

In Loving Memory of



*Eulalie M.
Garrett-Haylock*

Sunrise: October 16, 1949 - Sunset: October 12, 2021

Saturday, October 23, 2021 - 11 AM

**St. Joseph of the Holy Family
405 West 125th Street, NYC, NY**

Obituary

Eulalie Mahalia Garrett-Haylock, more affectionately known as Leila or Aunt Leila, was born on October 16, 1949, in Belize City, Belize, to Esmond and Daisy Garrett. Esmond and Daisy had two older sons, Esmond Jr. and Dwight (both deceased).

Leila attended St. Joseph's Primary School and Pallotti High School. After High School, Leila moved to Jamaica where she studied cosmetology. She returned to Belize and opened her own salon. During that time, she gave birth to her pride and joy, her daughter, Nadine. While balancing the challenges of entrepreneurship and motherhood, Leila moved to the United States a few years later seeking better opportunities.

Upon arriving in the United States she worked as a babysitter. After a few years she returned to school and earned a bookkeeping certificate and subsequently worked as a bookkeeper for a screen printing company. Unfortunately, health issues forced her into accepting an early retirement.

Over the course of her life, she never allowed health issues to limit her ability at enjoying life as she quickly and effectively shifted gears to focus on her family. She enthusiastically, lovingly, and selflessly provided care for her Mother Daisy until she passed. Her pride and joy was her two grandsons, Noro and Thione. Her son-in-law Ali would always say that her grandsons were her "top priority!" She absolutely adored her two grandsons as most of her days revolved around their schedules. Some of her greatest joys as Grandma came from watching game shows and getting them to run downstairs to get her sweet treats from the kitchen.

Leila had a special gift for staying connected to family and friends, both near and far. She would call Friend and Family alike to wish them Merry X-mas, Happy New Year, and on Birthdays. One Friendship she had since her childhood in Belize was with Linda Lizama (now Arias), and Husband Moises Arias as she was GodMother to their daughter Maria Arias. She attended Canaan Senior Center with her older sister, Norma. They had a deep bond and towards the end of her life Leila checked on her sister daily. She would make daily calls to her beloved Aunt Hycie who recently departed. It brought her a deep feeling of joy to be surrounded by family and to share her days with Nadine, Ali and her two grandsons.

Aunt Leila was truly the family historian. Like all great family seniors, she always had a great story to share. She loved bringing the past back to life in the form of detailed, thoughtful and interesting stories about her family and friends. She always had a number of well-preserved photos at the ready to inject further life into her stories. She treasured her collection of photos and the connection they maintained to a time long past. Certainly not one to be left behind, and in keeping with her ability to change with the times, she quickly got the hang of storing pictures in her phone.

Though she never admitted it, she must have secretly loved speed. The neighbors fondly recall Leila racing down the street, testing the limits of her mobile scooter. We are sure her doctors and friends will miss her and remember her for always being a kind, loving and understanding person.

Despite much of the pain she suffered, she never complained. She now leaves behind fond memories of her sweet smile, her big heart, and her gentleness to all who had knew and loved her. And the most important and valuable lesson that she has given to us all to take through life—no matter the difficulty, pain, or hardship we may suffer, we can always show genuine kindness to others.

Leila, while you have physically left, your magnificent presence remains in all our lives because of your positive and caring influence on those who loved you and that participated in your life. God's speed and Blessings as your transition and ascension to your next adventure. May your Soul Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Leila departed this life on October 12, 2021, after a lengthy illness just days before her Birthday. She leaves behind cherished memories of her: Daughter, Nadine N'Diaye, son-in-law Alioune N'Diaye; grandsons, Noro N'Diaye and Thione N'Diaye; siblings Norma Garrett, Donald Garrett and Jesse Scott; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Introductory Rites

Entrance HymnCongregation “How Great Thou Art”

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water Placing of the Pall

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading..... Wisdom 3:1-9 Donna Parks

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 23

Second ReadingEcclesiastes 3 1-7 Deaconess Denise Combs

Gospel.....John 14:1-6

Prayer of Intercession

Offertory Hymn.....”Blessed Assurance Jesus Is Mine”

Preparation of the Altar of the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion

Communion Hymn..... “Bread of Life”

Meditation Hymn..... “I Look To You”

Closing Prayer

Obituary.....Ian Arias

Final Commendation

Song of Farewell and Incense

Prayer of Commendation

Recessional Hymn..... “It Is Well”

Procession to The place of Committal

FINAL DISPOSITION:
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York

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 his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah 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 savoured 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 **Eulalie Mahalia Garrett-Haylock** would like to express our warm gratitude and appreciation of all acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. Your thoughts, prayers, and words of encouragement will be a source of comfort and strength in the days and months to come. We pray a special blessing upon each of you.

Also, an extra special Thank You to Denise Combs for caring for my grandmother Daisy Garrett until her passing, and for doing the same for my mother Leila. Her nieces Genevieve Garbutt and Donna Parks. Linda Arias, Maria Arias, Ian Arias, Earlan Haylock, Hillary Garland and Lisa Byford. Dr. Devons, Sheila Barton and the staff of Mount Sinai Hospital.

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