

In Loving Memory of



Mary Lucille Wallace

Sunrise: January 23, 1948

Sunset: October 29, 2017

Service

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 - 2:00 p.m.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

166 W. 92nd Street • New York, NY 10025

Reverend John Fils-Aime, Senior Pastor, Officiating

Obituary

Mary Lucille Wallace, aged 69, died on October 29, 2017 when God called her home after her long struggle with cancer. Mary was born on January 23, 1948, in Johnsonville, South Carolina, the daughter of the late George Wallace and Adelle Valentine. She was the third oldest of six siblings, raised down south but eventually relocated to New York City.

Mary enjoyed athletics and the outdoors. She ran track and field and also liked hunting. Mary graduated high school and also achieved her Bachelor of Science degree in Childhood Development. Mary loved children and worked as a Paraprofessional Teacher with special needs children for nineteen years with the Board of Education, and last worked at the Mary Bethune Grade School. She always wanted the best for her students, therefore she was very strict with her students, yet showed them tough love as well.

In 1967, Mary gave birth to her one and only son, Herbert Bernard Lucas, Jr. In 1975, Mary married Winston C. Roche and they started a family and had two daughters, Anike Grace Roche and Natasha Nicole Hansen. In addition to raising their three children, Mary was an active member of the Kingdom Hall as a Jehovah Witness, and then many years later she converted to Christianity. At this stage of her life she met her current husband, Carl Kent and they both were active members at Central Baptist Church. They were together for almost twenty years and they gave each other happiness. Carl has been there for Mary through sickness and health, giving her unwavering love and support throughout her long illness. He was caring and loving and enjoyed shopping for Mary. He was a gentleman and treated Mary well and made her happy.

Mary was a very smart, wise and religious woman who could recite Bible scriptures by heart. She was a very family oriented person and loved to host and entertain large dinners. She loved cooking and gardening. She loved to laugh and had a beautiful engaging smile. But most of all, Mary loved her children and always put them first. They were the light of her life, along with her loving pet dogs, Coco, Foxy, Reese and Bubba.

Mary is preceded in death by her mother, Adelle Valentine, three sisters, Barbara Jean Webster, Carol Wakefield and Hattie Crombie, one brother, Saul Wallace and her beloved daughter, Anike Grace Roche. Mary leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Carl; her brother, Louis Frazier; her son, Herbert Lucas, Jr.; her daughter, Natasha Hansen; her son-in-law, Doug Hansen; her step son, Carell Kent; and lastly her grandchildren, Shantel Collins, Bryce D. Hansen and Aniyah A. Hansen. Along with the extended Roche family, she leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Her loving memory and spirit will radiate forever in the hearts and minds of her family and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Invocation.....Reverend John Fils-Aime

Scripture Reading..... Reverend Robert Casteline

Prayer for Family.....Reverend Casteline

Obituary.....Louis Frazier

Words of Remembrance.....Family and Friends

Selection.....Georgianna Coates

Eulogy.....Reverend John Fils-Aime

Closing Prayers

Committal/Benediction

Recessional

Final Disposition

*Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York*

"Don't Cry For Me"

*Do not cry for me, for I have
lived my life to the extent of time which
God has granted me.*

*Do not cry for me, for I have walked a long way in my lifetime,
I have moved on to fulfill my destiny.*

*Do not cry for me, for I am not lost,
I am home where I am free.*

*When you think of my passing,
picture my face in your mind
and reminisce of the times
that have passed be it good or bad;
Do not cry for me for I am with God,
and my life has just begun.*



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to thank you all most sincerely for your prayers and kind expressions of sympathy during their time of sorrow.

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