

*Celebration of Life &
Eternal Transition for*

Juanita King Craig

Sunrise

January 7, 1950

Sunset

April 27, 2015

Service

Saturday, May 2, 2015 - 8:30 a.m.

Clarence B. Wright Funeral Home

579 Grove Street • Irvington, NJ 07111

Rev. Floyd Gaskins, Officiating

Obituary

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; For thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.” Psalm 23

Juanita King Craig was born on January 7, 2015 to the late John Haley and the late Lillie Mae King Williams in Albany, Georgia. She relocated to New Jersey to pursue a better life for herself and her daughter.

Juanita is a retiree of the University of Medicine & Dentistry Hospital of Newark, Newark, New Jersey (UMDNJ). She was a dedicated Dietitian and Cook for the Food Service Division for over thirty years. While employed at UMDNJ, she received several special recognition awards for Employee of the Month, as well as received several honorable anniversary gifts for her long term years of employment in her vocation.

On Wednesday evening, April 27, 2015 at 10:36 p.m., Juanita heard and received her call. She lived a full life filled with happiness and joy. Her grandchildren were her pride and inspiration. As she battled several life threatening illnesses and conditions, she conquered them head on and did not let them defeat her in her quest for living. When it became too much for her body to endure, she accepted the heavenly hand that was extended to her and closed her eyes to encompass eternal rest while being surrounded at home with her family by her side.

Juanita is predeceased in death by her parents; beloved son, Andrew Willabus Craig, brother, Jessie Lee Cato, uncles, Mitchell King, Jr., Willie King, Sr., Jimmy King, James “Buddy” King, aunts, Mary Ella “Bey” McCray, Dorothy Carswell and in-laws, George, James Lee (Craig Family), Catherine Washington, Christina C. Sauls.

She leaves to cherish her journey of memories with: her husband, Willie Edward Craig, Jr.; daughter, Catherine (Vernessa) Carr Sauls; son-in-law, Kevin Gaylord Sauls, Sr. and grandsons, Kevin Denzel Sauls, II and Michael Fre’ Sauls; sister, Barbara Medders; nephews, Alvin (Trina), Tracy (Claudia), Lemuel, Monterio, Travis (Sapp Family); King Family; McCray Family; Carswell Family; Nathaniel Sr., Nathaniel Jr., Lewis (Sauls Family); Angela (Robert) Marshall; Ford Family; as well as a host of in-laws, other family and friends; homecare staff; dedicated healthcare skilled aid/companion Mariela Calderon and specialized care nurse Lailanie Barrett.

Order of Service

Musical Interlude

Processional.....Family & Clergy

Prayer.....Mother-in-Christ
Janice M. West

Old Testament.....Kevin Sauls, Sr.

New Testament.....Michael Fre' Sauls

Solo....."Precious Lord" "Take My Hand"

Tribute From.....Kevin D. Sauls, II

Acknowledgements & Obituary.....Catherine V. Carr Sauls
Family and Friends

Solo....."Goin' Up Yonder"

Eulogy.....Reverend Floyd Gaskins
Grace Temple Baptist Church
187 16th Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Fairmount Cemetery
Newark, New Jersey
Rev. Gaskins officiating commital to the ground

I Will Forever Be With You

*Suns may Rise...Shadows may Fall...
Love is Forever...Love is All...
As high as the Sky...As deep as the Sea...
Love is Forever, ETERNALLY*

*Lovingly Submitted,
The Family*

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.
I took His hand when I heard Him call;
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Task left undone must stay that way;
I've now found peace at the end of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joys.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;
Oh yes, these things; I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look, for the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends; good times, a loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,
God wanted me now-He set me free,
Amen*

Acknowledgement

The family of **Juanita King Craig** wish to express our sincere thanks for all of the prayers, acts of kindness and expressions of love during this time of bereavement. Please keep us in your prayers as this will be a transitional moment for the family members who will miss her dearly. Even in this moment, we know that all things are working in God's timing, as he has the ultimate say in how our final chapter will be written in our book of life here on earth. In God we trust for grace, healing and peace that surpasses all understanding of mankind.

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