



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Lucien George Sr.*

*Sunrise:*  
October 27, 1937

*Sunset:*  
April 5, 2020

**SERVICE:**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020**

**VIEWING: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

**SERVICE: 4:00 PM**

**OWENS FUNERAL HOME**

216 Lenox Avenue • New York, NY

# *Order of Service*

**Musical Prelude**

**Processional**

**Scripture**

**Prayer**

**Musical Selection**

**Acknowledgements**  
(Cards & Condolences)

**Thanking the 82 Donors**

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A Prayer to Lucien from various Family Members-Tribute

**Reading**

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**Musical Selection**

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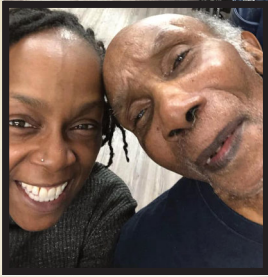
**Recessional**

*Burial and Service at Grave Site*

*Monday, June 8, 2020 at 1pm*

*Woodlawn Cemetery*

*4199 Webster Avenue, Bronx NY 10470*



## *I Did Not Die*

*Do not stand at my grave and weep: I am not there, I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow: I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain: I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the Morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there: I did not die.*

*By Melinda Sue Pacho*



# Obituary

*"Weeping may linger with the night  
But joy comes with the morning"  
Psalm 30:5*

**Lucien George Sr.**

(October 27, 1937 — April 5, 2020)

Lucien George Sr., was born the 27th day of October 1937 in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. He went to be with the Lord on the 5th day of April 2020, passing away. His loving wife Jacqueline Wade George was with him. He was at Mount Sinai Morningside-St. Luke's Hospital when he transitioned.

Lucien George Sr., was the oldest son of Abraham Augustus George and the oldest son of Augusta Marie Dawson – Donovan. Lucien went to Lincoln Grade school in St Thomas, US Virgin Islands. He attended a few years of high school. He also helped out at home with caring for and watching over his younger brothers and sisters. He was a loving big brother and a mama's boy. As a boy and teenager, Lucien Sr., helped to support the family. He worked as a bus boy & waiter at Bluebeard's Castle Hotel where all the patrons loved him and he received great tips. Lucien Sr., also loved to swim in his free time and loved to sing.

Lucien Sr., migrated to New York in 1958 with his first wife Carmen George & their first son Lucien Lou George Jr.

Lucien Sr., always had a great love for music. His favorite R&B music acts were the Temptations, Jerry Butler, Ben E King, The Drifters, Sam & Dave and many others. Lucien used to sing with many doo-wop groups in the neighborhood such as a popular local group at the time by the name of The Criterion's. Lucien Sr., had an especially great ear for harmonizing. He loved to rehearse and perform. When he performed, it was amazing. He also dressed and danced beautifully when he performed.

He later instilled his music chops to his three sons when one day, he heard his 2nd son Paul Anthony George singing in the bathroom. He then recruited his two other sons Lucien George Jr., and Brian George to sing as a trio. He practiced with them, mentored them and taught them the arts of singing and vocalizing with harmonies. He would also have them singing on street corners and subways as crowds applauded them. His sons were his life, his world. He dreamed big things for them.

Later, his younger brother Cito George would help Lucien Sr., cultivate them as a three-man singing group. Lucien Sr., also had his sons mother Carmen and Grandmother Amancia to sew and make their earlier outfits. In the late 60's early 70's, Lucien Sr., and his brother Cito would take the boys to the Apollo Theater where they achieved huge success winning first place four times in a row at the Apollo Theater Wednesday night Amateur show.

Lucien Sr., later joined forces with his son Lucien Jr's college friend Steve Salem to form a management partnership where Full Force was born with his three sons and their three cousins, Gerry Charles, Curtis Bedeau and Hugh Shy Shy Clarke. In the 80's, Lucien Sr. would be in the studio with them when they worked with such artists as Patti LaBelle, Howard Hewett, Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam, Cheryl Pepsii Riley, UTFO and James Brown amongst others. Mr. Brown gave Lucien Sr. the nickname, Papa Force. It was always about the work for Lucien Sr.

Lucien Sr., also sang background vocals with his sons and Full Force on their top 10 single entitled All In My Mind. Lucien Sr., also sang background vocals with his sons and James Brown on the song entitled You & Me. Lucien also tutored and groomed legendary female rapper MC Lyte early in her hip hop career paving the way for her success. Lucien Sr's big proud moment was when his sons received their first gold albums for the Lisa Lisa & Cult Jam with Full Force album. His sons dedicated that achievement to their mother and father and took pictures altogether posing with their gold records.

