



Louise D. Fouts

June 11, 1933 - May 20, 2023

Louise Delcina Gilkes- Fouts was born on June 11, 1933, in Brooklyn, NY to Ivy

Tabatha Boyce and Edwin Whitfield Gilkes. Louise was educated in the New York

City school system, she graduated from Prospect Heights High School in Bklyn, NY.

Louise later studied at the Art League School of Design in New York City, New York

where her academic major was fashion design. Louise also had a passion for dancing and as a result became a dancer with the Pearl Primus Dance Studio in

Manhattan, and traveled to Rome, Italy as part of the dance troupe that entertained overseas.

Louise during her extraordinary career in design and entertainment had successfully posed for the jazz album cover title "Like Blue" for musical artists Andre Previn & David Rose.

Louise Delcina Gilkes met and married Joe L. Fouts in 1968. Louise & Joe had

started their clothing designing business in the Bowery district of NYC in the late

60's named Fouts-Gilkes, where they provided Bride & Bridal party gowns.

They then relocated their business in the 80's to Mountaindale, NY where they

resided for a few years before moving on to Port Jervis, NY. They made clothing for famous actors and actresses such as Nina Simone & Katherine Ross who was in a film with Dustin Hoffman. Their designs were also recognized and published in an article in Vogue Magazine. Their union remained for 49 years until the passing of her husband Joe on April, 2017.

Louise was preceded in death by her father Edwin Gilkes, Mother Ivy (Boyce)Gilkes, Sylvia Jackman, Edwin Gilkes, Edna Durant, Harry Gilkes, Clara Connelly, & Victor Gilkes. Louise is survived by her sister Anna Murrell and a host of nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My memory when visiting Aunt Louise was to see all the beautiful garments they had created in their shop. Rest in Peace, Auntie Louise...Love Pat*

patricia McNeal - June 01, 2023 at 11:04 AM

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arlene.hobbs - May 31, 2023 at 08:20 AM

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Beautiful picture

Patricia McNeal - June 01, 2023 at 11:06 AM