

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Virgil H. Lucas

OCTOBER 15, 1941 - MARCH 2, 2020



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Maria L. Lucas

JULY 3, 1974 - FEBRUARY 24, 2020

Obituary for Virgil and Maria Lucas

Virgil H. Lucas Jr. and Maria Luella Lucas, (father and daughter) both moved pass this life on Mondays, one week and one hour apart. Virgil's wife and Maria's mother, Warlita Lucas, passed away on August 18, 2019 after a devastating fight with cancer. Maria had remained the consonant caregiver for both her parents during their long debilitating illnesses. Virgil often lovingly talked about how lucky he was to have Maria for a caregiver. Then suddenly on the evening of Monday, February 24, an evil, senseless act of gun violence ended her life. It is tragic that two members of the same family have passed away within a week.

Born October 15, 1941, Virgil Lucas Jr., was the eldest of three children, born to Attorney Virgil H. Lucas Sr. and Luella McIntyre Lucas. In 1948 the Lucas family left St. Louis, and moved to Los Angeles, CA. where he and his brother Robert, started elementary school, during that time they were also joined by a younger sister, Katherine. In 1955, Virgil Sr. moved the family back to St. Louis to reestablish his law practice.

Virgil graduated from Sumner High School in 1958. he next attended Harris Stowe State University, (previously Harris State Teachers College). In 1960 he decided to join his brother Robert, in Los Angeles, California and worked in the restaurant and sales industry. He returned to St. Louis a couple of years later and worked for the US Postal Service.

In **1964**, Virgil enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF). During a tour of duty in the Philippines' he meant and married Warlita Biscuit Lucas in 1971 from that marriage created a family of three children; Rudy (Biscuit) Lucas, Virgil Lucas III, and Maria Luella Lucas. He attended College while in the service and achieved an undergraduate degree of Economics and Business and an MBA. He pledged with and became active with Kappa Alpha Phi Fraternity.

During the years he reunited and developed a loving relationship with his son from a previous relationship Christopher Henderson.

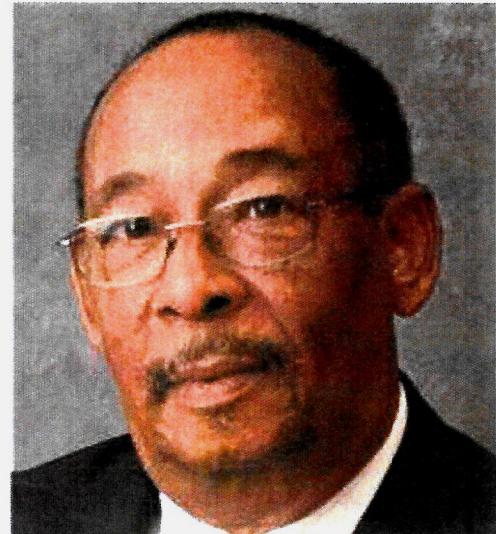
After twenty years in the service and completing several tours of duty including two in Viet Nam, he retired as Captain Virgil H Lucas. He next worked as supervisor of Business Mail at the main post office; later retiring to his next career as a successful real estate broker. He was a man with a distinct sense of style, a big heart and everlasting taste for adventure.

Maria Lucas was born on July 3, 1974 to Virgil Lucas Jr. and Warlita Lucas at Whiteman Air Force Base at Knobnoster, Missouri. She graduated from Ladue Horton Watkins High School in 1992, then attended Fontbonne College. During college Maria pledged and was actively involved with the undergraduate chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

As an amendment to her technical education, Maria decided to participate in ITT Tech's web design program.

Maria reserved a space in her heart for those in need and started her career by working with Special Education, she worked for the Ritnuer School District. Maria frequently worked as a camp counselor in the summer months for the YMCA. She eventually began working as a supervisor at the Maryland Heights Community Center (MHCC) again serving the community she loved Maria could light up a room with her smile and could often be found lost in a good book or watching movies with her family.

