

Celebration of Life

Good Morning
August 22, 1968

Good Night
September 28, 2022

Palmist

Paula

Darlene Huggins

"It Shall Be Well"

Sunday – October 16, 2022

Visitation – 5:00 PM Celebration – 6:00 PM

Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church

858 East Third Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201
(614) 299-7069

Overseer Dale D. Tucker, Sr. – Senior Pastor - Officiant
Bishop Jerome H. Ross, Sr. – Pastor Emeritus - Eulogist

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Thomas O. Chisholm



thy faith-ful-ness," O God my Fa-ther, There is no
and win-ter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their
for sin and iniquity, dur-eth, Thy own dear



CHORUS



been Thou for
t faith-ful-ness
mine, with t
reat is Thy faith



Paula



need-ed Thy h

rat

"It Shall Be Well"



"The greatest gift of life is friendship, and I have received it"



I really don't know
where to start...
The day you left
it broke my heart.

Not just a crack
it broke in two...
Filled with love
just for you.

That love's not gone
is kept safe inside...
But when you left
part of me died.

I want to remember
the bond we share...
But the pain in my heart
is so hard to bear.

I miss you so much
and more, every day...
And love you much more
than words, could ever say.

I Love You
"Forever"

Lisa



"Because of you, I laugh a little harder, cry a little less and smile a lot more"





Reflections of Life: Psalmist Paula Darlene Huggins

Paula Huggins, the precious daughter of Beverly Huggins, grew up in Columbus, Ohio and was very actively involved in school, church, community and extracurricular activities beginning at an early age. As a youngster, she became a member of Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Bishop Jerome H. Ross; she was active in the Children's Band, the Hattie Jackson Guild Girls, and the Young Disciples of the Stone (YDS). Paula was blessed to be surrounded by a village of many caring, positive people. She acknowledged that Lady Patricia Ross and Sis. Sandra Alexander and others were among her strong mentors. Paula loved music, acting, dancing, and other activities. As a student at Eastmoor High School, Paula was a member of Eastmoor's Choir and Ensemble and acted in several dramatic plays. She was featured as a lead vocalist on Eastmoor's recording of *"Reach for a Brand New Day."* Paula was also active in community organizations including the Columbus Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America and participated on the national level during GMWA's conventions.

Dr. Nathan Carter met Paula while she was still in high school and recruited her to attend Morgan State University in Baltimore upon high school graduation. At Morgan State, Paula majored in Music Education and Psychology; she was a member of the renowned Morgan State University Choir, the Morgan Singers and the Ira Aldridge Players. During those years, she also served as a Peer Counselor, a Residence Assistant and as a voice coach to many other students; she was on the Senior Class Executive Board, on the Dean's List several times and was listed in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. Paula was initiated into the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. One of her friends recently wrote that *"Paula was the songbird of her line -- and that she could always be found at the center of the Delta Homecoming Circle, leading hundreds of Sorors in song."*

After college, Paula became a dedicated teacher in Baltimore and earned Advanced Certification through the Teacher's Pathway to Excellence Program. She taught initially at Mt. Zion Baptist Christian School and later at New Song Academy where she continued to teach until faced with recent health challenges. She was previously employed as an Adjunct Professor for the Baltimore City Community College. Paula had a real passion for teaching and like most good teachers, she did everything possible to prepare the students for success in life and to support the school's mission. A few years ago, she wrote the school song for New Song Academy.

Paula united with First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church in Baltimore under the leadership of Bishop Oscar Brown and became an active member in the Church's Praise Team and Choir, a grammar teacher, and was involved in the Far Above Rubies ministry. She remained a member of First Mt. Olive and took on responsibility as the Worship Arts Director at GraceCity Church in Baltimore under the leadership of Pastor Bob Bingham and Pastor Corey Barnes. Whenever she returned home, she continued to be involved in the Music Ministry at Triedstone by participating in the J. H. Ross Pastoral Choir and in other ways.

Paula really loved the Lord and did not seek fame or fortune but she welcomed the opportunities He provided for her to minister through song, word, and deed including touring. Paula was blessed with many talents and used those gifts to encourage, promote and inspire others. Her unique blend of classical, gospel and other music opened doors for her to sing throughout the United States and also in Poland, Spain, Germany, Bahamas, St. Thomas, Italy and Nigeria. In addition to those already listed, some special groups she sang and/or recorded with including (to name a few): Eric Waddell and the Abundant Life Singers, Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship Praise and Worship Team & Choir, Darin Atwater and Baltimore's Soulful Symphony, Jonathan Nelson and Purpose, the Carter Legacy Singers, Rev. O Trini Massie, Bishop Guy Robinson and Light the World, Guy Robinson and Friends and the Voices of Tabernacle; Wayne Carter and the Northern Delaware Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. She also recorded lead vocals on several albums including: The Refreshing: "Keeper of My Days" written by Pastor David Carrington.

Paula's loving, funny, witty, kind and jubilant personality always gave joy to our family and so many others and she strived to put the needs of others first.

