

*Celebrating The Life of*



*Paula Elaine Johnson Hannibal*

*Sunrise*

*March 18, 1948*

*Sunset*

*January 14, 2019*

**Service:**

Saturday, January 19, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE**

130 Main Street • Orange, New Jersey

**Rev. Dwight Gill, Officiating**

**Osmond Collins, Organist**

# Order of Service

- Musical Prelude..... Osmond Collins
- Processional..... Clergy and Family
- Invocation..... Rev. Dwight Gill
- Scriptures  
Old Testament:Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 ..... Cinzia Richardson  
New Testament: John 16:22..... Beverly Williams
- Lords Prayer/Reading of Obituary..... Priscilla Hannibal Crumel
- Musical Selection  
His Eye is on the Sparrow..... Soloist - Valerie Boseman
- Reflections..... Jason C. Hannibal  
Justin C. Hannibal  
Tenneille T. Hannibal Espada
- Musical Selection..... Valerie Boseman
- Eulogy..... Rev. Dwight Gill
- Recessional..... Osmond Collins

Repast: 12:30pm - 3:30pm

at

**Elks Lodge**

475 Main St., Orange, NJ 07050

**CREMATION**

Rosedale Crematory  
Orange, New Jersey

## *Obituary*

**Paula Elaine Johnson Hannibal** was born on March 18, 1948 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Joseph Neil Johnson and Pearl Adams Johnson. She was their only child. Paula was raised in East Orange, NJ where she was educated through the East Orange public schools.

In 1966, Paula graduated from East Orange High school where she went on to further her education and graduated from West Virginia State University earning a B.S. in Elementary Education and Jersey City State University with an M.A. in Urban Education/Supervision and Administration.



Most of Paula's employment was with the Newark Board of Education at Mt. Vernon School. During her 30+ years as an educator she shaped and molded the minds of her many students. Truly having a passion for teaching, she met a like minded individual, Creft Terrance Hannibal who became her soulmate of 41 years.



Paula was known for being incredibly tough in laying down the law the first day of class which afforded her the respect of her students. From that day forward she was the friendliest and most supportive teacher that both students and her peers

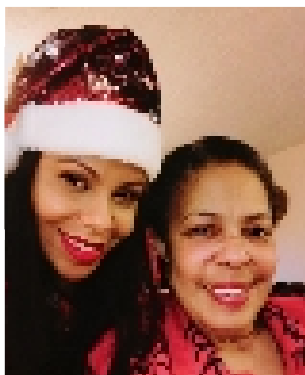
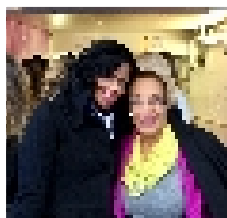
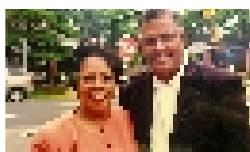
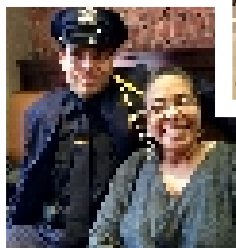
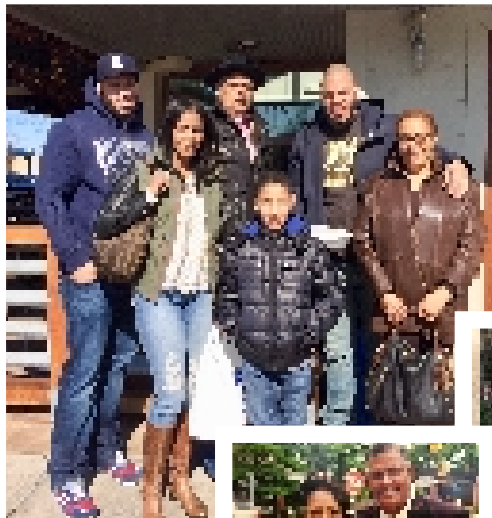
looked up to. Paula spent countless hours working with students outside of the classroom as well with the Junior Honor Society, Debate Team and Year Book Committee to name a few. She was a dedicated educator that thrived on teaching literacy.

