



*In Loving Memory of*  
***Lorna J. Rouse***

**Sunrise**  
**January 6, 1945**

**Sunset**  
**February 9, 2021**

**Wednesday, February 24, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

**130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey**

*The Reverend Dr. Peter Jackson, Officiating*

# *Obituary*

Lorna Rouse was born on January 01, 1945, on the island of Trinidad and Tobago and migrated to the United States of America in 1990. She was married to Carl Rouse (deceased). She worked at St. Vincent Nursing Home from (1997 to 2016), where she found joy and peace in taking care of patients, showing them that she was just not a worker, but someone who really cared. She retired in (2016). Lorna departed from this Earth unexpectedly, on Tuesday February 09, 2021. She was 76 years old.

Born to Sylvia and Herbert Alexander (both deceased), Lorna Rouse is survived by her four children: Lisa Duke (married to Alwin Duke), Dexter Rouse (married to Tashana Rouse), Anthony Rouse (married to Germin Rouse), and Michelle Adikibe (married to Princely Adikibe). She also has a stepdaughter that she was fond of, Darniel Yorke, aka Janice and her son Stedel. She was the grandmother of Akeem Duke, Allyssa Duke, Bionca Rouse, Mikkel Rouse, Jair Rouse, Kiara Rouse, Darlicia Adikibe, Charlyce Adikibe, Vernelle Adikibe, Tristan Rouse, and Jalen Rouse. She was also the Great Grandmother of Riley Duke, and Arielle Duke. She was the second of seven siblings, the oldest being Joyce Alexander, followed by Ronald Alexander (married to Valerie Alexander), Alwin Alexander, Oswald Alexander, Irma Alexander, and Kathleen Griffith. Irma Alexander, Oswald Alexander, and Aldwyn Alexander are currently residing in Trinidad.

Aunt to Nephews: Clyde Nigel Griffith (married to Shireen Griffith), Clayton Alexander, Allister Alexander, Davion Alexander, Arthur Alexander (married to Kim Lin Fook-Alexander), and her Great Nephew – Theron Alexander, whom she loved and adored, as her own.

Aunt to Nieces: Gillian Griffith-Kotun, Natasha Griffith-Davis (married to Dwayne Davis), Rhonda Alexander, Nicole Hilliker, and several others.

This family, and her role as mother, grandmother, and great grandmother was the most important thing to Lorna. This is where she drew her strength, and left her legacy. Lorna was not afraid to show who she was, as an individual. She was a hard worker, overcoming many obstacles in life, and yet through it all her love, and care for her family, remained her primary focus.

Lorna remembered birthdays, and always made sure that you got a card in the mail with something in it, or just a card, or phone call to show you that she remembered you. The wonderful thing about Lorna was that she did not live just for herself. Helping others, and brightening other people's lives also brought peace and joy within her.

She thought about people, even though you were not her family. When you came to her, she offered to help, even if it meant taking you in to stay with her, until you were able to get on your feet. She remembered her struggles, and did not want to see anyone else go through it if she could help.

One of the favorite memories of all is her smile, and how she loved to dress and look pretty. This aligned with the beautiful smell of food that she cooked, the sweetbread that she baked, the whole wheat rolls that she mastered, and all the wonderful things that adorned the table on Christmas Day are wonderful memories. She loved Christmas and get togethers but the greatest celebration of all was her birthday on New Year's Day. She would stay up all night on New Year's Eve, cooking and baking to celebrate with her friends and family. She looked forward to this each year.

Lorna loved life and lived a full life. Lorna has left a legacy of love and perseverance. The ways she touched our lives will remain, and we will keep those unforgettable memories alive, and will forever hold her love and kindness in our hearts.

We love you Lorna Rouse. May you rest in Peace.

**To everything there is a season, a time for every  
purpose under heaven; a time to be born,  
a time to die; a time to plant,  
a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;  
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;  
a time to keep, and a time when God calls on  
his children, to take them, "home".**

# Order of Service

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## THE BURIAL OF THE DEAD – RITE II

### OPENING SENTENCES AND PROCESSION

*All stand while the following anthem is said:*

Celebrant:

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.

Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he/she die.

And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith,

shall not die for ever. As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up;

and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him

who is my friend and not a stranger. For none of us has life in himself,

and none becomes his own master when he/she dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,

and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die,

we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on

are those who die in the Lord!

So it is, says the Spirit,

for they rest from their labors.

### COLLECTS

*Celebrant: The Lord be with you.*

*People: And also with you.*

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: *Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Lorna and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

*Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Rouse family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### FIRST READING

WISDOM 3: 1-5,9

Reader.....(AKEEM DUKE)

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

*Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

***People: Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM 23—THE LORD MY GOD MY SHEPHERD IS”**

**SECOND READING: REVELATION 21: 2-7**

Reader.....(GILLIAN GRIFFITH KOTUN)

*I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death [a] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.*

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN: "I Come with Joy to Meet my Lord"**

**HYMNAL # 304**

Musical Selection .....(RAVEN RAINEY)

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 11: 21-27**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory to you Lord Christ**

Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Celebrant: The GOSPEL OF THE LORD

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

THE HOMILY .....THE REV. PETER JACKSON

HYMN: "Precious Lord take my Hand"

Musical Selection .....(LISELLE LEWIS)

**REFLECTIONS BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

HYMN: "Precious Lord take my Hand"

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING # 106

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader*

For our sister *Lorna*, in peace let us pray to our Lord Jesus

Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Lorna, and dry the tears of those who weep.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You raised the dead to life; give to our sister *Lorna* eternal life.

***Hear us, Lord.***

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our sister *Lorna* to the joys of heaven.

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Celebrant: Father of all mercies, we pray to you for our sister *Lorna*, and for all those whom we love, but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May her soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## THE COMMENDATION

*Celebrant,*

You are immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain you created us, saying, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Give rest, O Christ to your servant Lorna with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

*The Celebrant, facing the body, says*

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant *Lorna*. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

## The Song of Simeon

Lord, you now have set your servant free

To go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,

Whom you have prepared for all the world to see.

Into Paradise may the angels lead you. At your coming may the martyrs receive you, and bring you into the holy city Jerusalem.

Musical Selection .....(KIARA ROUSE)

## THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant            Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People:**            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE CLOSING HYMN AND PROCESSION

Musical Selection .....(KIARA ROUSE)

**INTERMENT**  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey







As I sit in heaven  
And watch you everyday  
I try to let you know with signs  
I never went away  
I hear you when you're laughing  
I watch you as you sleep  
I even place my arms around you  
To calm you as you weep  
I see you wish the days away  
Begging to have me home  
So I try to send you signs  
So you know you are not alone  
Don't feel guilt that you have  
Life that was denied to me  
Heaven is truly beautiful  
Just you wait and see  
So live your life, laugh again  
Enjoy yourself be free  
Then I know with every breath you take  
You'll be taking one for me...

## *Acknowledgement*

*We are deeply grateful for the many kind expressions of sympathy shown to us during this time of bereavement. It has meant so much to know that others sh.....are our moments of sorrow.*

*Your acts of kindness and love will never be forgotten.  
May God's blessings be upon you and your family now and always.*

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