

## *Acknowledgements*

The family of Paula Burgess would like to acknowledge the numerous expressions of love and acts of kindness during our hour of bereavement. Special thanks to all clergy, including Bishop Melvin Griffin, Trinity Baptist Church, and all participants in the celebration of Paula's life. Your support of prayers, telephone calls and other acts of kindness, including the sharing of fond memories are gratefully appreciated. While God remains the Almighty Comforter, His Grace Mercy and Love has been shown whatever act of kindness you chose to give us comfort. We wish each of you God's continued Blessings.

~With love, The Family.

## *Pallbearers*

Family and Friends

When you heard the news, it caught you by surprise  
It happen so sudden...with no time to say goodbye  
Convincing yourself that it's all untrue  
Trying your best to block the pain and the emptiness inside of you  
Grasping the fact you have to lay her to rest  
Preparing for that day is hard to digest  
But stand strong on your faith, He knows what's best  
During these trying moments He test our faith  
Let not your heart be troubled, neither afraid  
He knows it's not easy, it's alright to cry  
He's close to the broken-hearted, He's never left your side  
He'll renew your strength to make it through each day  
He'll lighten the load and take the pain away  
How He does things we may not understand  
But He's an on-time God  
Everything happens according to His plan  
It was her time to go  
that's how He intended it to be  
So He whispered in her ear  
"My child, I need you...follow me"  
You've gained an angel, shes got her wings  
So celebrate her today, she's now at pace

Written By: Mikkel Johnson

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# Obituary

Paula Jean Burgess, lovingly referred to as "Shorty" by her father, was born on February 24, 1953, in Columbus, OH. She departed her earthly home on June 21, 2023.

Paula graduated in the class of 1971 from West High School. She was employed with the United States Postal Service for 29 years as a mail carrier and clerk.

Paula was heavily involved in her community and was passionate about contributing her time volunteering at the local community shelters where she served in many different roles.

She served on the CRC Board for Glenwood Community Center from 2010-2016. She volunteered faithfully during holiday and senior events.

In her spare time Paula enjoyed playing Bingo with her sister, Pamela, and her daughters. Game nights with her children and grandchildren were always a highlight. She took winning very seriously.

Paula was preceded in death by her father and mother, Paul R. and Paris (Bowman) Taylor, Sr., a host of aunts and uncles, cousins, and her nephew, Christopher Taylor.

Paula leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Stephen Burgess; children, Yvonne Taylor, Gregory Johnson, Michael Johnson, Donald Johnson, Evette Langston, Matthew Johnson, Mikkell Johnson, Ein (Destiny) Johnson, Kara Johnson, Eli (Tanisha) Johnson, Parris Johnson, Tamar Johnson, Dionne Johnson, Kela Johnson, Tomeka Howell, and Carmen Mitchell; thirty-four grandchildren, ten great grandchildren, siblings, Carol A. Taylor, Pamela (Patrick) Turner, Paul R. (Gilda) Taylor, Jr., and Deborah Scobey, Special Cousin; Cynthia Bowman-Okafor, Special friend; Dee Dee Cradle, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, family and friends.

Paula had a caring and giving nature. She loved well and was well loved.

# Order Of Service

ORGAN PRELUDE ..... Music Ministry

WORDS OF COMFORT ..... Reverend Janet Shepard

PARTING VIEW ..... Immediate Family

SCRIPTURE READING ..... Clergy

Old Testament ..... Pastor Mildred Tate

Psalm 113

New Testament ..... Pastor Willie Battle

1 Peter 5:4-11

PRAYER OF COMFORT ..... Pastor Eric Carson

SELECTION ..... Stetson Holt

EXPRESSIONS ..... Letter from Ein

Dee Dee Cradle

Minister Cynthia Brown -Okafor

SELECTION ..... Gerald Strothers, Jr.

## *Eulogy*

Reverend Mel Griffin

BENEDICTION ..... Reverend Mel Griffin

RECESSIONAL ..... Clergy, Family, and Friends

## *Interment*

Greenlawn Cemetery