She is survived by her loving **Mother:** Beverly Huggins; **Aunts:** Levoyce Huggins of Ohio, Robin Nash & Family of Georgia and Cynthia D. Cantrell of Florida; **Godmother:** Jean Kendrick of Ohio; **Uncles:** Charles D. (Tawana) Huggins & Family of Alabama, and Thomas Huggins of Georgia; **Godfather:** James Kendrick of Ohio; **God-uncle:** Dr. K. Clay (Dorothy) Horton of Georgia; **Godson:** Liam Brown and his parents, Pastor Joel and Latifahia Brown of Virginia; **God-Sisters:** Tannisha Kendrick and Kaylah Price of Ohio; **God-Brother:** Derrick Kendrick of Ohio; many **special cousins and their families** including: Deborah (Andre) Hughley of Ohio, Charese Harper of Ohio, Dr. Sherri Garrett of Georgia, Pastor Lloyd (Malinda) Garrett of Maryland, Andre (Deetra) Whatley of Maryland, Eva Garrett Wood (Eugene Wood) of Illinois, Kathleen (Neil) Cowart of Georgia; Jean Pierre Shackelford of Ohio, Charles (Michelle) Shackelford of Australia, Elaine Maria Shackelford of Ohio, Debra (Paul) Smith of Ohio; John Ziegler of Ohio; **Special Nephew:** William (Trey) Hayes; a **host of other cousins** from the Careathers-Huggins-Whatley-White Families, and Rhoda (Shurron) Green of Georgia, along several **"besties/special friends"** including: Lisa (Carl) Hayes of Ohio and the following from Baltimore: Audra Hill, LaKeeta Campbell, Stacy Atwater Jones, Marlene Johnson, Regina Gale Malloy, Shankia Mardenborough and Brandi Harrell. **Numerous extended family members** include: Pastor David Carrington, and the Families of Bishop Jerome H. and Lady Patricia Ross, Anna and Isaac Harper, Sandra and Charles Alexander, Florine and Crystal Solomon, Faye Goins, Bishop Oscar and Lady Jacqueline Brown, Pastor Bob and Lady Bingham, Pastor Corey and Lady Rashema Barnes, Principal Doug Fireside along with the students and Staff at New Song Academy the Students & Staff and numerous other people.

Paula's love for the Lord and for people shaped her life and impacted her ability to reach many. As she often said during her very short illness, **"IT SHALL BE WELL"** and it is so because she now safely abides in the loving arms of Jesus, welcomed by her loving Grandmother Katie and a great host of other loved ones that have gone on before.

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
"It is well, it is well, with my soul"



"I'm Encouraged"

"I Must Tell Jesus"

"The High Place"

"My Liberty"

"I Really Love The Lord"

"Be Ye Steadfast"

I really love the Lord _____ I really love the Lord

You don't know what He's done for me

Gave me the victory

I love Him, I love Him

I really love the Lord!

"He's The God of My Salvation"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"



Celebration of Life in Honor of:
Psalmist Paula Darlene Huggins

Officiant: Pastor Dale D. Tucker, Sr.

Music Prelude.....Musicians

Parting View *"It Is Well With My Soul"*

Reading of the Scriptures: Old Testament.....Psalm 27: 1-5, 14.....Elder Robyn Darden
New Testament..... 1 Corinthians 15: 57-58.....Elder Robyn Darden

Prayer of Comfort.....Elder Janet Kimble Smith

Selection.....*"Celebration Medley"*.....Celebration Music Ministry

Acknowledgement of Resolutions/Condolences.....Deaconess Denise Reid
Lori Kendrick

Reflections.....Pastor David Carrington
Redemption Church – Owings Mills, MD
Eva Garrett Wood, Esq. (Niece)
First Baptist Congregational Church – Chicago, IL

Selection.....*"Be Ye Steadfast"*.....Celebration Music Ministry

Reflections.....Rev. Frank Lane
Former YDS Director
Sandra Alexander
Former Children's Band Director

Bishop Oscar Brown
Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church – Baltimore, MD

The Reading of the Obituary.....Read Silently.....*"The Story I Tell"*

Eulogy

Bishop Jerome H. Ross, Sr.
Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church – Pastor Emeritus

