



ELIANE LACROIX-HOPSON 1917 - 2014

Eliane Anne Lacroix was born on July 26, 1917 in the village of Villeveyrac, Département de l'Hérault, France

She moved to USA in 1957 following her second wedding to a US Army Sergeant.

She worked as a Designer in Electrical Engineering until her retirement in NYC in 1982.

Having joined the Baha'i Faith in 1962, her many accomplishments in the 70's and 80's included serving on the NYC Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly, on the Native American Relations Committee, the Display Committee and creating the Newscope Cine-Club and Cultural Workshop at the NYC Baha'i Center. She lectured in Europe after her retirement on one of her favorite subjects: Harmony of Science and Religion, a concept of the Baha'i Faith...

This activity led her to volunteer at the United Nations for the International Romani Union until late 90's. She accepted the offer to represent this NGO as she was raised near La Camargue, home of many Romas.

Her involvement with Native American causes since the 70's led her to the co-founding of the NGO Yachay Wasi (from Quechua: House of Learning) in 1993, which is accredited at the United Nations since 1997.

She loved to write and was very proud of her published books:

'Abdu'l-Baha in New York, the City of the Covenant – Pub. 1999 in USA by author, 2nd edition: 2005 published by Baha'i Publications Australia.

Creation, Evolution and Eternity, A Baha'i's perspective on Religion and Science – Pub. 2001 in USA by Yachay Wasi, Inc.

Eliane passed away on Friday April 4, 2014 in New York City. She was 96.

She was buried in New Jersey on April 8, 2014.

She is survived by her daughter Marie-Danielle Samuel, her grandson Michel Samuel and her great-grandsons Maxence and Alexandre Samuel.

A Memorial took place at the New York City Baha'i Center on Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 2:30 pm.

It started with callings from the Condor and the Eagle: A Quechua greeting from an Inka descendant from Cusco, Peru and a Native American song performed by a Lakota friend.

It was followed by Baha'i prayers and readings, a tribute by Eliane's grandson, remembrances by a representative of the NYC Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly, an Officer of the United Nations and a Baha'i friend who traveled for this Memorial from Australia, the land of the first Aboriginals....

"Science is the first emanation from God toward Man" Baha'i Writings

New York City Baha'i Center, October 22, 1991:

Thomas Banyacya (1909-1999) was one of the last Interpreters of the Hopi prophecies.

He was in NYC to attempt one more time to have the Prophecies read at the United Nations. Eliane Lacroix-Hopson accompanied him in this again futile attempt.

She however invited him to read these prophecies for the NYC Baha'i Local Spiritual Assembly.

Ultimately, on December 10, 1992, Mr. Banyacya fulfilled his wish in the UN General Assembly room during the Launch of the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples (1993).



Eliane Lacroix-Hopson, Thomas Banyacya, Ina McNeil, Marie Samuel, Tere Camerota