

*In Loving Memory
of
Lorraine Barbara Delany*



Sunrise
May 25, 1925

Sunset
April 6, 2020

Service:
Wednesday, April 15, 2020 - 11:30 am

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME
4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Obituary

Lorraine Barbara “Chioma” Delany (nee Trim) was born in Henrietta Village on the Essequibo Coast of British Guiana, South America, on May 25, 1925. Lorraine is the eldest daughter of Thomas Woodland Trim and Johanna Letitia Trim. Her father Woodland was a shoemaker and the village chairman and her mother Johanna was a housewife who also supervised two government guest houses. Lorraine was raised by her two Aunts, Angelina Trim and Elydia Hoshing. In the Trim household, advanced learning and higher education were expected and achieved.

Lorraine began her teaching career at the early age of 16 years as a pupil teacher at the Ana Regina Government School on the Essequibo Coast. In the village, Lorraine was fondly called “Teacher Lorraine” or “Teacher Baby.” Lorraine was well-known and respected in the county of Essequibo because she did a lot of charitable and advocacy work with youths and seniors. Lorraine formed a chapter of the Girl Guides which was instrumental for training young women in etiquette, home economics, education, and empowerment. In 1948, Lorraine graduated from Government Training College (GTC) as a First Class Trained Teacher. After graduation, Lorraine was appointed to a Methodist school in San Souci, Wakenaam Island, where she worked for several years.

Under the tutelage of Dr. Claude Denbow, Lorraine continued her activism and advocacy for the indigenous people in Georgetown, as an ardent Executive Member of the League of Colored Peoples (LCP); a British civil-rights organization whose primary focus was for racial equality around the world. Lorraine was a principal figure in the establishment of a chapter of the LCP in Henrietta Village.

Lorraine was instrumental in bringing Eze Ogueri, an African Prince from Nigeria, to Essequibo and other areas in the country. He gave her the name “Chioma,” which in the Igbo language means “Gift from God,” for her efforts. Lorraine contributed to two chapters in the book *Seven Amazing Days*, which detailed Mr. Ogueri’s unforgettable mission to British Guiana. As a result of her high academic levels and community service, Lorraine was awarded a full academic scholarship, by the League of Colored Peoples, which allowed her to travel to the United States in order to further her education.

Lorraine arrived in the U.S on February 6, 1952 and resided in Harlem, NYC. Lorraine attended Queens College earning her Bachelor’s Degree in Education and she obtained her Masters Degree in Sociology from Columbia University’s Teachers Training College, in New York City.

In 1959, Lorraine met her future husband, Lucius L. Delany Sr., a very handsome, dashing, and charismatic lawyer who served as General Counsel for the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in the Bronx, NY. Lorraine and Lucius were both very involved in the Coptic Church and in the community. Their union produced four children: Henry B. Delany V, Lucius L. Delany, Jr., Sarah E. Delany, and Nan J. Delany.

In 1969, after her husband Lucius passed away, with four young children to raise, Lorraine returned to teaching within the New York City school system where she taught in the South Bronx, at P.S. 6 and continued teaching at CS 47x until her retirement in 1992. Always striving to better herself, Lorraine also went back to school where she earned her second Masters Degree in Education from the City University of New York. Lorraine participated in and helped implement several pilot programs in her schools: Follow-through Program, the Latchkey After-school Program, and the Summer Feeding Program. Throughout Lorraine’s teaching career, in the country of her birth, and her adopted country, Lorraine continued to make an impact on and a difference in the lives of her children, in the children she taught, in the people she worked with, and on anyone that crossed her path. If Lorraine were here today, she would tell everyone to “Keep Climbing Jacob’s Ladder!”

Lorraine Delany was predeceased by her loving husband Lucius L. Delany Sr., and sons Henry B. Delany and Lucius L. Delany Jr. Lorraine leaves to celebrate and remember her life sisters, Lucille E. Cadogan, Ursula Veronica (“Olive”) Henry (recently deceased), Nancy R. Cummings, and Mennen Z. Pieters; daughters, Sarah E. Delany and Nan J. Delany; grandchildren, Jelani M. Delany Anthony, Bryan L. Delany, and Breanna L. Delany; a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and grand nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends throughout the United States, Canada, and Guyana, South America. Lorraine will Always Be In Our Hearts and to honor you we will continue to Climb Jacob’s Ladder!

Order of Service

Processional.....”Amazing Grace”

Selection.....”His Eye Is On the Sparrow”.....Elder Rebecca Amissah

Prayer.....Rev. Dr. Christopher Ponnuraj

Scriptures:

Old Testament - Ecclesiastes 3:1-8Leslie Z. Pieters

New Testament -1 Thessalonians 4:13-18Bryan Logan Delany

Congregational Hymn.....”When We All Get to Heaven”

Tributes (2 minutes please)

Daughter’s Tribute.....Sarah Elizabeth Delany

Daughter’s Tribute.....Nan Joanne Delany

Grandson’s Tribute.....Jelani Mark Delany Anthony

Granddaughter’s Tribute.....Breanna Lorraine Delany

Obituary & Acknowledgement.....Yvonne P. Roberts and Brian E. Pierre

Selection..... “Precious Lord Take My Hand”Elder Rebecca Amissah

Eulogy..... Rev. Dr. Christopher Ponnuraj

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Cathedral United Baptist Church- C.U.B.C.

3992 White Plain Road Bronx, NY 1046

Viewing

Committal..... Elder Rebecca Amissah

Benediction..... Elder Rebecca Amissah

Recessional..... “Will the Circle Be Unbroken”

Interment
Ferncliff Cemetery
Hartsdale, New York

"God Called Your Name So Softly"

God called your name so softly,
that only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.

You're always close beside us, in everything we do,
You were our greatest treasure, God's gift to us was you.

We will always remember that way you looked,

the way you talked and smiled,
The little things you said and did
to make our lives worthwhile.

Each time we look at your picture,
you seem to smile and say,

Don't be sad but courage take
and love each other for my sake.

Just a prayer from the family to you,
just a memory fond and true,

In our hearts you will stay forever
because we thought the world of you.



Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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