



## Mrs. Julienne Exantus

February 7, 1959 - April 14, 2020

Julienne Exantus, known by her friends and family as Yeyene was born on February 7, 1959 in Haiti to Venante Daniel and Louis Jean Nelus, but raised by Mr. and Mrs. Deschamps. On Tuesday, April 14, 2020, she departed peacefully with her family by her side in the comfort of her home in Ayden, NC.

Born as a Seventh day Adventist, she was always involved in her church. She met her husband at the Mitspa S.D.A Church in Duvalier-Ville (Cabaret) where they united in marriage on February 27, 1977. From this union three kids were born; Johnny, James, and Julie; later they adopted another daughter Rebecca.

In 1982 Julienne moved to New Jersey, USA to join her husband. There she attended Newark Public School at night, then Edison Culinary Arts School, to become a chef. She worked in Passaic, NJ at a clothing manufacturer. WCI in Edison, the Headquarter Plaza Hotel where she was awarded “Best Employee”. When she became Chef Supervisor for the Marriot, she completely revamped the style of cooking for Monroe Schools. She used her passion for food to ensure that the children of the community were served quality meats, and fresh fruits and vegetables. She later creates a company called “Marinade Creole”, a marinating spice paste, which everyone loved. She was a great cook, she has known for several specialty dishes amongst family and friends, but her Mac and Cheese and fried turkey had no comparisons.

Julienne was deeply involved in her religion and played pivotal roles in all the churches she became affiliated with. Helping churches such as Mitspa SDA in Haiti, Maranatha SDA in USA, churches in Jersey City, Metropolitan SDA in Plainfield, NJ and Trenton NJ became her greatest and one of the most fulfilling duties. She was church leader, group founder for the youth, church hospitality member and with the help of her husband Lionel, they became personal ministry leaders. She was a great singer, and enjoyed singing with the VAM choir in Trenton, NJ and Voix Angelique of Mount Sinai. In 2000 her entire family moved to North Carolina, where she joined the Greenville SDA church. While there she established the Mission of Hope, the Community Outreach.

Yeyene is survived by her husband Lionel, her children Johnny Exantus, James Exantus, Julie Exantus-Black and Rebecca Exantus. Her grandchildren Isaiah, Jayden, Ambrea, Jaye, and Ivy. Her daughter in law Kimberly Exantus and son-in-law Murrey Lee Black. Her siblings Irlande, Jardine, Daniel, Joel, Raymonde, Magdala, and countless sisters and brothers in law, nephews, nieces and cousins. She was predeceased by her biological and adopted parents.

Julienne was a loving wife, nurturing mother, and devoted Seventh Day Adventist. It would be unfair to say that she lost her battle because she was a warrior. Her love and belief in Christ allowed her to leave this earth on her terms. Her joy of life and strong spirit were admirable. Through laughter, tears, sadness, and glee she remembered to always pray and remain faithful in God's plan.

Farewell Julienne, God be with you till we meet again!

Obituary

French

Julienne Exantus surnommee Yeyene est nee de Venante Daniel et Louis

Jean Nelus le 7 Fevrier 1959 en Haiti. Cependant elle a ete elevee par les epoux Deschamps de Duvalier Ville (Cabaret) Haiti. Et le Mardi 14 Avril 2020, elle a rendu l'ame paisiblement dans le confort de sa maison Ayden, NC en presence de sa famille.

Nee dans la religion d'Aventiste du Septieme Jour, elle s'est toujours adonee a son eglise. Elle rencontra Lionel son partenaire de 33 ans a l'eglise Mitspa de Duvalier Ville (Cabaret) ou ils se sont unis en mariage le 27 Fevrier 1977. De cette union sont nes 3 enfants Johnny, James and Julie et plus tard, ils ont adopte une fille Rebecca.