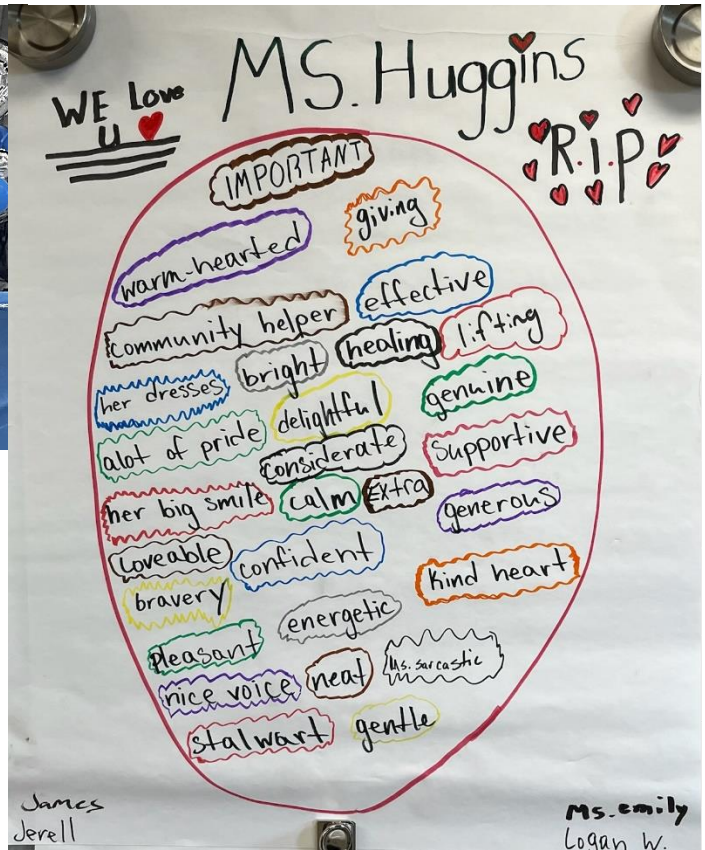
Closing Selection.....*"I Really Love The Lord"*.....Celebration Music Ministry

Recessional/Benediction

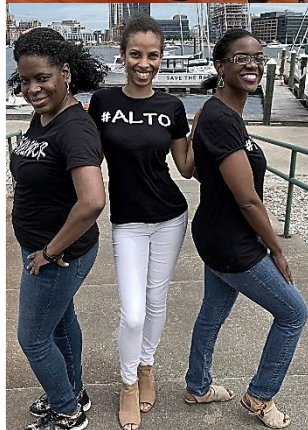
WARM **KINDHEARTED** **DRIVEN** **KIND** **COMPASSIONATE** **CALM**
PATIENT **RELIABLE**
 UNDERSTANDING LOVING THOUGHTFUL
TEACHER
 INDEPENDENT
 SELFLESS
 GENTLE **STRONG**

New Song Community Learning Center

Some of the students from Paula's
New Song Homeroom Class
School Year 2021 – June 2022
made this poster thinking of her.



*"Music expresses that which cannot be said and on which
it is impossible to be silent"*



"True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart"



*"A true friend accepts who you are,
but also helps you become who you should be"*



"The best thing about memories is making them"



Acknowledgements

The *Family of Paula Darlene Huggins* would like to thank all friends and family for your love, prayers, and every act of kindness during her illness and during this time of bereavement.

Special thanks to the following awesome Pastors along with their staff and congregations:

Bishop and Lady Oscar Brown (First Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church in Baltimore)

Pastor and Lady Bob Bingham and Pastor and Lady Corey Barnes (GraceCity Church of Baltimore)

Overseer and Lady Dale Tucker, Sr. and Bishop and Lady Jerome H. Ross, Sr.
(Triedstone Missionary Baptist Church, of Columbus)

Paula's hands-on loving care/comfort team:

Debbie Harper Hughley, Charese Harper, Lisa Patterson Hayes (of Columbus) and the following from Baltimore, Md:
LaKeeta Campbell, Stacy Atwater Jones, Marlene Johnson, Audra Hill; Sorors of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority;
Mr. Doug Fireside (along with the students & staff at New Song Academy)

The Vaughn Greene Funeral Services in Baltimore, Maryland

The Marlan J. Gary Funeral Home – The Chapel of Peace in Columbus, Ohio

Willis Funeral Home in Dalton, Ga

Brother James E. Whatley of Columbus; Sharon Dulaney, Dr. Sherri Garrett and Dr. K. Clay Horton (of Georgia) and all participants in the various Celebration of Life Services.

May the Lord continue to bless you and many others for making this part of our journey easier to bear!

May the Grace and Peace of God be with you.....Always!



Interment

Southview Cemetery

Cedartown, GA

Pallbearers

Carl Hayes - William (Trey) Hayes – Travis Perry
Kevin Pleasant – Jean Pierre Shackelford – Quincy Smith

Honorary Pallbearers

Marvin Miller – Quan Howell – Andre Hughley
Rev. Frank Lane – Deacon Jerome Ross – Dr. Raymond Wise

Flower Bearers

Triedstone Baptist Church Music Ministry



Ministry of Comfort Entrusted To:

Vaughn Greene Funeral Services

8728 Liberty Road – Randallstown, MD

~

Marlan Gary Funeral Home ~ The Chapel of Peace

North Chapel: 2500 Cleveland Avenue – Columbus, Ohio 43211 – (614) 267-8310

East Chapel: 5456 Livingston Avenue (at Lonsdale) – Columbus, Ohio – (614) 604-8774

Mansfield Chapel: 753 McPherson Street – Mansfield, Ohio 44903 – (419) 524-6999

~

Willis Funeral Home

2011 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd – Dalton, GA 30721 (706) 278-3808