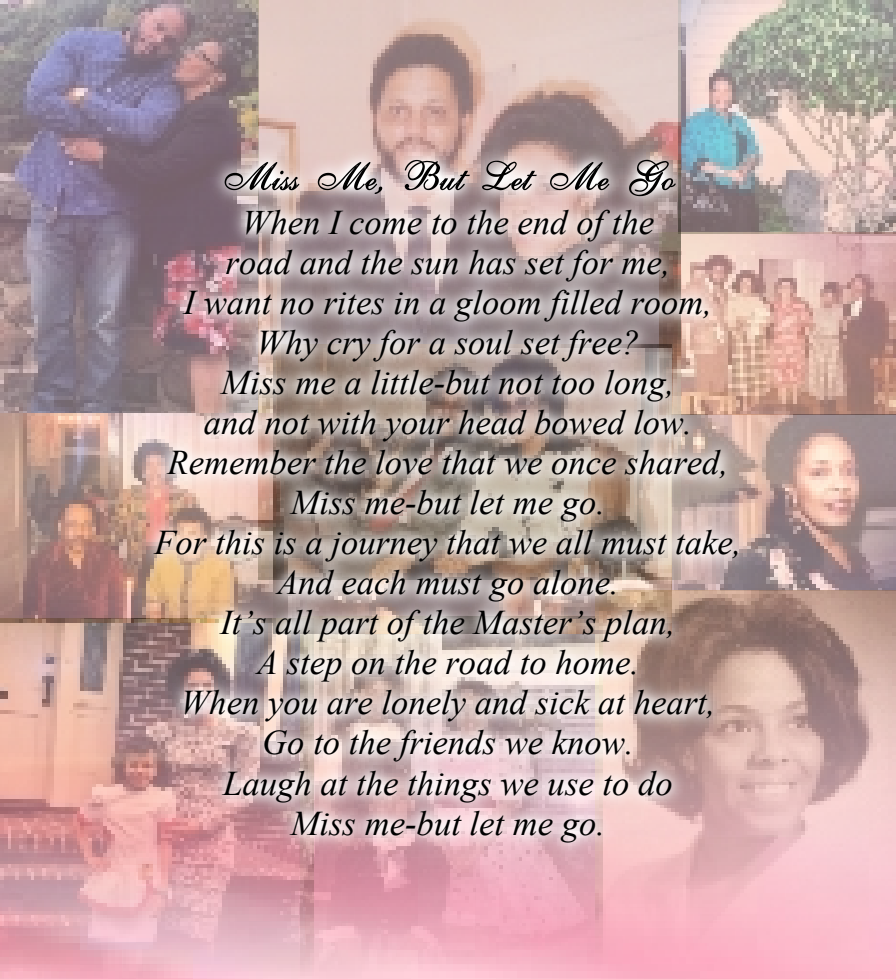
Paula took great pride in her home and family. Her artistic skills were utilized within her home design, landscaping and wardrobe. She especially enjoyed spending quality time with her children and grandchildren.



The union of Paula and Creft blessed them with four children: Tawanna Norman, Twins Jason C. Hannibal and Justin C. Hannibal and Tenneille Hannibal Espada (Angel) along with her grandchildren; Darnell Norman, Ian Colon, Chloe Espada and Ethan Espada all to whom she was affectionately known as G.G.(Glamorous Grandma).

Paula was also survived by her Aunt Ruth Ann Williams of Washington, D.C. and her Uncles Raymond Hamilton of Silver Springs, M.D., Donald Hamilton of Washington D.C., Henry Hamilton of Livingston, N.J. and Allen(Gale) Hamilton of Dover, D.E. as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and In-laws. She is also survived by her two cousins she grew up with: Ann Cecile Tolliver of Clinton, M.D. and Byron Jackson of West Orange, N.J. Paula was loved by many and will be greatly missed.





*Miss Me, But Let Me Go*  
*When I come to the end of the*  
*road and the sun has set for me,*  
*I want no rites in a gloom filled room,*  
*Why cry for a soul set free?—*  
*Miss me a little-but not too long,*  
*and not with your head bowed low.*  
*Remember the love that we once shared,*  
*Miss me-but let me go.*  
*For this is a journey that we all must take,*  
*And each must go alone.*  
*It's all part of the Master's plan,*  
*A step on the road to home.*  
*When you are lonely and sick at heart,*  
*Go to the friends we know.*  
*Laugh at the things we use to do*  
*Miss me-but let me go.*

**Pallbearers:**

Jason C. Hannibal  
Byron Jackson  
Paul Reed

Justin C. Hannibal  
Jayson Cox

Angel Espada  
Shawn Robertson

**Acknowledgement**

The family of the late Paula E. Johnson Hannibal would like to express their heartfelt appreciation for all acts of kindness extended to our family during this difficult time. May God continue to bestow his blessings upon you.

We would like to specifically acknowledge all of the medical doctors, nurses, therapists and staff that were supportive throughout her illnesses.

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