

Celebrating The Life of
Ida G. Lucas

Sunrise
April 18, 1958

Sunset
June 24, 2020



Tuesday, July 7, 2020 - 12:00 Noon

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Miss Me But Let Me Go

*When I come to the end of the
road and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in
a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love
that we once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.
For this is a journey
that we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are
lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
Laugh at the things we use to do
Miss me-but let me go.*

-author unknown

Ida's Story...

Ida Gertrude Lucas was born April 18, 1958, in Jacoby Hospital in Bronx, NY. Ida was the second of four children born to the late Riley and Shirley Lucas. After her mother's death in 1966, Ida and her siblings Helen and Jeffrey (both preceded in death) lived in New York until Ida moved to Newark, NJ to live with her Aunt Edna and cousins at the age of 14. Ida was educated in the Newark school system and in June of 1977 she received her high school diploma from Mount Carmel Guild High School.

As a teenager on Grafton Avenue Ida was known for several things: braiding hair, being overprotective of her little cousins (especially Jimmy), having a beautiful singing voice like her mom and a mean left hook. Life for Ida would change on a New York train on Easter Sunday 1979 when she would meet Raymond Crawford, the man who would later become the father of her two daughters, Laticha and Teffany Lucas.

Ida loved her daughters with everything she had in her. From East Orange to Passaic and finally settling back in her teenage hometown of Newark, NJ back in 2002, Ida did what she could to give "her girls" everything they needed. Her love of children showed in her caring not only for the

children of family members, but also for neighbors and friend's children as well. You knew your child was well taken care of when she had them. Her bright smile and laugh filled the room.

As much as she loved her daughters, she found that love times a thousand with the birth of each of her grandchildren. Even when her health began to fail more than 10 years ago, that didn't stop her from being the true matriarch of her family. Her daughter's did the best they could with the help of Kevin Brown and Jameal Steven's to keep her at home, but in 2017 she became a resident of Sinai Post-Acute, Nursing & Rehab Center in Newark NJ. She remained there until her passing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020.

Left behind to grieve her loss yet cherish her memory are her daughters: Laticha and Teffany Lucas of Newark, NJ; four grandchildren: Avion, Shiori, Adonis and Aiya, all of Newark, NJ; dear friend: Raymond Crawford of Newark, NJ; niece: Marra, nephews: Troy and Timothy of Brooklyn, NY; "adopted daughter", Amanda Collins; five aunts: Lucille Lewis of Sacramento, CA, Jane Coley of Maplewood, NJ, Edna Johnson of East Orange, NJ, Ola Mae Small and Gertrude Nash of NY; one uncle: Aaron Lucas also of NY; and a host of cousins and friends from coast to coast.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Recessional

Interment

*Cedar Lawn Cemetery
Paterson, New Jersey*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Ida G. Lucas** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to our family during this our time of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

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