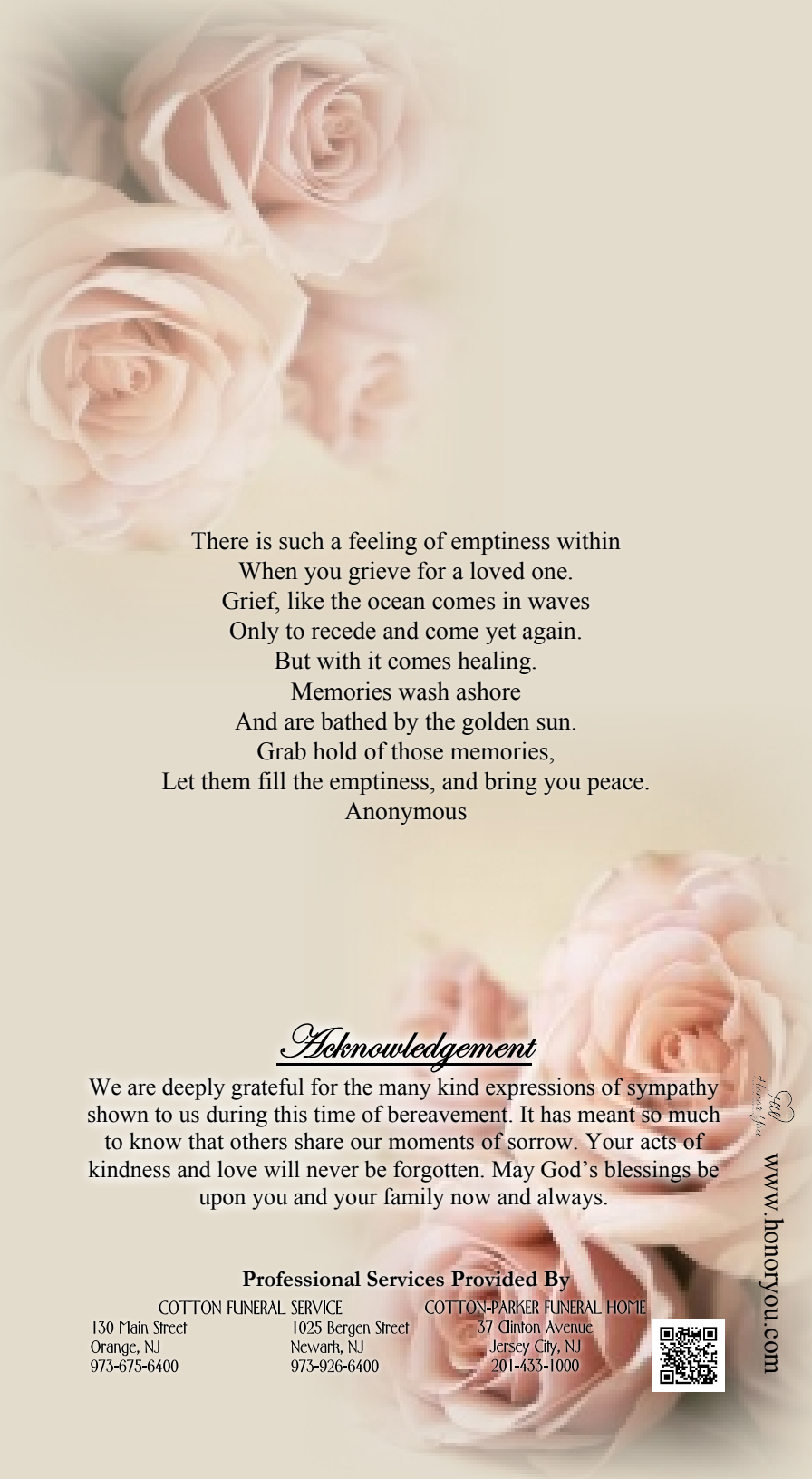
Acknowledgements..... Diane Britton

Recessional Hymn.....”It Is Well With My Soul” LEV #188

**-Interment-**

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There is such a feeling of emptiness within  
When you grieve for a loved one.  
Grief, like the ocean comes in waves  
Only to recede and come yet again.  
But with it comes healing.  
Memories wash ashore  
And are bathed by the golden sun.  
Grab hold of those memories,  
Let them fill the emptiness, and bring you peace.  
Anonymous

### *Acknowledgement*

We are deeply grateful for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during this time of bereavement. It has meant so much to know that others share our moments of sorrow. Your acts of kindness and love will never be forgotten. May God's blessings be upon you and your family now and always.

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