

Service of Remembrance

Paul

Craig

Straughn

Sunrise
July 28, 1967

Sunset
August 19, 2021

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
10:00 AM

Zion Hill Baptist Church
152 Osborne Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07112
Reverend Douglas L. Williams, Pastor

Obituary

Paul Craig Straughn was born on July 28, 1967 to June Straughn-Watson and the late Lionel Craig. Paul attended Christ Church High School. As a young kid, Paul was always one step ahead of everyone else. He could always find a way to solve a problem with that big, inviting smile that he had. Formerly of Wotton Christ Church, Paul emigrated to the US at the age of 23, to pursue his dreams to be a designer. He went on to earn a degree in Interior and Fashion Design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Completion of his degree propelled him into a career that took him to many places across the world. Paul's immense talent led him to decorating the White House for Christmas in 1997 and 1998 for former President Bill Clinton, as well as the house of former Vice President Al Gore and his Wife Tipper four years in a row for the Spring, Halloween and Christmas seasons. Paul's interior design expertise also spearheaded him a guest spot on the Oprah Winfrey Show along with a guest spot on the Today Show. In addition to these accomplishments, Paul also did decorating jobs for celebrities including Whoopi Goldberg and Robert De Niro, to name a few. Over the last few years, Paul worked for the interior design company Creative Designs Limited, based in Hong Kong.

Paul transitioned from this earthly life on August 19th. To celebrate his life, he leaves his mother June Straughn-Watson and stepfather Douglas Watson, of Church Hill, his sisters; Dr. Leslie Craig, Pat, and Gillan (Michelle), Michelle's daughter Ahlana and her father Thomas, his brothers Kevin, Wayne, Andrew Straughn and his son Ajani and Ian Broomes. He also leaves his aunt Nova Straughn, Uncle Nigel Straughn (and his daughter Gillie), his childhood friends Izella Brown and Maycelle Burke to memorialize his life, along with his cousins Kim Carter and her sons Kevin and Kyle, Phillip Straughn and his wife Vanessa and son Ajari, and Ian Straughn and his wife Sophia and sons Aidan and Ethan.

We would also like to acknowledge Jeff, Stephen, Guy, Luc, Raul, Dave, Deon, Tammy, Donohue, Tracy, Nicole, Cecelia, Wayne Norgrove, Sandra Williams, Stephen Williams, and Richard, Roger Manning, as well as The Scantlebury Family, The Titus Family, The Schwarz Family, The Williams Family of Harts Gap, The Husbands Family of Harts Gap, friends of the Wotton and Church Hill communities as well as his Hong Kong and China work families, which include John Shen, Frank, Jeanene, Amy, Jerry and Armen, to name a few.

As you can probably tell by the abundance of individuals named who will be carrying Paul's memory in their hearts, Paul left a lasting impression on all that he came in contact with. We are all better for knowing him, and he will be truly missed. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Order of Service

Processional

“What A Friend We Have I'm Jesus”

Selection

“Through All The Changing Scenes Of Life”

Scripture Readings

Prayer

Selection

“Angels Voices Ever Changing”

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Selection

“Safe In The Arms Of Jesus”

Obituary

Ahlana Williams

Recessional

“How Great Though Art”



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MEMORIAL SERVICE DOWNSTAIRS***

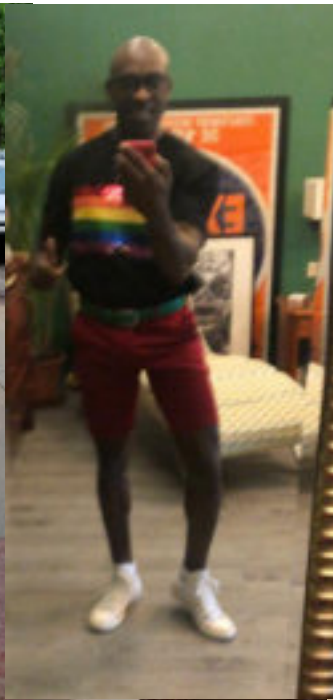
A Mother's Love

A mother's love,
is understanding, patient,
kind, and undemanding,
Quick to give encouragement
and thoughtful words
of praise...

A mother's love
is warm and gentle,
generous and sentimental...

