

Our family would like to give a word of thanks to the many who have helped during these difficult times. Lola's brothers and sisters from her congregation, her friends here in Canada and across the world. A special thank you also to the staff of St. Paul's Care Home, as well as all involved with her Home Care.

Lucy wanted nothing more than for you to keep enjoying your life, showing humility and kindness to all.

Keep spreading the Love.



In Loving Memory of  
**Lucia Conaty**  
1936-2021



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A Celebration for the Life of

# Lucia Conaty

February 24, 1936 - August 8, 2021

## Funeral Service:

Hemauer's Funeral Chapel

The Pas, Manitoba

Saturday, September 25, 2021

1 pm

## Luncheon:

Newman Family Residence

362-7th Street

2 pm

## Officiating:

Stephen Bingham

## Prayer:

Brent Newman



Lucia Conaty (Festin), youngest daughter of Maximo & Maxima Festin, was born in Manila, The Philippines, in 1936. She grew up in a very poor, but very hardworking and loving family. As the youngest, she was extremely shy, and spoke very little. Her many older siblings nicknamed her "Mickey," since she was so petite and quiet, like a mouse. Despite being raised by water, she almost drowned when she was very young, so she disliked swimming, or being in deep water.

She always felt a connection with the Creator, and was raised Roman Catholic. She had a very simple upbringing, she described it mostly as very happy. She didn't like to speak about growing up without many material things, but more so about the experiences she had getting out of poverty. One memory that stuck out the most in her mind was the horror of war, when Japanese planes were bombing her city and she watched one of her brothers get peppered with shrapnel. Her family relocated from Manila to Cebu after this.

She loved music, and singing, and once entered a talent contest when she was young. She was so terrified to sing in front of people and ran away from the performance. She ended up going back to perform at another one, and managed to end up overcoming her fear and finishing in one of the top places.

Her family realized that education and hard work was key, and she attended a trade school to learn clerical skills. She soon entered the workforce as a secretary / typist. She strived to live a simple life, her only main goal was to start a family. As she got older, she wasn't sure this would happen. Finally, in the early 1970s, she met an English fellow, Jim, who was visiting from Canada. They hit it off, and started writing letters to each other.

The relationship progressed and Jim started travelling regularly to The Philippines to visit her. They got engaged, and later married. Soon after marrying, she relocated to Canada, to live in Rexdale (Toronto), Ontario. She started studying the Bible with Jim there, with Jehovah's Witnesses, and was amazed at what she learned about the Bible's promise of paradise earth, and the resurrection hope. She was baptized soon after.

When Jim's employment at Avro ended due to US Government involvement, they had to decide where to relocate. British Columbia, or a tiny town in Northern Manitoba where they needed skilled labourers. They chose The Pas, and the rest is history.

Suffering multiple miscarriages, she had nearly completely lost hope of having children, but had her 'miracle baby,' Jerome James, when she was 40, and Jim was 50. She took pride in her family, and in her faith.

Most people who knew her would say she was one of the gentlest, kindest people they knew. Never quick to anger, she was always cool, calm, and collected. She did Home Care work, but mostly was busy helping Jim with managing an apartment block, doing the majority of the household duties.

Her big pastimes were walking, and taking care of her plants. She absolutely adored walking, and often went for walks for 3, 4 hours. She loved her houseplants, and later when she retired, had a wonderful garden full of flowers. She collected photograph after photograph of different flowers she saw, from all across the world.

Over the years she travelled many places: United States, Holland, Germany, Norway, Hong Kong, Japan, England, The Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii.

One of her proudest accomplishments was her ministry, and being able to share The Bible's hope in Norway House, Moose Lake and all across Northern Manitoba. She loved her congregation, and in her elder years became a favourite with the little ones as she rewarded them with candies each time she saw them.

When Jim passed in 2014, she still managed to keep pushing along, taking care of her home, and continuing her ministry. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, and would play, sing, and read to them. It gave her true joy that her dreams of starting a family came to fruition.

She was diagnosed with late stage cancer in 2018 and given the outlook of 6 months. Instead of choosing chemo, she chose natural remedies. She lived some time in St. Paul's, but being alienated from her family and friends due to government restrictions was too much for her. With her family's help, she moved out of the care home and in with them at Clearwater Lake, in early 2021.

She lived her final months eating pancit, lumpia, chicharrón, mango and melons. She had many phonecalls and visits from her friends. She spent each and every day with her grandchildren, and despite her distaste for water, took numerous boat rides.

She passed gracefully and peacefully, on August 8, 2021, with her family at her side. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jerome James and Brenda Conaty, and grandchildren Ethan Wesley James, Maddex Johnathon Davis, and Mikaela Anne Lucia Conaty.

"Do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life."

- John 5: 28,29