



Mrs. Lucille A. McBean

February 27, 1930 - October 5, 2013

ITHACA: Lucille A. (Pollydore) McBean, 83, of Ithaca, joined the ancestors October 5, 2013. She was born February 27, 1930, in Golden Grove, West Coast Berbice, in then-British Guyana, South America. She was the daughter of Frances Simon Baird and Paris Pollydore and the eldest of six children. Lucille graduated in 1948 from Hopetown All Age School. She went on to attend Trade, Economic & Commercial School where she mastered high levels of typing, shorthand, and book-keeping. However, her natural inclination to nurture and care for others led her to the field of nursing.

The family moved to Linden, Guyana, and the Demerara Bauxite Company. She worked at the Bauxite Company Hospital, known as Mackenzie Hospital, as a nurse/midwife, then physician's assistant. After migrating to the United States in 1985, Lucille entered nurse assistant training at the Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES where she finished at the top of her class and delivered the graduation speech. She continued into the nursing field as a certified nurse aide and home care attendant at Mercy Health and Rehabilitation Center in Auburn, NY. She worked there from 1987 until her retirement in 1994. She relocated in 1995 to Ithaca, NY, where she lived in the Mutual Housing Authority complex in the city's Northside neighborhood for the next 18 years.

Lucille had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; a value she passed on through her family. She attended the Church of the Nazarene, located in Linden, Guyana, but soon after became a baptized member of the United Methodist Church also in Linden. During her time in Auburn, NY, Lucille attended Auburn United Methodist Church. She joined St. Paul's United Methodist Church after moving to Ithaca and often attended services at the Baptized Church of Jesus Christ with one of her daughter's family. For Lucille, family always came first. After obtaining her United States citizenship in 1991, she became the gateway for many in her family to immigrate to the USA, many of whom decided to stay close to her in Ithaca. Lucille also was a resourceful and compassionate person who would give everything away, even the clothes on her back. Numerous people in Ithaca have stories of her giving them a plate of rice and beans, curry chicken, or groceries. Many also recall Lucille giving them unconditional support, love, guidance, and wisdom to work through problems and other hard decisions they faced. She was always willing to listen, share, and empower. Her strength as the family matriarch was the foundation on which

many of her children built their lives and careers - be it education, transportation, social justice, nursing, the ministry, and politics. She sacrificed much, yet asked for little, to ensure they could and would have the best life they chose. She was extremely proud of her family and never missed a wedding, graduation, or other special event honoring their accomplishments. She brought to every celebration vitality through dance, song, and prayer.

Lucille is predeceased by her husband Ernest Nathaniel McBean, siblings Iona and Frank Bovell, son-in-law Michael Holder, and Kailijah McBean-Clairborne. She is survived by her children Kendall (Patricia) McBean, Lloyd (Barbara) McBean, Maxine McBean (Holder), Ernest McBean, Errol McBean, and Leslyn (J.R.) McBean-Clairborne; siblings James Bovell of New Amsterdam, Guyana, Muriel Prince of Brooklyn, NY, and Joseph Caleb of Macon, NC; and special close cousins Florence Barr of London, England, Rev. Dr. Sybil French of Delray Beach, FL, Jacob Saul and Carol Campbell of Brooklyn, NY. She also leaves behind 31 grandchildren, 60 great-grandchildren, and four great-great grandchildren. She leaves behind many more family and friends across several countries and generations.

The family will celebrate Lucille's homegoing with Calling Hours 5-7 pm on Friday, October 11, in Herson Funeral Home, 110 S. Geneva St., Ithaca. The funeral will be at 11 am in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 402 N. Aurora St., Ithaca. The family asks in lieu of flowers to make donations in her name to St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Hospicare and Palliative Care Services, 172 E. King Rd., and the Baptized Church of Jesus Christ, 412 First St, all in Ithaca, NY 14850. She will be remembered for her love and faithfulness with God as her prime focus. She also would be remembered as someone who inspired others. Go with God Mom, Grandma, Ahmi, Mommy! -

Events

OCT **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Herson Wagner Funeral Home

110 South Geneva Street, Ithaca, NY, US, 14850

OCT **Service** 10:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Paul's United Methodist Church

402 North Aurora Street, Ithaca, NY, US, 14850

OCT **Burial** 12:30PM

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Calvary Cemetery

Floral Avenue, Ithaca, NY, US

Comments



“ TO: Bishop Gencil McBean and Family

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." (Psalms 46:1)

Praise the Lord! Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

May the Lord strengthen you in the sorrow you bear and may you find consolation knowing we are with you in prayer.

Your sisters and brothers in Christ,
The True Apostolic Churches of Jesus Christ, Assn., Inc.
Bishop E.H. Hill, President

Marilyn Mathis - October 10, 2013 at 07:08 AM



“ I was sorry to learn of the passing of your dear grandmother, Mother McBean, while I was on vacation. I am sorry that I cannot be there with you all. My prayer is that God will continue to strengthen you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Yours in Christ,

Sister Mary J. Nowlin

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