



Pauline Jeanetta Sturdivant

February 12, 1934 - May 25, 2009

Pauline Jeanetta Hardy Sturdivant was born in Upper Marlboro in Prince George's County, Maryland. She was the daughter of the late Samuel Henry Hardy and Mary Brown Hardy. She attended public schools in Prince George's County and Baltimore City, Maryland, and was a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore. Pauline joined Gillis Memorial Christian Community Church at an early age and sang on its Intermediate Choir as a teenager. After completing high school, Pauline worked at the Edgewood Arsenal in Edgewood, Maryland and then began a distinguished career with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services. She held various positions at the Department of Social Services, diligently working her way up from Senior Clerk Stenographer through Case Manager and Family Investment Supervisor until she retired. Pauline was petite, energetic and stylish. She loved to shop and on most days, she could be seen sporting the apparel of Jones New York, her favorite designer. Pauline was especially masterful at shopping for children and did whatever it took to satisfy their fashion wishes. Whether the request was for teardrop slippers or a silver suit, if a child wanted it, Pauline could find it. In addition, Pauline had a passion for interior decorating and took great pleasure in making her home a beautiful and comfortable place for her family and friends to enjoy. She was also an avid walker who loved taking brisk morning walks with her neighbors, often electing to "go around one more time" to get the most out of each walk. When Pauline was not out "ripping and running," as she liked to say, she was in constant

motion at home. She was an extraordinary provider who took wonderful care of her family and friends, including the many children in her life. Dinner gatherings at her home were marked by joy, laughter and her endearing habit of not remembering to take the salad out of the refrigerator until the meal was nearly over. Pauline had a quiet demeanor that belied her strong sense of humor. She was a talented impersonator and could find something funny even in the most serious situations, a special quality that served her well through her last days. Above all, Pauline was a selfless and kind person—so kind, in fact, that she was fondly referred to as “Angel” during her teenage years. She was a rock-solid, stable presence whom her family and friends depended on for her unfailing generosity, sound judgment and uplifting good humor. Pauline leaves behind scores of beloved family members and friends to cherish her memory, including: her husband, Wilbert Vanderbilt Sturdivant, Sr.; two sons Rodric Orrin Sturdivant and Wilbert Vanderbilt Sturdivant, Jr.; two daughters, Judith Murray and Jocelyn Marcia Sturdivant; eight grandchildren, Kaia, Lyrissa, Nicholas, Noah, Adam, Michael, Marley and Maya; one great grandson, Camden; two brothers, William Joseph Hardy and James Hardy; one sister, Shirley Hardy Chapman; three sisters-in-law, Loris Hardy, Bertha Hardy and Margie Sturdivant; an uncle, and aunt, and numerous sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, cousins, other relative and dear friends (including wonderful neighbors). Pauline was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Hardy Howard and Dorothy Hardy Griggs. And now, having gone around one last time, Pauline has taken a much needed rest, leaving the beautiful legacy set by her life’s example in our capable hands.

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“ *Pauline Jeanetta Sturdivant*

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“ *I wish to express my deepest sympathy to the family of Ms. Sturdivant. When the loss of a loved one happens it can be devastating and hard to cope. We can however find comfort in God's inspired word the bible. One such scripture is found at Isaiah 25:8 "He will actually swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will certainly wipe the tears from all face. And the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for Jehovah himself has spoken it. May you and you family find comfort in dealing with you sudden loss.##imported-begin##Kashawn Smith##imported-end##*

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“ *Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. The Bible teaches about a future time when all those in the memorial tombs will come out by means of a resurrection (John5:28-29) to perfect life on a paradise earth (Psalm37:11,29). May you find comfort in God and the many wonderful promises found in his word the Bible because Titus 1:2 assures us that he cannot lie.##imported-begin##C. Murphy##imported-end##*

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“ Please accept my condolences for the loss of your loved one. Acts 24:15 lovingly declares "There is going to be a resurrection". May you receive much comfort and strength from this wonderful resurrection hope. And may you draw closer to the ones responsible for this loving hope: Jehovah God and his only-begotten son Jesus Christ.##imported-begin##Mrs. Hill##imported-end##

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“ Skeeter, Me and my boys are keeping you and your family in our prayers. We are going to miss Ms Pauline. You know better than most that she is home now and in a better place. Love you!##imported-begin##Donna Bell##imported-end##

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“ Aunt Pauline,Derrick and I will always miss you.Since the time that we were born we have always had someone who cared and loved us.Your presence will always be with us and we understand that it was now that god decided to call you home. We will always love you for the rest of our lives. Your loving nephews Derrick and Ronnie##imported-begin##Ronald Fields##imported-end##

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“ May God continue bless the family in this time of need##imported-begin##William Brown##imported-end##

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“ Mr Sturdivant and family, please accept our condolences in the passing of your beloved wife Ms. Pauline. The entire neighborhood mourns her passing and will keep you in their prayers. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Charlene and Dion Smith##imported-end##

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“ My deepest condolences to the family of Pauline Sturdivant. She was a lovely person and all who knew her feel your loss.##imported-begin##Anne Mitchell##imported-end##

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“ Dear family, I am so sorry for your great loss. Death is something so hard to come to grips with, because noone wants to lose their loved ones or friends. We want them with us always, and Almighty God knows how we feel, and it is his purpose to end all suffering and death, and bring all of the dead ones back to life. Truly Isiah 25:8 lets us know that Jehovah will swallow up death forever and certainly wipe the tears from off all faces. He will also bring about a peaceful new world in which violence, sickness, wars, crime, and death, as well as any other problems that bring pain to us will all be done away with forever. 2nd Peter 3:13 promises that we are awaiting new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness is to dwell." In that new world all the dead will hear Jesus's voice and they will come to life from the memorial tombs. May you be strengthene and comforted by Jehovah's wonderful promises. John 5:28,29##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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