

*A Celebration of Life for
Overseer*

Margaret Bebadene Lucas

Sunrise
February 25, 1946

Sunset
August 10, 2017



The Episcopal Service
For
Her Holiness,
Overseer

Margaret Rebadene Lucas, D.D.

The Overseer & Pastor of Mt. Calvary Independent Holy Church

Called to Glory
August 10, 2017

The Kingdom Experience Church
665-667 S 11th Street, Newark, New Jersey
Clarence L. Smith Jr., Pastor
Sunday the Twentieth day of August,
Two thousand Seventeen, Anno Domini
Six O'clock in the Post Meridiem

Officiant

The Right Reverend Alfred W. Spearman, Sr.
1st Vice Bishop NFCC, Garden State Jurisdictional Prelate

His Grace,

The Most Reverend Timothy B. K. Hibbler, II.
Presiding Bishop NFCC
Eulogist

Order of Liturgy

Musical Prelude The Right Reverend Jonathan Sayles,
National Fellowship Council of Churches, Worldwide (NFCCWW)

Scriptural Exhortation Overseer Margaret A. Wells, NFCCWW
*“And I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, write, blessed are the dead which die in the
Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them.” Revela-
tion 14:13*

The Processional

The Archbishops, The Bishops, The Deans, The Canons, The Pastors, The Elders
The Ecclesiastical Deacons, The Lucas Family

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Nora Branch, NFCCWW

The Hymn of Faith “To God Be The Glory”

The Old Testament Lesson - Psalm 27:1-6 Overseer Sandra Yard, NFCCWW

The New Testament Lesson - Revelation 14:6-14 Elder John Odom
Mt. Calvary Holy Independent Church, Newark, NJ

Musical Selection..... National Fellowship Council of Churches, Worldwide Praise Team

Honored With Resolution Council President The Honorable Mildred C. Crump, City of Newark, NJ

Musical Selection The Kingdom Experience Church Praise & Worship Team

Episcopal Reflections (3 minutes)
National Fellowship Council of Churches, Worldwide
Overseer Catherine Branch – National Mother
Overseer Beverly Williams – National Women President
National Evangelist Crystal Monk-Spearman – Secretary General Office
Overseer Olivia Roberson – Board of Bishops & Board of Overseers
Pastor Andre Felder – Board of Pastors & Elders

Musical Selection National Fellowship Council of Churches, Worldwide Praise Team

Family Tributes (3 minutes)
Mrs. Joyce Gonzalez – Sister
Ms. Joan R. Rice – Sister
Mrs. Monique R. Winstead-Bonilla – Daughter
Mr. Garfield Smith – Oldest Son
Mr. Al-Tariq Shabazz, BA – Oldest Grandson
Ms. Sjoquelyn R. Winstead, BA & MA – Granddaughter

Musical Selection The Kingdom Experience Church Praise & Worship Team

Special Tributes (3 minutes)
Bishop Marvin Bradshaw – Higher Dimension Ministries - New Jersey
Pastor Clarence L. Smith, Jr. – The Kingdom Experience Church, Pastor - Newark, NJ
Reverend John K. White – New Salem Baptist Church, Senior Pastor - Newark, NJ
Apostle Forrest L. Walker, Sr. – Presider of Vision Destiny International Fellowship of Church - Plainfield, NJ
Overseer Johnsie Brevard-Cleveland – Neighbor to Neighbor Foundation, Inc. - Kings Mountain, NC

Musical Selection National Fellowship Council of Churches, Worldwide Praise Team

The Acknowledgement of Condolences

The Obituary (Read Silently)

The Introduction of Eulogist

The Sermonic Solo Dr. James K. Bady, NFCCWW

The Eulogistic Message The Most Reverend Bishop Timothy B.K. Hibbler, II
Presiding Bishop of National Fellowship Council of Churches, Worldwide

The Final Viewing

The Recessional

<p style="text-align: center;">Interment Monday, August 21, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. Fairmount Cemetery Newark, New Jersey</p>
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Obituary

Overseer Margaret Rebadene Rice-Lucas of Newark, New Jersey went home to Glory on Thursday, August 10, 2017 at her private residence.