Virgil and Maria are survived by a son/brother, Virgil Lucas III(Theresa), a son/brother Rudy Lucas(Beth), a son/brother Christopher Henderson(Reba),an Uncle Robert Lucas, an Aunt Katherine Lucas, Johnson; grandchildren/nieces/nephews, Hannah, Genevie, Xayvion, Kahairi, Nathan and a host of nieces/nephews/cousins



**MEMORIAL EUCHARIST
CELEBRATING THE LIVES OF**

MARIA LUELLA LUCAS

July 3, 1974-February 24, 2020
and

VIRGIL HILARY LUCAS, JR.

October 15, 1941-March 2, 2020

10:00 a.m.
Saturday, March 7, 2020

*Christ Church Cathedral
1210 Locust Street
Saint Louis, Missouri 63101*

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Officiating

Prelude (Instrumental)

Procession Hymn "For All the Saints"

Hymnal 287

Anthems

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though he die.

And everyone who has life,
and has committed himself to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my awaking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in himself,
and none becomes his own master when he dies.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Salutation and Collect:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother, Virgil and our sister, Maria. We thank you for giving them to us, their family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until, by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson (*Please be seated.*)

Wisdom 3:1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 27:1-10

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
**the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
**it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.**
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the
days
of my life;**
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe
in his shelter; *
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Music Selection “*Because He Lives*”

Soloist

Holy Gospel

John 6:37-40

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Homily

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner

The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant *In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, let us proclaim our faith and say,*

Celebrant and People

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

For our brother, Virgil, and our sister, Maria, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am Resurrection and I am Life.”

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for Virgil and Maria, and dry the tears of those who weep.

Hear us, Lord.

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

Hear us, Lord.

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother and sister eternal life.

Hear us, Lord.

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother and sister to the joys of heaven.

Hear us, Lord.

Our brother and sister were washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give them fellowship with all your saints.

Hear us, Lord.

They were nourished with your Body and Blood; grant them a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

Hear us, Lord.

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother and sister; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Silence

Concluding Collect

Celebrant Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother, Virgil, and our sister, Maria, who were reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that their deaths may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion for us to renew our trust in your Father's love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People ***And also with you.***

Offertory Sentence

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.” *Ephesians 5:2*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Hymn “The King of Love”

Hymnal 645

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant ***Lift up your hearts.***
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***
Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, Who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens. Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name;

Sanctus (spoken)

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these

gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer (soloist)

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant *People*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei (spoken)

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant us your peace.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to God's Table. You may come forward to receive Communion or to receive a blessing. Some may wish to remain in your seats. Please use the time to pray or to sit quietly or join in the singing of the hymn.

Communion Hymns “*Amazing Grace*”
“*Let Us Break Bread Together*”
“*There’s A Sweet, Sweet Spirit*” (if needed)

Soloist
Hymnal 325

(Verse one)

There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

(Refrain)

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
Filling us with you love,
And for these blessings
We lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we’ll know
That we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

(Verse two)

There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness, and believe.
You’re the one to profit when you say,
“I am going to walk with Jesus all the way.”

(Refrain repeats)

(Verse three)

If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you’re weak, you’re bound, and cannot enter in,
You can make it right if you will yield;
You’ll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

(Refrain repeats)

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Tributes/Reflections

THE COMMENDATION

Celebrant Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,

*People where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Celebrant You only are immortal, the creator and maker of humankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return. For so did you ordain when you created me, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*People Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints,
 where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

Celebrant Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants, Virgil and Maria. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. ***Amen.***

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “*Lift High the Cross*”

Hymnal 473

The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Renee L. Fenner, Priest in Charge,
Episcopal Church of All Saints and Ascension

Assisting Clergy

The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd,
Dean of Christ Church Cathedral

The Rev. Michael Dunnington, Priest in Charge,
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Verger