En 1982, Julienne laissa Haiti pour rejoindre son mari a New Jersey USA. Ou elle frequenta L'ecole de Newark, puis Edison Culinary Arts, d'ou elle a obtenu son diplome en Art Culinaire, Elle a travaillee a Passaic, NJ dans une compagnie fabricant des vetements, a WCI a Edison, NJ et a l'hotel Headquarter Plaza ou elle a ete nommee "Meilleure Employee" Elle est devenue Chef de cuisine du Marriot, ou elle a completement reorganise le style de cuisine des ecoles de Monroe. Elle a utilisee sa passion pour la nourriture pour s'assurer que les enfants de la communaute recoivent des viandes de qualite, des fruits et des legumes frais. Plus tard, elle fonda une compagnie nommee "Marinade Creole", une pate d'epices a mariner, qui a plu a tous. Elle etait une excellente cuisiniere elle etait connue pour ses specialites par sa famille et ses amis, mais son macaroni au gratin et sa dinde frite n'avaient pas de comparaison.

Elle etait profondement impliquee dans sa religion et jouait un role central dans toute les eglises auxquelles elle etait affiliee. Telle que Mitspa en Haiti, a New Jersey: Maranatha, une eglise a Jersey City, Metropolitan a Plainfield et a Trenton ou elle a eu son plus grand et l'un des devoirs les plus satisfaisants. Elle etait chef de groupe, fondatrice de groupe pour les jeunes, membre de l'hospitalite de l'eglise et avec l'aide de son mari Lionel ils sont devenus chef du ministere personel. Elle aimait chanter, elle a fait partie de la chorale VAM a Trenton, NJ and Voix Angelique de Mont Sinai.

En l'année 2000 elle laissa New Jersey avec toute sa famille pour aller s'établir en Caroline du Nord et là elle a rejoint l'église Adventiste du Septième Jour de Greenville, elle a établi dans cette église la Mission de l'Espoir et la Sensibilisation Communautaire.

Elle laisse dans le deuil son mari Lionel Exantus, ses enfants Johnny Exantus, James Exantus, Julie Exantus-Black, and Rebecca Exantus. Ses petits enfants Isaiah, Jayden, Ambrea, Jaye and Ivy. Sa belle fille Kimberly et son beau fils Murrey Lee Black. Ses frères et sœurs: Irlande, Jardine, Daniel, Joel, Raymonde et Magdala. D'innombrables belles sœurs et beaux frères, neveux, nièces, cousins et cousines. Elle a été précédée au tombeau par ses parents biologiques et adoptifs.

Julienne était une femme aimante, une mère nourricière, et une Adventiste du Septième Jour dévouée. Il serait injuste de dire qu'elle a perdu sa bataille parce qu'elle était une guerrière. Son amour et sa croyance en Christ l'ont permis de quitter cette terre selon ses conditions. Sa joie de vivre et son esprit vif étaient admirables. À travers le rire, les larmes de tristesse et de joie, elle se souvenait toujours de prier et de rester fidèle au plan de Dieu.

Adieu Julienne, nous nous reverrons!

# Previous Events

## Viewing

APR **24**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Julienne Exantus*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Good bye that God you received her kingdom*

**Jlarose609@yahoo.com** - April 24, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *You have our deepest sympathy for an incredibly great loss. From Australia, we feel a connection with the Exantus family... not only through our brother (in law) James, but through his food which has been passed on to him and of which he clearly has a passion for. His food and the stories that accompany it will keep the memory of Julienne strong. Sending love to you all from Glenn, Melissa, Ethan and Liam.*

**Melissa Baird** - April 24, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Great Memories*



**Paulin Georges** - April 23, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



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April 23, 2020 at 06:44 PM



“ *While we live half a world away, you shared with us a dear gift: your son James. While we have never met, you gave us our beloved grandchildren: Isaiah, Jaye and Ivy. For all of this we thank you and will remember.*

*Jean, Johny, Julie and family, while time zones and distance separate us, we are family, and we share your sorrow and loss.*

*Rest In Peace Julienne.*

*Graeme & Sharon Davies*

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**Graeme Davies** - April 23, 2020 at 05:57 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