Lucien Sr., was also a member of GCIU Local 119B (the printer's union.) Lucien worked as a professional union printer for over 32 years. Lucien got his nephew David a job through his union. Lucien was always looking out and helping others, especially members of his family. He never preached about what he did. He often said, "Actions speak louder than words."

Jacqueline Wade George, Lucien Sr.'s, second wife, was married to Lucien George Sr., for over 15 and a half years until he passed away. Even though Lucien Sr., was many years older than Jacqueline, they got along really well and were soul mates. They first met in Brooklyn and were introduced by Jacqueline's hairdresser who was also Lucien's good friend. After seven years of dating, they married on August 27, 2005 in a church ceremony in Philadelphia surrounded by friends and family. Lucien was always very supportive and encouraging of Jacqueline's theatre work, film work, articles, research, teaching artist positions, volunteer work and human rights activist work. He loved her creative spirit and mind. He became one of her mentors. He was also one of the producers for several of her plays and various projects. He was her first co-producer on her play, "Black Panther Women" and the play "Miles Davis", at La Mama E.T.C. Whenever you saw Jacqueline at rehearsals, performances, film shoots, events or demonstrations, you always saw Lucien Sr. Jacqueline also helped Lucien to battle against Parkinsons and Lewy Body Dementia during the last 10 years of his life. Jacqueline and Lucien were the best of friends. Lucien nicknamed Jacqueline his Boobe and Jacqueline nicknamed Lucien her Boobe. Lucien always sang to Jacqueline with his amazing voice. It always made her smile. Jacqueline always encouraged him to sing and write songs. They shared many beautiful years and memories together.

Lucien Sr., also went to City College to attend night classes to work on his GED with the encouragement and help from his wife Jacqueline. Lucien Sr., respected education and encouraged and supported Jacqueline in getting her first masters degree along with encouraging her to work on her second one while she worked. He was Jacqueline's rock and she was his. Jacqueline also encouraged Lucien who had a great fear of heights and of flying to travel back to St Thomas, US Virgin Islands to visit his family and friends after he had been away for over 40 years. Jacqueline surprised him with a cruise to take him home. This meant a lot to him. They traveled together many times after that to his homeland. Whenever they flew, Jacqueline made sure he was safe. Lucien also loved taking adventurous road trips by bus and or train with Jacqueline throughout the United States, Mexico and Canada to many new and exotic interesting places throughout their marriage. Lucien loved it. Lucien also always looked after Jacqueline. When 911 occurred in New York City, Jacqueline was stuck on a number 4 subway train underground between Fulton and Wall Street as the World Trade Towers were coming down. The subway train bolted into Brooklyn as the ground shook. Lucien walked from his job three miles away and waited for Jacqueline to arrive at her job safely in Brooklyn to protect her and take her home.

Lucien Sr., loved to visit his friends and buddies at his special diner in Brooklyn. He always had a big smile and greeted everyone. He had a hearty laugh when he saw them. He was loved by all and considered the Mayor of the Diner. Lucien also loved going to outdoor concerts, festivals, dances, the Apollo, apple picking in the fall at farms, museums, art galleries, lecture series, retreats, demonstrations, play performances, Broadway musicals, and the opera with Jacqueline. Jacqueline and Lucien also shared a love for walking everywhere. Lucien would often take long walks with Jacqueline through Central Park, parts of Harlem, and East Harlem and or parts of Brooklyn. He would tell her stories of how he had sang on street corners with doo-wop groups including with Frankie Lymon when he was younger. In recent years, after Lucien stopped walking, Jacqueline would often take Lucien to Central Park in his wheelchair when he was staying at the New Jewish Nursing Home. They listened to music while they both ate ice cream cones. Lucien Sr., loved to sing along with the music every chance he got. Jacqueline loved to surprise Lucien Sr. Jacqueline recalls taking Lucien to the Rainbow Room at Rockefeller Center for his birthday when they were engaged and singer Ruth Brown was performing. Lucien sang along with Ruth Brown as she performed. Ruth Brown came over to their table after hearing his beautiful harmonizing voice and had Lucien join in a duet with her. It was mesmerizing.

Lucien also assisted Jacqueline when she was a caregiver for sick relatives. He was always supportive, helpful and kind. He gave to others freely. Lucien was Jacqueline's caregiver when she was sick.