Shug Goodlow

Readers

Theresa Lucas, Genevieve Chan, Virgil Lucas, III

Katherine Lucas-Johnson

Gift Bearers

Reagan Johnson and Kahairi Lucas

Ushers

Friends and Family

Soloist

Tamika Foggie

Organist

Canon Presentor William “Pat” Patridge

Altar Guild

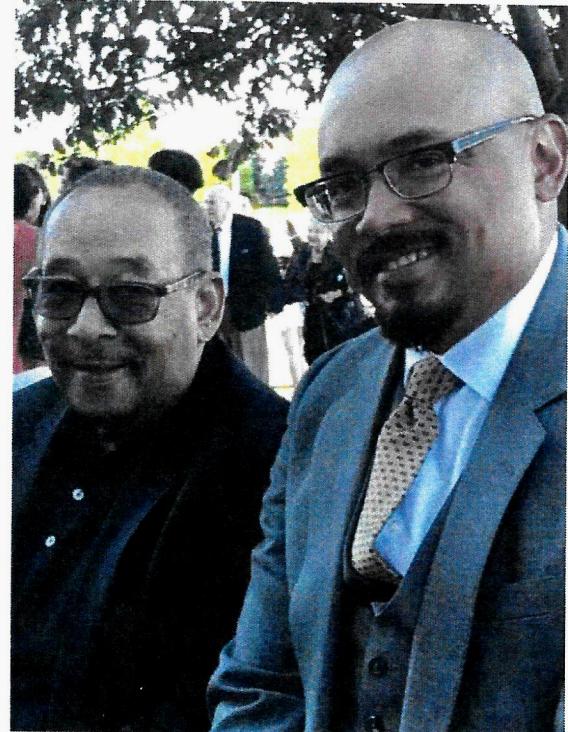
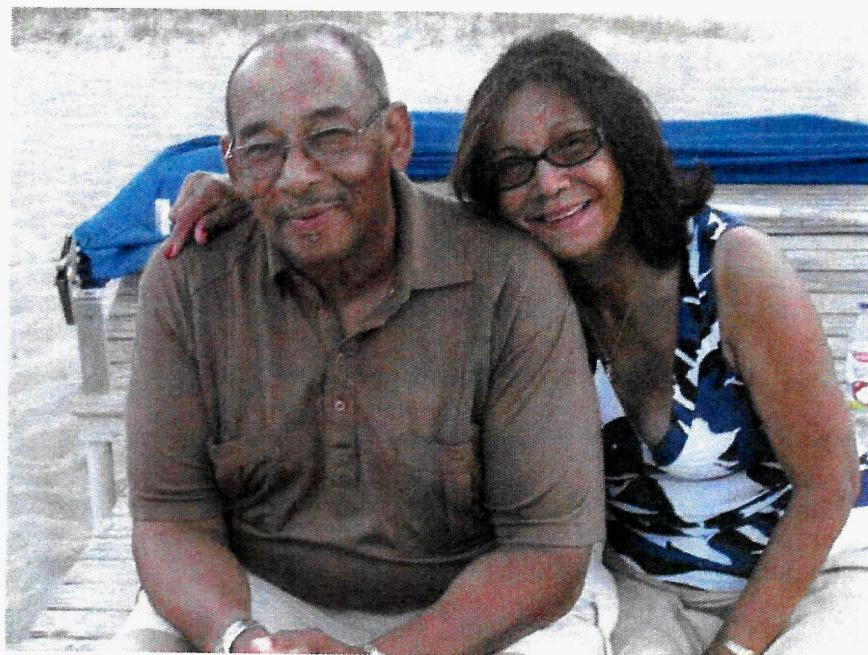
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Arrangements

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Dean Adams-Shepherd, Annette Carr, and the staff and volunteers of
Christ Church Cathedral for their hospitality, ministries, and welcome!





SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020 ~ 10:00 A.M.

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May I Go Now?

May I go now? Do you think the time is right?

May I say goodbye to pain filled days and endless lonely nights?

I've lived my life and done my best, an example tried to be.

So can I take that step beyond and set my spirit free?

I didn't want to go at first, I fought with all my might.

But something seems to draw me now to a warm and loving light.

I want to go, I really do. It's difficult to stay.

But I will try as best I can to live just one more day.

To give you time to care for me and share your love and fears.

I know you're sad and afraid, because I see your tears.

I'll not be far, I promise that, and hope you'll always know

That my spirit will be close to you wherever you may go.

Thank you so for loving me. You know I love you too,

That's why it's hard to say goodbye and end this life with you.

So hold me now just one more time and let me hear you say,

Because you care so much for me, you'll let me go today.



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