

Celebrating the Life of



Claudia Ann Paige

Sunrise

August 16, 1947

Sunset

January 15, 2014

Now in God's Hands

By God's Grace, heirs of the hope of eternal life.

Titus 3:7

Service

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH

68 Church Street & Trinity Pl. • Montclair, New Jersey 07042

Rev. David D. Ireland, Ph.D., Senior Pastor

Rev. Ron Gonzalez, Associate Pastor, Officiating

Reflections of Life

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones.” (Psalm 116:15)

In the sunset hours of Wednesday, January 15, 2014, surrounded by her loving husband and sons, Claudia Ann Paige bid this earthly realm good bye, and left for the splendor of heaven’s glory. She heard the voice of her heavenly Father, calling “Come up here!” – so her spirit responded, “I’m out, see you upstairs.”

Claudia Ann Paige, was born on August 16, 1947, to Arthur and Bessie Freeman in Bronx, New York. On October 14, 1967, at the tender age of twenty, she married her high school sweetheart, Bill Paige. God blessed their union with two sons.

Claudia received the Lord Jesus as her Savior in 1981, and was a devoted and steadfast servant throughout her life. Her church work began when she joined the Greater Emmanuel Church in Bronx, NY. She worshipped and labored faithfully and instilled in her sons a reverence and strong faith in God. In 2004, Claudia and Bill joined Christ Church in Montclair, NJ. While there, Claudia touched many lives through her service as an Administrator for Joining our Church Family, a Women’s Bible Study leader, a staff support volunteer, and an information center volunteer. She also served faithfully as Armor Bearer to Pastor Marlinda Ireland. In addition to her many church activities, Claudia was a member of the Board of Directors for Young Life Military Community Youth Ministries, an ecumenical outreach to teens with parents in the armed services.

Claudia was educated in the New York City Public School system and graduated from Walton High School. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from Christian Bible Institute in Bloomfield, NJ. Bill was honored to call her Wife and finder of lost things. Randy and Lance were blessed to call her Mother, “Ma-Dukes” and a soft place to land when life seemed hard. Raven, Morgan, Josiah and Jamilla were overjoyed to call her “Gwam-Ma,” “G-Ma” and one who gave undivided attention. Though she had no biological sisters, a few drew close and called her sister, confident, mentor and one who kicks you in the pants to keep you moving forward. Others called her second-mom, aunt, friend, neighbor and one who loves and is not judgmental. Her Christ Church family, knew her as a quiet force, faithful, kind, optimistic, wise, loving, thoughtful, gentle, loyal, devoted, dependable, humble servant and counselor of many.

Claudia loved God, her family, her church and doing whatever she did with excellence.

Claudia leaves to cherish her memory and celebrate her life: her mother, Bessie (husband Jimmy); her loving husband of forty-six years, Bill; two sons, Randy and Lance; her daughter-in-law, Ingrid (husband, Randy); four grandchildren, Raven Ann (mother - Quenia), Morgan (mother -Tracy), Josiah, and Jamilla (mother-Ingrid).

“Now we don’t want you, my brothers, to be in any doubt about those who “fall asleep” in death, or to grieve over them like men who have no hope. After all, if we believe that Jesus died and rose again from death, then we can believe that God will just as surely bring with Jesus all who are “asleep” in him. Here we have a definite message from the Lord. It is that those who are still living when he comes will not in any way precede those who have previously fallen asleep. One word of command, one shout from the archangel, one blast from the trumpet of God and the Lord himself will come down from Heaven! Those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then we who are still living on the earth will be swept up with them into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And after that we shall be with him forever. God has given me this message on the matter, so by all means use it to encourage one another.”

I Thess. 4:13-18 (Phillips)

Order of Service

Viewing

Processional

Prayer of Comfort..... Pastor Ron Gonzalez

Musical Selection..... Jena Fisher

Scripture Readings..... Ron Fisher

Old Testament - Psalm 91:1-16

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Obituary..... Silent Reading

Praise Dance..... Karen Proctor

Remarks..... Lois Greene

Eulogy..... Pastor David Ireland

Benediction..... Pastor Ron Gonzalez

Recessional..... Jena Fisher

Interment

Brigadier General Williams C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery
Arneytown, New Jersey

Please join the family following the service in the Fellowship

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family would like to acknowledge and express our thanks and appreciation to all for every act of love, kindness, prayers, generosity, gifts and friendship shown during this time of our loss. May God's richest blessings be upon each and all.



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