

# LINNIE MARCELLA LUCAS HATCHER



A native of Pittsburgh, PA passed away peacefully on her 90th birthday on October 20, 2023, in La Plata, MD. She was born October 20, 1933 in Clairton, PA and was the second of four children born to the late William D. and Lela M. Price Lucas. She was predeceased by her husband, LeRoy Earl Hatcher. In 1951, Linnie graduated from Clairton High school, after which, she traveled to New York to attend business

school, while working in an administrative position. She returned to Clairton in 1953. While working nights as a taste tester at the H. J. Heinz Company headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA, falling asleep on the job led her to work at the J.R. Richards company in Carnegie, PA as an assembly line worker. Her "best job" was working at the United Steelworkers of America as an Administrative Assistant. She enjoyed the friendships formed and the many business trips with her husband and manager. Linnie realized the importance of education and earned an associate degree. She retired in 2003, after working 32 years.

Linnie married the love of her life, LeRoy Earl Hatcher, in 1955, and the two remained together for the next 66 years. They were the loving parents of four "beautiful" children and a nephew. She fought and overcame many life battles. She recalled being the first African American family to buy a row house in Homewood, PA in the late 1950's. One of her neighbors moved away the next day. In September 2022, after her husband's passing, she moved from her home, church family, and friends, and relocated to Waldorf, MD and later, in March 2023, sold her Pittsburgh home. Linnie triumphed over these major life event changes and eventually became comfortable at Harmony at Waldorf, her new residence. She was well known for sitting in "her" lobby chair as if she was Harmony's security/watch person. Through all this, she never forgot her longtime Pittsburgh friends and church family.

Linnie lived a full and blessed life! She loved her children and family, meeting and talking with people, sitting on the front porch, watching endless news reports, watching her "stories" (the Young & Restless and the Bold & Beautiful), the Steelers, eating crab cakes, corn, ribs, and drinking Pepsi. She hosted many unforgettable Thanksgiving gatherings at her home, as it was her favorite holiday because the extended family was all together. She loved "oldies but goodies" music if it was not blaring. In her life, she would not do anything differently and her greatest influence was her momma, who taught her everything. She was an extremely generous woman and hoped that her friends would describe their relationship as nice. Her favorite pastime was relaxing, and her life philosophy was "just do right". Linnie's greatest disappointment about the world was that things had changed. Things are not what they used to be, and change is not always good.

In 1969, she joined White Lily Baptist Church where she served on the Usher Board, was a Willing Workers' member and coordinated the annual graduation program, which recognized/presented a check and bible to all graduating members. She also served as past Secretary and Loyal Lady Ruler of Pittsburgh Assembly #6 and of Cyrene #9 Order of Eastern Star (OES) for 20+ years as well as their past Worthy Matron.

Linnie is predeceased by her sister, Edith Carson; and brother, William Lucas. She is survived by her sister, Jarvis Williamson, Portsmouth, NH; brother-in-law Ronald (Sylvia) Hatcher, Lansing MI; her beloved children, Allison Johnson, Imperial, PA; Shari (Robert) Thomas, Accokeek, MD; Loran (Lydia) Hatcher, Arlington, VA; Lance (Lezlie) Hatcher, Woodstock, MD; and nephew, Bryan Ruth, Pittsburgh, PA; her grandchildren, Anton and Courtney Brown, Stephanie (Jason) Mathis, Tiffanie Thomas; Lyric, Lyrin, Lukas, Lukai, Landrie, and Lakin Hatcher; great-grandchildren, Judah and Judeah Matthews; a host of beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews; extended family, Karl and Jo-Anne Richardson and Linda Vaughan (Louis); and a host of dearly beloved friends.

Visitation: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at White Lily Baptist Church, 3621 Chartiers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204.

Homegoing Service: 8:30 a.m. Viewing and 9:30 a.m. Funeral on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at White Lily Baptist Church, 3621 Chartiers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15204. Livestream on White Lily Baptist Church's Facebook and YouTube page.

Interment: 12:30 p.m. at National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, 1158 Morgan Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME**. In lieu of flowers, please donate to White Lily Baptist Church - Willing Workers, in honor of Linnie M. Hatcher.

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