Overseer Margaret Lucas (affectionately known as Reba or Rev. Dr. Lucas) was born on February 25, 1946 in Newark, New Jersey to the blessed union of Mattie Margaret and the late John Rice.

Rev. Dr. Lucas served as the Presiding Overseer and Senior Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Independent Holy Church (also known as Mt. Calvary) in Newark, NJ and was elevated on May 27, 2016 as Jurisdictional Mother of the “Garden State” for National Fellowship Council of Churches, Worldwide (NFCCWW).

Rev. Dr. Lucas, a lifelong native of Newark, New Jersey, received her early education in the Newark Public School System and was a proud Alumni of South Side High School (Malcolm X. Shabazz High School). As a young girl, Rev. Dr. Lucas attended New Salem Baptist Church in Newark, where she sang in the choir and attended Sunday School under the leadership and tutelage of the late Rev. John Toler. She came to know Jesus Christ as her Savior on February 22, 1970.

Rev. Dr. Lucas attended the Eastern Bible Institute of Irvington, NJ. Under two colossal ministries, she received her degree in Christian Counseling from the International Christian Men and Women Fellowship of the Church of God United in Christ, a satellite campus of Stanford University. Rev. Dr. Lucas received an honorary doctorate of Humanitarian of Missions (1996) from the Mt. Calvary Church.

Rev. Dr. Lucas also attended the Manhattan School of Broadcasting, preparing her for radio Ministry and P.S.A. announcements. She briefly attended Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School. In addition, she retired as an employee of Bristol Myers Squibb Pharmaceutical, where she worked as a Senior Field Sales Correspondent to the entire BMS Sales Force in the US and Hawaii. Rev. Dr. Lucas was instrumental in establishing the Local Talk Newspaper and assisting Editor and Chief Diden Shah in its induction. She has impacted over 1,500 men and women from various county detention centers through her own Christian Bail Bonding Service. Rev. Dr. Lucas received numerous awards and notes of acknowledgements, but most notably the Resolutions from the City of Newark (2007 and 2008) for her commitment of service and the improvement of life of everyone that she touched for more than forty years.

Rev. Dr. Lucas was a devoted wife to the late Bishop J.P. Lucas. She tirelessly cared for him after he became ill and no longer able to pastor the Mt. Calvary Church. She made a promise to her husband and to God that she would carry on his legacy and see that Mt. Calvary would continue. She was later installed as Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Church on April 13, 2003. During her ministerial tenure, she sacrificed her time, energy and finances to ensure that the mortgage on the property was burned, the building was in good standing, and opened every Sunday for worship.

Rev. Dr. Lucas was “Sold Out” for Christ and if you had the pleasure of knowing her, you knew that there was no one person or situation that could separate her from her loving Savior. Jesus Christ was the head of her life and she wholeheartedly lived for Him. On August 16, 2008, Rev. Dr. Lucas, in Service of Episcopal

Consecration, was elevated to the Office and Sacred Order of Overseer in the organization of National Fellowship Council of Churches, Worldwide. She was a true woman of “The Cloth.”

Rev. Dr. Lucas envisioned urgent plans to impact the Newark Community through various outreach ministries and community empowerment projects. Her vision included stakeholders as catalysts to help spark church growth and community programs through implementation of traditional and nontraditional evangelistic methods. These community programs would focus on youth, family and community development.

Rev. Dr. Lucas birthed the non-profit organization Vision of H.O.P.E. Foundation, Inc. She was extremely proud of this organization and her first programming was health awareness for all Newark Residents. She regularly donated monetary gifts and toiletries to assist widowers and grandparents solely caring for their grandchildren. She supplemented their needs on a monthly basis.

