

## Pallbearers

### INTO THE CHURCH

Jadisa Andwele	Mia Andwele
Ermine McLawrence-Andwele	Jacqueline Andwele
Tarra Watts-Richards	Latoya Hall
Nadara Richards	Lisa Hall

### OUT OF THE CHURCH & TO THE GRAVESIDE

Adisa Andwele	Hassan Gibson
Narad Richards	Ernest Downes
Jamekal Andwele	Jonathan Wiggins
Leandro Downes	Neil Rowe

## We Thank You

*We will always remember with deep gratitude your many kind words of sympathy which were a source of comfort to us at the passing of our loved one.*

***The Family of the late  
LUCITA RICHARDS-WARD***

*There will be no reception after the burial since the family would prefer to spend this time in quiet reflection.*

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO:

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**A Service Of Thanksgiving For The Life Of**

***Lucita  
Richards-Ward***

**AGED: 90**

of Ashdeane Village, Black Rock, St. Michael

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 02, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

**ST. PATRICK'S  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL  
Jemmotts Lane, St. Michael**

**Officiating Minister  
Father Vibert Stephens**

**Interment  
Coral Ridge Memorial Gardens  
The Ridge, Christ Church**

## **Lucita Richards-Ward**

Aged 90 of, Ashdeane Village, Black Rock, St. Michael entered peacefully into rest on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

**Daughter of** the late Stanley and Cammie John of St. Lucia;

**Widow of** Sonny Ward and former wife of the late Courtenay Richards;

**Mother of** Betty Downes-Richards and Adisa Andwele;

**Grandmother of** Narad Richards, Jamekal Andwele, Leandro Downes and Jadisa Andwele;

**Great grandmother of** Nadara Richards;

**Mother-in-law of** Ernest Downes and Ermine McLawrence-Andwele;

**Former mother-in-law of** Jacqueline Andwele;

**Grandmother-in-law of** Tara Watts-Richard and Mia Andwele;

**Adoptive grandmother-in-law of** Latoya Hall;

**Step great-grandmother of** Tamia Small and adoptive **grandmother of** Ladavika Hall-Burke;

**Sister of** Pamela Dujon, Griselda Isaac, Juanita Naitram, Eric Malaykhan and the late Camilla Reece, Alma Elibox, Cecil John and Stanley Malaykhan;

**Aunt of** Cindy, Charlene and Jason Dujon, Gina Maraj, Shanti Maraj- Straughn, Maria Hood, Cynthia and Edmund Elibox, Ameina Storey, Emma Helling, Sharon Fleming, Robert Malaykhan, Dave Isaac, and Jesse Naitram;

**Cousin of** Amina, Hassan and Anand Gibson, Peter, Anson and Sarah Aswat, Zaubida John and Cerline Johannes & family;

**Sister-in-law of** Elvin Naitram and the late Ulric Reece;

**Friend of** Jacqueline Brathwaite and many others.

## Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth  
 And let it begin with me;  
 Let there be peace on earth,  
 The peace that was meant to be;  
 With God as our Father,  
 Brothers all are we;  
 Let me walk with my brother  
 In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,  
 Let this be the moment now;  
 With every step I take,  
 Let this be my solemn vow;  
 To take each moment and live each moment  
 In peace eternally.  
 Let there be Peace on Earth  
 And let it begin with me.



## Lucita Richards-Ward Bio

**Lucita John-Richards-Ward** was born in Castries, St. Lucia on September 15, 1930.

She came to Barbados in 1947 as a 17-year-old to pursue nursing and stayed with a family friend in Westbury Road. It was at that location that she met the late Courtenay Richards. Their friendship led to marriage, and soon afterwards, the birth of Betty Richards in 1954, followed by Adisa Andwele (formerly Michael Richards) in 1957.

Lucita taught at the Roman Catholic School in the early 1960s, and after the family moved to Rock Hall, St. Thomas, worked at a branch of Barbados Public Library situated at the St. Thomas Social Centre. She was also involved in other aspects of the village's social and cultural activities, including the 4H Club.

During the 70s, the family moved to River Road; and it is around this time that Lucita became the House-Keeper at the Medical Student's Headquarters at the corner of Jemmott's Lane and River Road. It is unfortunate that medical issues forced her to resign sometime around the end of the 1970s from a position she loved. With her indomitable spirit, she found ways to remain active and was sought by persons to decorate churches for weddings, parties, etc. and it seemed, that she did so more for enjoyment and giving, and less for monetary gain.

