



Claude Linwood Ross

August 7, 1941 - November 5, 2004

The first of six children born to Mabel and Claude Ross Sr., Claude Linwood Ross Jr. entered the world on August 7, 1941. Known affectionately by his brother John and sisters Colleen, Mabel, Linda and Melissa as “Junie Reds from Providence Park”, Claude was soon after baptized at the Providence Baptist Church. During his childhood years he displayed the artistic creativity and intellectual curiosity that would later earn him a full academic scholarship to Howard University following his graduation from Armstrong High School in 1960. Although he enjoyed painting and considered a career in the arts, Claude chose to focus his intellect on his engineering studies at Howard, where in 1964 he graduated as the valedictorian of his engineering class. Following his service in the Army’s Engineer Corps based in Ft. Aberdeen, MD, Claude moved back to Washington D.C. to take a position as PEPCO as one of the power company’s first black engineers. Meanwhile, he and his first wife Evelyn, whom he had married in 1965, were raising the first of their three children, Leslie Ann Ross. In the years to come Candace Maria and Dax-Devlon would also be born of that union. From PEPCO, Claude would go onto electrical engineering positions at GSA (General Services Administration), the V.A. Hospital, the Department of the Navy and Howard University. In 1973, he became one of the first black engineers in the Washington, D.C. area to earn his P.E. (Professional Engineer) license, which would open further doors. By the mid-seventies he was working full time while operating his own engineering firm, taking Masters Courses, instructing at The University of the

District of Columbia, and raising a family. The passing years saw the soaring of his reputation as an electrical engineer of unparalleled skill and integrity. In the 1980s Claude's practice would continue to blossom as he traveled and worked throughout the United States. In 1986 Claude had a fourth child, Galen, with his second wife Iris Ross. They would later move to Sacramento, California where Claude continued to practice both independently and for the State of California. It was during this stage of his life that began an intense exploration of science, religion, philosophy, art, culture and civilization that ultimately propelled his mind and his spirit to ever higher levels of experience and understanding. In his bedroom he had but two discernible creature comforts, the first a photograph of the universe taken by the Hubble Spacecraft, the second a telescope he used to gaze upon the stars at night. We must imagine that Claude is among those stars now. Claude Linwood Ross is survived by four children, four grandchildren, five brothers and sisters, his first and second wife and ten nieces and nephews. He will be missed.

Tribute Wall



“ Claude Linwood Ross

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“ May the God of all comfort comfort you in your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Our cousin will be missed. The Norman Ross, Jr., Roy Baker, and Clarence Walker Families##imported-begin##Lillian Ross Walker##imported-end##

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“ Our sincere condolences to the Ross family on the homegoing of Claude. I never had the opportunity to meet him but in some ways I feel as if I knew him by the conversations I've had with his sister, Melissa. I know that he was deeply loved and I was deeply moved by the love and compassion shown him by his family. To be absent from the body is to be automatically present with the Lord. Have peace in knowing that there is even a sweeter smile on his face because he can now see his Saviour, Jesus Christ, face to face. Our prayers are with you all. The Cooleys-Joe, Gloria, Corinne and Bryan##imported-begin##Gloria Cooley##imported-end##

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“ Hello Family & Friends , I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at John 5:28,29 where Jesus says "Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." May you be comforted by this scripture.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future especially enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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