Rev. Dr. Lucas’ gifts and her talents were many. She was a soul stirring singer, an awesome writer, teacher and orator. She loved to sing and was a member and lead singer in the New Salem Baptist Church Choir, United Youth for Christ Choir, Union Gospel Tabernacle Choir, The Fellowship Church Choir and many more. She sang with many of the greats. She played the lead role of “Mama” in the Off Broadway Play “Mama”, written and directed by the late Peter Winstead, Sr. She loved to journal, a pastime she started as a young girl. She loved to teach and as a child thought that she would become a professional school teacher. She later realized that her calling was to teach the word of God. She started the School of Wisdom to supplement Sunday School and Bible Study.

Her decorating and shopping skills were remarkable. Rev. Dr. Lucas loved to decorate and beautify anything that she touched. She had a love affair with French Provincial Furniture and fine china. She loved her fur coats, unique hats, fancy clothes, diamonds and pearls. She could make anything that she touched or wore look like a million bucks. Rev. Dr. Lucas founded and started A Touch of Class Hosiery business in the late 1980’s.

Everyday Rev. Dr. Lucas’ love for the Lord was visible through intercessory prayer and her praise for God. She considers her personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ her “Most Valuable Gift.” Her most treasured desire was to allow God to be glorified in her life; and to do an effective work in these last days. She “Saw No Defeat ~ For God is on Her Side.”

Rev. Dr. Lucas’ legacy will continue to live on through the Vision of H.O.P. E. Foundation, Inc. and Mt. Calvary Church aiming to Help Others, Overcome Problems, and Provide Services with Encouraging Hearts. Overseer, Margaret Rebadene Rice-Lucas leaves to cherish her loving memory; mother, Mattie M. Rice, seven children, Sjockiea A. Smith of Charlotte, NC, Sonja E. Smith of Newark, NJ, Garfield Smith of Newark, NJ, Monique R. Winstead-Bonilla (Abel) Hillside, NJ, Evelyn M. Winstead-Slater of Montclair, NJ, Mark G. Winstead of Newark, NJ, two step children (for whom she never considered step); Rachel F. Winstead, Charlotte, NC and Shadrach Winstead III, Newark, NJ; fifteen grandchildren, Al-Tariq Shabazz, Calvin C. Brooks, Sabrina R. Brooks, Sjojquelyn R. Winstead, Rashad O. Freeman, Victoria Bonilla, Elijah Bonilla, Ahmad Smith, Lance S. Smith, Jerobi Slater, Jayla Way, Eboni R. Slater, Jerome Slater, Sameer Gregory, Casey Smith; and five great-grandchildren. Her siblings, John R. Rice of Newark, NJ, Joyce Gonzalez (Keno) of Charlotte, NC, and Joan R. Rice of South Orange, NJ.

She also leaves a host of relatives (aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins), Godchildren, spiritual children, church family and friends, especially Overseer Johnsie Rebecca Brevard-Cleveland, her best friend for over 50 years.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Rice, husband, Bishop Joe P. Lucas, and her youngest son Kwasi Muhammad (also known as Michael D. Winstead).



"This Is Us"



Pallbearers

Garfield Smith	Mark Winstead
Al-Tariq Shabazz	Calvin Brooks
Rashad Freeman	Ahmad Smith
Lance Smith	Jerome Slater

*All is well,
All is well, with Jesus Christ
The Lord,
All is well,
All is well, no matter what my
eyes may see,
No matter what my Ears my hear,
All is well,
All is well, with Jesus Christ
The Lord.*

Expression of Thanks

*We, the family of the late **Overseer Margaret R. Lucas** gratefully acknowledge your kindness and sincere sympathy. Although our hearts are saddened we realize that God has looked beyond our earthly desire and fulfilled His heavenly plan. We have no words to express our thanks, in fact mere words could never say what's in our hearts. Please continue to pray for us.*

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