When the League of Friends of the QEH was established in 1965, she joined that voluntary organization in 1966 and remained an active member up to her death. She

*volunteered for Special Olympics and for many years, would canvass business places for products for both the League of Friends of the QEH and the annual Barbados Special Olympic Games. Along with these activities, Lucita up to a few years ago was a long-standing member of the organizing committee of the annual Holetown Festival.*

*It is clear from the above that Lucita's journey was one dedicated to giving, sharing and sacrifice and this made her known and respected by persons from all walks of life. In fact, it's her selflessness that led to her second marriage, when she volunteered to look after the late Sonny Ward. Visually impaired he was vacationing in Barbados and Lucita was asked to look after him during his stay. They were married in 2005 and lived in London. She returned to Barbados to be with family and friends following his departing.*



## **How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### **Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art;  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sins.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

## To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory, great things He has done;  
 So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
 Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
 And opened the life gate that all may go in.

### Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
 Let the earth hear His voice!  
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
 Let the people rejoice!  
 O come to the Father,  
 Through Jesus the Son,  
 And give Him the glory,  
 Great things He has done.**

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
 To every believer the promise of God;  
 The vilest offender who truly believes,  
 That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us,  
 Great things He has done,  
 And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
 But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
 Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.



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## Order Of Service

### Tributes:

*Leandro Downes  
 Jacqueline Brathwaithe  
 Adisa Andwele*

### Reception of The Body

**Entrance Hymn** ..... *Here I Am Lord*

### Opening Prayer

### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9 ..... *Narad Richards*

### Responsorial Psalm 23

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:

Revelations 14:13 ..... *Jamekal Andwele*

### The Gospel

**The Sermon** ..... *Fr. Vibert Stephens*

**Solo** ..... *Wendy Knight - Hunte*

### Intercessory Prayers

**Collection Hymn** ..... *My God Loves Me*  
*(A collection will be taken for the upkeep of the St. Patrick's Roman  
 Catholic Cathedral & the League of Friends of Barbados)*

**Hymn** ..... *Father Lord, We Offer You Our Daily Bread*

### Final Commendation & Prayer

**Recessional Hymn** ..... *Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*

# *At The Graveside*

## THE COMMITTAL

### HYMNS

- *To God Be The Glory*
- *How Great Thou Art*
- *Let There Be Peace On Earth*



## *Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace*

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope,  
Where there is darkness only light,  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
In giving to all men that we receive,  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

## Father Lord, We Offer You Our Daily Life

Father, Lord, we offer you our daily life;  
Father God, We offer you our flesh;  
Father Lord, we give you all our daily works,  
Father Lord, we give you all as prayers.

### Chorus:

**And I know that we will rise again,  
Again; and I know we'll die buy rise again.  
For I know he is the living yeast of  
Life and I know that life will rise again.**

Father, take our lives so small we give to you:  
Father, take the breafe we offer you:  
Father, rise the banquet which  
The priest is now giving:  
Father, take the love we offer you.

Father Lord, we know the time to die will arise;  
Father God, you gave us living life;  
Father Lord, you offer us eternal love;  
Father Lord, you gave us Jesus Christ.

### END:

**And I know that life will rise again.  
And I know that life will rise again,  
Will rise again.**



## Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky.  
I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night;  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear My Light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

### Chorus:

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne My people's pain  
I have wept for love of them;  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My Word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give My Life for them.  
Whom shall I send?

## Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,  
He makes me down to lie,  
In pastures green He leadeth me,  
The quiet waters by.

### Chorus:

**He lives, He lives, He lives,  
I know that my Redeemer lives!  
He lives, He lives,  
He lives within my heart!**

My soul He doth restore again,  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
Even for His own Name's sake.

Yea, thou I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear none ill;  
For thou art with me and thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished,  
In presence of my foes,  
My head thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life,  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house for evermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

**Chorus 2x  
He lives within my heart!  
He lives within my heart!**

## My God Loves Me

My God loves me.  
His love will never end.  
He rests within my heart  
For my God loves me.

His gentle hand  
He stretches over me.  
Though storm-clouds threaten the day  
He will set me free.

My God loves me,  
His faithful love endures.  
And I will live like a child  
Held in love secure.

The joys of love  
As offerings now we bring.  
The pains of love will be lost  
In the praise we sing.