

Celebrating The Life of
Lucille Adassa Yap

January 19, 1931 - July 9, 2022



Service Information

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2022

Viewing: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Service: 10:30 AM

Olivet Gospel Church

3900 Dyre Ave. • Bronx, NY

Rev. Dr. Russell McLeod, Officiating

Interment

Woodlawn Cemetery

Bronx, NY



Order of Service

Processional

Officiating..... Dr. Russell McLeod

Invocation

Hymn “It is Well with My Soul”

Prayer of Comfort

1st Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23..... Melvina West

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Hymn “God Will Take Care of You”

Tributes

2nd Scripture Reading

New Testament - Matt. 26:6-13..... Rose Marie Rose-Spencer

Praise & Worship

Homily..... Dr. R. Heron

Prayer

Final Instructions..... Eternity Funeral Services Directors

Benediction..... Dr. Russell McLeod

Recessional



Obituary

The name Lucille is a French given name. It comes from Lucia, meaning "light," a fourth-century patron saint of the blind. The name Lucille has symbolic meaning as the bearer of Christ's light in the darkness of winter. Though her name may not have been given as a link to its origin, it was profoundly fitting. She always led the way with courage and strength.

Lucille, the light, chiseled her way into the heart of her parents, siblings and loved ones just after the start of a new year on January 19, 1931, to a Chinese dad Joseph, whose entrepreneurial journey brought him from Hong Kong, East of the Pearl River to the scenic, beautiful, naturally landscaped green and mountainous Lambs River District in the parish of Westmoreland Jamaica. He would find love in a neighboring community called Rat Trap where he met and married Ms. Claris Yap and they were blessed to give life to this light we know and celebrate today as Lucille Yap.

She was the 3rd of 4 siblings in this union, the others Wellesley (Son), Harold (Harry), and Vera all pre-deceased her. Estell, another sister also pre-deceased her. She continued to energize the world until the 9th of July 2022, when her light illuminated a new path as she transitioned to her eternal home.

She grew up in Rat Trap/ Kew Park in her native Jamaica and received her early education at the Kew Park Elementary before leaving for Kingston to attend Central Branch School. She was always curious, confident, and courageous and with these traits imbued from her parents, school, and community, she migrated to the United States, far removed from family and friends, at a time when technology for communication was extremely remote to gain valuable experience and exposure in international territory. This led her to Baruch College NY, N.Y. where she studied Accounting and with a strong appetite for continuing education, she sought and accessed a myriad of additional training programs in and out of her discipline to further her mission as a lifelong learner.

She loved diversity and immersed herself in the cultures and community even within the parameters of language barriers. Lucille with a ready smile, navigated her way with independence and grace and succeeded in carving out a space to grow, thrive and succeed.

Coming from a sheltered home and a small community she was forced to adjust in this new environment - this harvested and highlighted her assertive nature, her decisiveness, and her perseverance. These innate traits led her to a successful accounting and marketing career with organizations such as Louis Vuitton and the New York Urban League where her strong leadership skills set her apart from her colleagues.

As is true to all of us, life had its curveballs but in true Lucille Yap style, she always had or found a solution and for these life events she had her strong faith; she was a Christian who lived each day with the hope of Heaven in view.

As determined and adaptable as she was, life's events did not deter her, rather she immersed herself in creative ways of service in her church and community. In this stewardship to others, she maintained servant-leadership to all the organizations she served, in a volunteer capacity, during employment and after her retirement. She consistently devoted her time and energies in reinvestment to different social causes in her community and native Jamaica. She volunteered with the Senior Center, helped with the library even as she utilized its services and was dedicated to the bookkeeping and secretarial functions in her church.

She loved numbers and was a natural at problem solving and resolution. She was detail-oriented and loved to work with figures. Lucille had strong interpersonal skills and made friends quickly. She could talk to anyone - her calm, energetic and vivacious spirit endeared everyone to her. She loved the ocean and would jet off to anywhere that afforded her the peace and serenity of the blue waters and crashing waves.

She was a travel fanatic who lived for the opportunity of an excursion and was happiest on a cruise.

She was an avid reader and read widely. Post retirement she enjoyed the routine of watching her daytime shows such as Tamron Hall. She had a particular affinity for cooking, Chop Suey was her master craft.

Her greatest life mission was in service to the Lord and to secure her reservation in her eternal home.

Lucille Yap was married to John Lloyd Johnson and in her trademark style poured love into this union until it ended.

She enjoyed visiting her daughter and grandchildren in upstate NY and would make frequent visits. She was fiercely independent. When the natural reserves of her humanity were diminishing, her daughter Marilyn ensured the necessary resources were in place for her visits to continue. COVID, however, curtailed travel and made the visits less frequent. She loved family, and we were guaranteed our special events and 'just because...' moments were filled with cute stationery and beautiful penmanship and of course most times pocket cash.

She was a social butterfly, travelling a lot and planning lunch meetups with family and friends. She loved all her grandchildren endlessly.

She leaves to cherish her beautiful memories, her only child Marilyn, grandchildren Chelsea, Cortez and Camryn, great grandson Jrue, nephew Jay, niece Michelle, sister Conce, other nieces, nephews, cousins, church family and a host of loving family and friends.

👉 Our Dearest Lucille, your light will never be extinguished 👈



Precious Memories





My Resting Place

As along life's rugged path I trod,
I find my resting place with God.
Tho' cares are many along the way,
By His tender touch, they are swept away.
As I climb the mountains with weary feet,
His outstretched arms are there to greet.
I find blest comfort; my pain erased,
As I nestle there in His sweet embrace.
While at river's crossing, or on barren land,
Tired from my journey, I rest again -
In the arms of God, where He waits once more
To ease my travels just like before.
O'er hill and valley, and troubled sea,
Or wherever my steps shall carry me,
My strength is renewed by infinite Grace
That comes from God, "My Resting Place."

Diana Sue Helmer

"Come unto Me,
all ye that labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

Acknowledgement

The family of **Lucille Adassa Yap** would like to express their profound and heartfelt gratitude for every act of love and kindness extended to them in their time of bereavement.



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