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April 23, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



April 23, 2020 at 01:16 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



April 23, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



April 23, 2020 at 11:18 AM



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April 23, 2020 at 10:51 AM



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April 23, 2020 at 10:32 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



April 23, 2020 at 09:36 AM



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**Angela Duggins** - April 22, 2020 at 11:12 PM



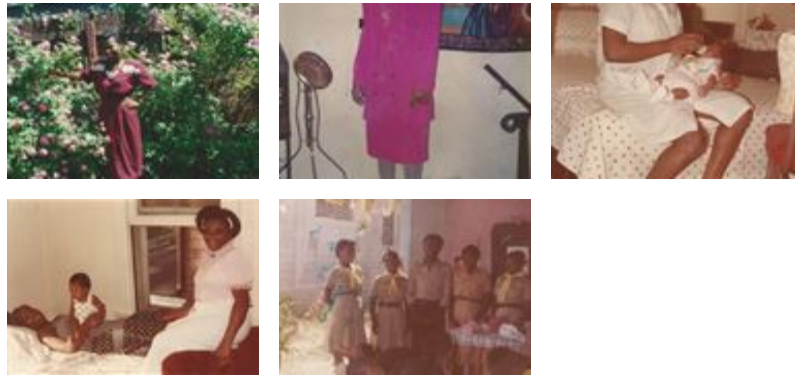
“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.



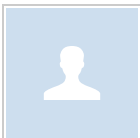
April 22, 2020 at 09:42 PM



“ 101 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Congleton Memorial Mortuary** - April 22, 2020 at 07:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.



April 22, 2020 at 09:04 AM



“ *Julienne was a matriarch and founding member of Bethel ( Mont Sinai French Speaking SDA). During the time spent together we were part of the quartet VAMS ( Voice Angelique de Mont Sinai) where Julienne always faithfully performed as the Soprano. That was a time of fervent devotion focused on getting out the word of God thru songs. Our church community was very small then , however, it was rich with fraternity, gratitude and the ever-present love of God.*

*Julienne was more than a sister to many of us. She was a mother figure, kind human being , gentle, firm, supportive.*

*I present my sincere condolences to Fr. Exantus, James, Johnny, Julie and the rest of the family and friends.*

*-Jonas Orelie et famille*



Dieuseul Orelie - April 22, 2020 at 03:12 AM

BP

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Byron Pio - April 21, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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**Byron Pio** - April 21, 2020 at 04:07 PM

PG

“ 4 files added to the album *Great Memories*



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**Paulin Georges** - April 20, 2020 at 04:08 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Marie-Carme** - April 20, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



April 20, 2020 at 12:15 PM



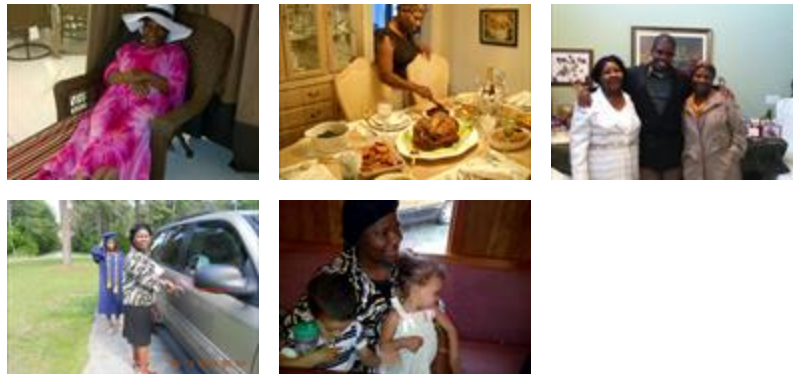
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**Ann-Lynn Derivois** - April 18, 2020 at 01:34 PM