A mother's love
is precious
in so many ways





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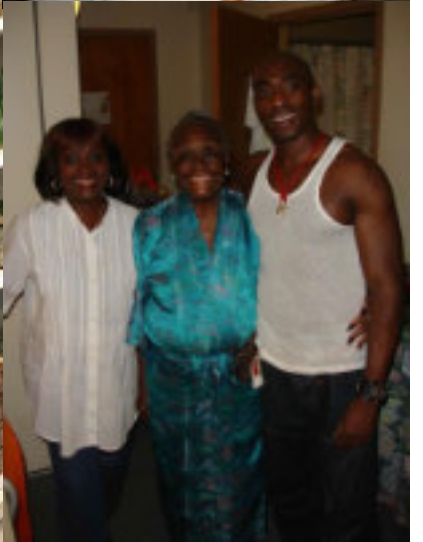
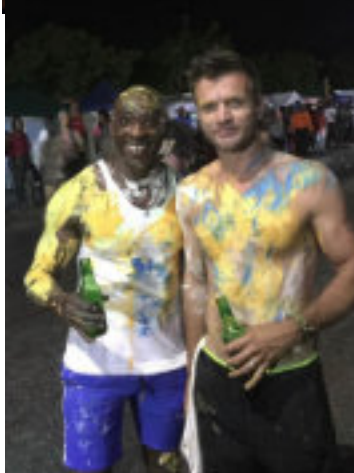
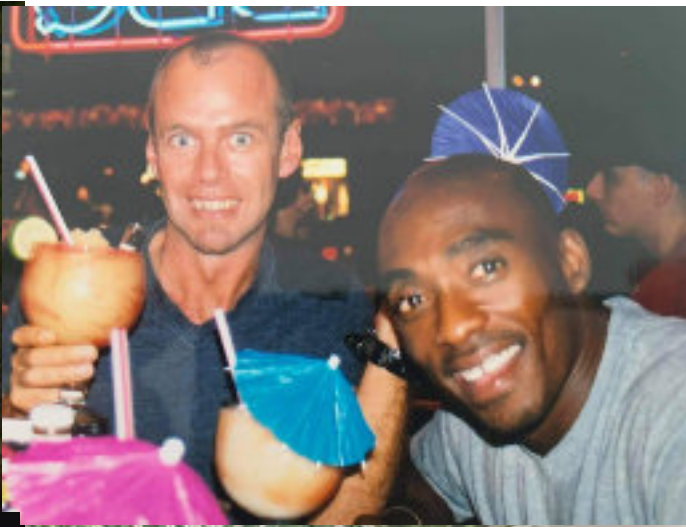
Design Master. So I searched a lot called straight the fabric. It was just like a gift to myself. I didn't really think it would go anywhere. But it did really well. I was excited to see of the more designers to watch. I got in something like that open but I was not sure. Because that means we have to be the best because I'm a fashion designer at heart. On the job never I was the one person who would be showing up just so we can be added.

Seeing the same view every time before he felt so much to look. Paul learned that he was only able to visit Barbados for six days making that morning back to work that long-lasting bonds with the island society.

"I want to be here thinking about morning back here again. It is exciting of seeing a whole new design concept back here in Barbados and I'm feeling very fun. I have this idea continuing around in my head that once we work very well here in Barbados. There isn't a big market for a time in Barbados, we're trying to educate more I want to come back. When you see you will have something a well-grown lot." Paul said.

And there definitely isn't any showing something Paul, who believes the same time can be to go.

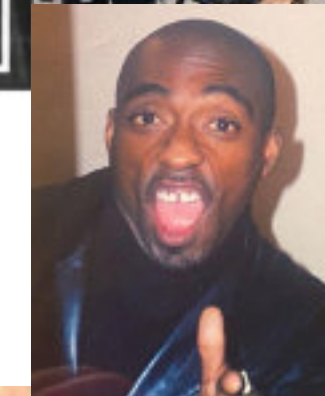
"The morning show for me. They asked you to do it. It is there and I'm really loving it! I have a few more to come. I got my idea from my friends. In the design world, you always have to go to sleep talk a little bit and a morning because you can't take your brain off and you are there somewhere." he added.





PAUL CRAIG STRAUGHN

We will be gathering to share some of our favorite memories, our stories, to laugh, to cry and remember a wonderful person who will be greatly missed.





The Final Flight

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me.
I took his hand when I heard his call,
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I've found that peace at the end of the day.

If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Ah, yes, these things too I will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My Life's been full, I savoured much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one' touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Author: Unknown

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