Lucien also loved going to Orchard Beach every summer with Jacqueline, Norma, Barbara, Sandra, and Maaji. Lucien called the water the healing water when he was brought to the ocean and he was put in it. It made him feel free from Parkinson. Lucien also loved having long talks about life, family, art and God with his father-in-law, Professor John Wade, Sr. They had a special bond. Jacqueline's entire family accepted, embraced and loved Lucien Sr. dearly.

Lucien Sr., was also a member of the Church of the Living Hope in East Harlem with his wife Jacqueline. Lucien Sr., was a peaceful kind loving man with a beautiful spirit and lovely smile. He had a big generous heart and always loved to teach (coach singing) and encourage others including strangers. He was a dreamer who made things come to life and fly. He was also a loyal and fair person. He had a great deal of empathy. He was always there for those in need. If he was your friend, he was your friend for life. He was a positive force, a quiet, silent warrior, who tried his best never to hold a grudge. If he didn't agree with something, he was often silent and he found a way to work through it. He had discernment, inner wisdom and peace. However, he was still a Scorpio with a long memory. If he had to put you in your place, you would know it. Some would call him an old soul. He had learned many things from life's lessons. He also never complained about having Parkinsons. It was part of life. It was always about being positive and proactive. Jacqueline enrolled Lucien in Juilliard's Dance for PD which he loved. Jacqueline and Lucien attended aquatic therapy for several years to get his mobility better. He also worked with his punching bag and did exercises daily. He was always in PT and OT. He loved working with Andrew Suseno with movement and physical therapy. When Lucien stopped walking in September 2019, he kept trying to walk. He also kept exercising and continued to grow in inner strength. He was a champion among champions that never stopped fighting. In his last two and half years of life, he also took up painting. He found freedom and enjoyment in it. Lucien was always willing to learn and try new things no matter what he was going through. Lucien's greatest medicine was having God, Jacqueline, his sons, music, singing, and loved ones, friends and support around him. He was a fighter till the end. Jacqueline, his dedicated and devoted wife and best friend, took care of Lucien Sr., till the end. Lucien was a precious gift from God, an exquisite jewel for Jacqueline. Lucien Sr., will be missed.

Jacqueline Wade George and The Family are also thankful to the various caregivers who assisted Jacqueline in caring for Lucien George, Sr., Norma, Barbara, Sandra, along with various CNAs, nurses, doctors, social workers, physical therapists and occupational therapists.

On April 5th, Lucien George Sr. gained his heavenly wings. No more suffering, no more pain. His passing was not in vain.

Lucien Sr., leaves to mourn his passing and celebrate his memory: his wife: Jacqueline Wade George; In-Laws: Nann K. Wade (mother-in-law), John L. Wade Sr. (father-in-law-deceased), John Wade, Jr.(brother-in-laws) and his wife (Lisa Wade), and their four sons, Johnathn Wade, Joseph Wade, Jordan Wade, and Joshua Wade along with a host of relatives. Lucien also leaves his beloved dog, Frederick Douglass.

Lucien Sr., also leaves former wife mother of his three children: Carmen George; siblings: paternal side: Rhudel A. George (brother), Edris George (sister deceased), Eunice George Francis (sister – deceased), Bernice Ritter Turnbull (stepsister); maternal side: Juancito George, Leroy Dawson (deceased), Louis Dawson (Deborah), Calmene Dawson, Iona Phelmene Dawson, Shirleen Robinson (Elroy), Margarita Dawson, Eulita Watts (H. Watts), children: Lucien Lou George Jr., Paul Anthony George (Michelle), Brian Patrick George (Angela), grandchildren: Lucien Louie George III, Lakaiya Shauntel George, (Lucien George Jr.) Paul PJ Anthony George Jr, Symphony George, Briana Walker, Sideta Walker, Tracy Pryor (Paul George), Brian (BeBe) George and Brandon George (Brian); great - grandchildren: Milan, Messiah (Lucien George III), Anaiya, Leilah (Lakaiya), and a host of nieces and nephews, family members and friends.

*Sorrowfully submitted,  
By Jacqueline Wade George and The Family*

# Afterglow

*I'd like the memory of me To be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow Of smiles when day is done. I'd like to leave an echo Whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times And bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve To dry before the sun Of happy memories that I leave behind, When the day is done.*

by Helen Lowrie Marshall



"As a retired music producer, I have learned that young people should treat elders with respect and kindness because giving love at all levels of your life sets forth a precedent for all to follow in a God-like manner." - George, 80

## Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness And mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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