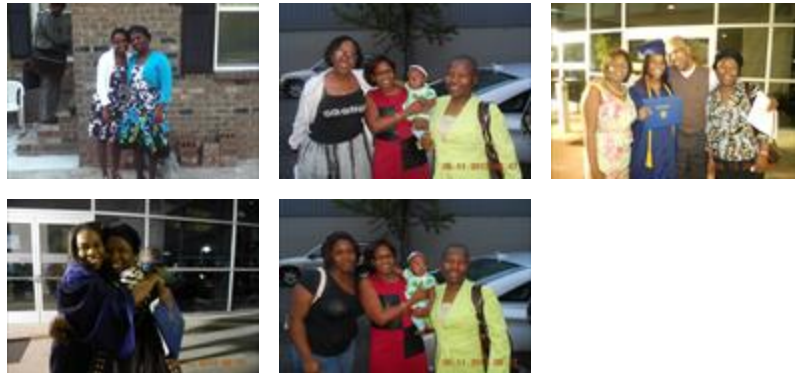
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**Ann-Lynn Derivois** - April 18, 2020 at 12:17 PM

AD

“ 16 files added to the album *Great Memories*



Ann-Lynn Derivois - April 18, 2020 at 12:14 PM

MA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Marie-Carme - April 18, 2020 at 10:48 AM

KI

“ Memories like this one will forever be special, rare due to distance, but so cherished because of that ❤️ We wish we could be there with the family right now. We love you, Grandma ❤️



Kimberley - April 17, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



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April 17, 2020 at 03:03 PM



“ *I am greatly saddened by the passing of my very good friend, cousin-in-law and sister in Christ Julienne Exantus. I want to express my deepest sympathy to her husband, Jean Lyonel Exantus, her sons Johnny and James Exantus, her daughter Julie Exantus Black, and Grand Children. May Our Heavenly Father comforts you in this moment of grief.*

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**Jean-Rosby Augustave** - April 17, 2020 at 05:09 AM



“ *Johny Exantus & Family, May fond memories of your mother bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. My heart and prayers go out to you and your family. Thank you for sharing her baking with me in the barracks.*



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**Kenya Battle** - April 17, 2020 at 01:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



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April 17, 2020 at 01:05 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



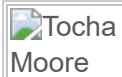
April 16, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.*



April 16, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ *Julie and family my heart and prayers are with you. May the Comfort of God hold you daily. And I pray that he adds to your strength continually! Love you!*  
-Tocha



**Tocha Moore** - April 16, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *Betty Bullock lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julienne Exantus*



**Betty Bullock** - April 16, 2020 at 02:47 PM

CG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Chona Gleason** - April 16, 2020 at 02:12 PM

  
Chrystal  
Parker

“ When we lose a loved one here on earth, we gain an angel in heaven that watches over us. May you take comfort in knowing that you have an angel to watch over you now. We extend our most sincere condolences to you..



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**Chrystal Parker** - April 16, 2020 at 01:55 PM

  
Chrystal  
Parker

“ Chrystal Parker purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Julienne Exantus.



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**Chrystal Parker** - April 16, 2020 at 01:52 PM

MB

“ Michelle Bracken lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julienne Exantus



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**Michelle Bracken** - April 16, 2020 at 01:00 PM

SA

“ Jean, Johnny, James and Julie: We are so very sorry for your loss. We pray for God's comfort, healing and love during this most difficult time.

*Sam and Nahum Belony*

Sam - April 16, 2020 at 12:55 PM

LQ

“ Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Prayers and Love- ❤️ Lynn and Anna Mae Quinn



lynn Quinn - April 16, 2020 at 12:46 PM

CO

“ We love you Julie and are thinking of you!!!



Courtney - April 16, 2020 at 12:42 PM

LW

“ Laura Whitfield lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julienne Exantus



Laura Whitfield - April 16, 2020 at 12:14 PM

LR

“ *Linda C Rumsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Julienne Exantus*



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**Linda C Rumsey** - April 15, 2020 at 07:01 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory*



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - April 15, 2020 at 05:38 PM