

*Celebrating the Life of*



*William Irvin Lucas Jr.*

*"Bill"*

Sunrise  
April 16, 1933

Sunset  
November 25, 2021



# *Obituary*

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William Irvin “Midge” and “Bill” Lucas began the journey called “Life” in Reading, Pennsylvania and was raised in southern tradition with a northern flare. William spent his formative and high school years with his mom Lucille, aunt Adelle and his grandmother Ada Brown.

After completing high school, William was drafted into the US Navy where he honorably served his country. After his tour of duty in the military, he once again returned to Reading where he met and later married his wife Ramona (nee Woodson). There was one child, William Irvin Lucas III born to this union.

Professionally, William pursued a career as a skilled operator within the garment/textile industry in Philadelphia’s manufacturing sector. He lived in Williamstown, NJ for a short period of time with his family. William later relocated to Northern New Jersey where he worked as a Maintenance Mechanic and Carpenter for the Crown Plaza/Marriott Corporation, where he stayed until he retired in 2011, after suffering his first hemorrhagic mini stroke. It was during his tenure at Marriott where he met Mrs. Ruby Barker and family and relocated from Ridgewood to his new home in Paterson, NJ.

William enjoyed his craft and considered it a pleasure to bless his family and friends with his carpentry skills or a small “pocket piece” as he would call it. His zest for life was contagious in many ways and he left his mark on this world and in the hearts of those who knew and loved him best. William was sometimes a loner, yet very family oriented and treasured moments with friends and family in Boston, MA, Orlando, FL, and Paterson, NJ.

Socially, besides being an avid Lotto enthusiast and craftsman, William enjoyed traveling to Orlando, FL and Atlantic City, NJ to visit the casinos and talking “smack” with those that he loved and of course his infamous trips to Home Depot!!

On Thursday, November 25, 2021, at around 11:16, William completed the journey of “Life” after suffering a severe and irreversible hemorrhagic stroke.

William leaves to cherish fond memories; nieces; Marzette Parker, Vivian Farley-Gray, and Susan West, nephews; Mingo Morrison Michael, Marcellus, Dorian George, and Geoffrey Parker, cousins; Harriette Haynes, Betty Johnson, Carol, and George Cornish, Tyheid, Timothy, Sherrill, Takira, and Tiana Cornish, Hercu, Vanja, Cameron, Rhianna and Natalie Rabsatt, Cecil, Cedric, Colin, Cash, Cross and Jett Haynes, special companion; Ruby V. Barker, extended family; Donna Barker, Yasmin Blair, Junior Barker, Miguel Tafur, Karen and Michael Tafur, Valerie Stephenson, Cheryl and Danny Burnett, Molly and Lionel Green, Leroy and Ronald Stephenson, Winston DaCosta, Percie, Cheryl and Roger DaCosta, Rachelle and Stephen Bingham, Anthony Eldridge, Marlon Graham, Alice and Sharon Savage, Co-Workers Mr. Melvin, Glen Lopez, and Jackie Reina. He will be remembered by a myriad of relatives, close friends and extended family. William you ran the race and completed the last hurdle along your journey. Rest in peace ... until we meet again.

Thursday, December 2, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

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Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Alfred Steele

Recessional

**Interment**

George Washington Memorial Park  
Paramus, 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!

-author unknown

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of the late **William Irvin Lucas, Jr.** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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