



Thelma Claudine Cosby

February 2, 1931 - December 14, 2009

Thelma C. Cosby, more commonly known as "Momma, Grandma, Nanny and Sug" by loved ones, was born on March 2, 1931 in Hoffman County, North Carolina to the late Garland and Lola Strickland. Her family relocated to Richmond, Virginia when Thelma was very young. There she attended Navy Hill Elementary School, Booker T. Washington Junior High School and Armstrong High School. Shortly after moving to Richmond, the Strickland family joined Leigh Street Methodist Church where Thelma grew up in the spirit of the Lord. She later joined Fifth Street Baptist Church at an early age and remained a dedicated member. Thelma retired from Philip Morris USA in 1993 after many years of service. It was clear that the love of God and love of family guided Thelma's steps. When she was a young teenager, she helped care for her younger siblings after the death of their mother. Later, she married Lloyd A. Cosby of Hanover, Virginia. This union resulted in the birth of Lloyd Jr., Francen, Francella, Anthony and Zelma. She often shared her love for fishing with her family and friends, and later in life, became an avid tennis fan. It is in and through her children that by example Thelma has left a legacy of grace through her volunteer efforts, including work with Fifth Street Baptist Church's FMO Circle #6 and Sisters Network Central Virginia, Inc.; a legacy of faith in God even in times of trials and tribulations; a legacy of laughter because she believed each moment in life was a gift to be enjoyed; and most of all, a legacy of love that was evident in how she would go out of her way to help strangers, friends and family, alike. Surrounded by her children in the comfort of

her own home, Thelma peacefully began her transition to the next phase of her eternal life on Monday, December 14, 2009 after a lengthy struggle with lung cancer. As a woman of strong faith, Thelma did not fear this new phase because she knew it was just that...a new beginning with her Maker. She was preceded in death by her parents Garland and Lola Strickland and her sisters, Bertha S. Ross and Margaret Strickland Green. Left to cherish and honor her life are: three daughters, Francen Cosby, Francella Burnette (Chauncey) and Zelma Watkins (Haywood); two sons, Lloyd A. Cosby, Jr. (Maria) and Anthony Cosby; two sisters, Hazel Williams (Jesse) and Ida LeGrande; brother, Garland Strickland, Jr. (Bonita); four granddaughters, Felicia Cosby, Tekeesha Burnett, Chelsea Cosby and Chynna Cosby; two grandsons, Haywood Watkins, III and Devin Burnette; two great-grandchildren, Laila Pugh and Darius Delsoin; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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“ *Thelma Claudine Cosby*

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“ *The Hume family extends our condolences to Mrs. Cosby's family. Her children and grandchildren are in our thoughts and prayers at this very difficult time.##imported-begin##Pamela Hume##imported-end##*

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“ *We offer up prayers of comfort for you, the bereaved Family, recognizing Almighty God as he who knows all things, does all things well, and never makes a mistake, therefore, we pray that you will find peace in knowing that he embraces you in his arms and offers his comfort and guiding light. With prayers and Sympathy, Dr. & Mrs James D. Cornelius, Chesterfield, Virginia. 23832##imported-begin##Dr. & Mrs James D. Cornelius##imported-end##*

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“ *To Brother Garland Strickland and Family, Our Prayers are with you. We all know that she is in a much better place. The lord found it in his heart to called his angel home to join him and do his good will. Sister Shirley M. Gordon##imported-begin##Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church Joint Usher Board##imported-end##*

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“ Please accept my deepest sympathy. I too know the pain of losing someone dear. May you find comfort in this wonderful promise made by God, ' And he will wipe out every tears from their eyes and death will be no more (Revelation 21:3,4)'.##imported-begin##A. Jackson##imported-end##

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“ Dearest Family, May you have the utmost confidence in knowing that Jehovah God has a yearning to undue all that death has caused. (Job 14:14,15)##imported-begin##Michelle##imported-end##

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“ To the Family of Thelma Cosby: Please accept my deepest sympathy for I too know the pain of losing someone you love. May you take comfort in knowing that our loving Heavenly Father Jehovah promises us that soon all those in the "memorial tombs" will hear the voice of his son Jesus Christ and "come out" by means of a resurrection (John 5:28, 29). May you find solace in the God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3,4) and he will sustain you during this difficult time (Psalms 55:22).##imported-begin##S. Brown##imported-end##

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