

A Memorial of the Life Of



Paula D. Mickens

Sunrise
February 7, 1950

Sunset
February 5, 2020

Funeral Service

Thursday, February 13, 2020 - 7:00 O'clock PM

Serenity Funeral Service

Castle Hill Funeral Home

1528 Castle Hill Avenue, Bronx, New York

Officiating: Elder E.J. Robinson

Eulogist: Pastor Jonathan Mickens

Minister of Music: Joshua Mickens

Obituary

Paula Durant-Mickens was born on February 7, 1950. Her parents, Howard and Rosa Durant, were ecstatic to welcome their third-born bundle of joy. She had five other siblings, Carolyn, Alta, Lenora, Miranda, and Phillip.

Paula was a Bronx, N.Y. native where she graduated from William H. Taft High School. For many years, she worked at the Irving Trust Bank. Following her tenure there, she worked as a ticket agent for the Academy Bus Company from 2000 to 2015 when she retired.

Paula was a champion bowler, participating in bowling leagues where she amassed numerous trophies and plaques for her achievements. It was at one of these events in 1973, doing what she loved so much, when she met a handsome stranger, Terry Mickens, who would turn out to be the love of her life. They were united in marriage on August 30, 1981. Being together was like bowling the perfect strike; the two were deeply in love.

Their thirty-eight years of marriage was a testament to companionship and genuine love. During these beautiful years together, Paula embraced, loved, bonded with daughter Janice Melinda Mickens, and shared in parenthood as a blended family.

In 1977, Paula joined Beth-El, The House of Yahweh, and served faithfully and tirelessly in the ministry. She was always willing to help in event planning for various occasions and serving as one of the culinary experts in dining and sweet treats. Eventually, she became a Trustee for Beth-El and served in that capacity until her passing.

Paula was a beautiful woman, and her inner beauty was just as noteworthy. She had a soft-spoken demeanor yet was strong and determined in the standards of holiness. She believed in the power of prayer and after receiving it, would profess deliverance from whatever pain or discomfort failed her. Paula would often testify that her response when doctors or nurses asked how she was feeling was - "prayer changes things."

Her caring and loving manner were why she came to be known by all as Auntie Paula. She was a true and devoted wife, sister, confidant, role model, and friend.

Left to cherish her memory are: her beloved husband and best friend, Terry; daughter, Melinda; sisters, Lenora and Miranda; brother, Phillip; cousins; sisters-in-law; a brother-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, brethren, and friends.

Auntie Paula exemplified commitment and perseverance reminding us of the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:7-8: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which YHWH, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

HalleluYah!

Order of Service

Elder E.J. Robinson, Officiating

Processional

Prayer.....Min. Ronald Harriott

Song..... “The Solid Rock”Congregation

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament - Job 19:25-27; Psalm 27:1-4.....Bishop Floyd Simmons

New Testament - Revelation 21:1-7.....Elder George O’Garro

Song..... “Psalm 23”Choir

Acknowledgements, Cards.....Min. Beverly Grant

Tributes.....Pastor Deborah Hoskins

Remarks..... (2 min please)

Obituary..... Jessica Mackey

SongKyetah Bryan

EulogyPastor Jonathan Mickens

Viewing

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Friday, February 14, 2020

Mount Rest Cemetery

Butler, New Jersey 07405

The Solid Rock

Verse:

My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Yahshua's blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Yahshua's Name.

Refrain:

On Yah, the Solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

Verse:

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Yah's Promise

YHWH did not promise
Days without pain,
Laughter without sorrow
Or sun without rain
But Yah did promise
Strength for the day,
Comfort for the tears
And a light for the way,
And for all who believe
In His kingdom above,
He answers their faith
With everlasting love.

Acknowledgements

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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