



## **WAKE AND FUNERAL SERVICE OF MRS. MARIAMMA JOY**

**Date: Sunday, November 23, 2014**

Wake Service: St. Mary's Syriac Orthodox Church  
Address: 173 North Washington Ave, Bergenfield, NJ 07621  
Time: 3.00 PM - 8.00 PM

**Date: Monday, November 24, 2014**

Holy Qurbana, Funeral Service: St. Mary's Church, Bergenfield  
Address: 173 North Washington Ave, Bergenfield, NJ 07621  
9.00 AM: Morning Prayer  
9.30 AM: Holy Qurbana - H.E. Yeldho Mor Titus  
11.00 AM: Funeral Service- H.E. Yeldho Mor Titus  
Interment: Rockland Cemetary  
201 Kings Hwy, Sparkill, NY 10976

Mariamamma Joy (Ammini) was born to Varghese Mathai and Mariamma Varghese on September 18, 1944 in the village of Kannanchira of Vakathanam, and was baptized in the Syrian Jacobite faith in St. Adai's church, Nalunnakal. She studied in Vakathanam J.M. High School and on to Nursing School in Nagpur. Her first job was with the Northern Railway in New Delhi and then she joined the first batch of nurses from India to work for the Health Ministry in Iraq. She got married on April 2, 1978 to Chirathalattu Kurian Joy.

She immediately became like a second mother to her new siblings. She was always very quick to help her family, new and old, in whatever was needed with no regard for her own well-being or secure future. Joy and Mariamma settled in Iraq and had their first child, Jity, in 1979. They sent her to India for fear of the Iran-Iraq war while they continued to work in the midst of bombings and air raids. In 1982, she came to start a new life in Fort Washington Heights while Joy stayed in India with Jity. She worked very hard to secure an apartment for her young family. Jity and Joy joined her a year later, it was here where she gave birth to their son, Jinu in 1987. She worked very hard caring for New York's elderly at Fort Tryon Nursing Home in Upper Manhattan for 26 years, retiring in 2009. She was enjoying her retirement life splitting time between their house in India and the U.S. She fulfilled her dream of becoming a grandmother in 2012 and had been on cloud nine caring for her grandson, Steven. She was a very caring wife, mother, grandmother, daughter in law and sister. She was always a strong supporter of all of her husband's endeavors. Always selfless in her deeds and actions, she has helped countless people in need without any fanfare. For the past year and a half, she had been battling an illness which caused her to suffer a lot of pain. Through it all, as her body slowly became weaker, she never failed in her faith and her spirit remained dignified and grew stronger. Her beauty and luminescence will continue to shine in our lives and our hearts.

**On Behalf of the Archbishop and the faithful of the Malankara Archdiocese, condolences to the bereaved family.**