



Claudine Nichols

November 5, 1938 - December 4, 2020

Claudine Nichols, daughter of the late Felton and Lodia Jane Griffin Nichols, was born in Decatur, Mississippi, on November 5, 1938. She was one of nine children. "God saw that she was getting tired, so He put His arms around her and whispered, come with me,"... she peacefully transitioned on Friday, December 4, 2020.

As a student, Claudine always earned the highest grades and was loved by all her teachers. Her grades put a lot of pressure on her brothers who didn't share her love for school. She also played on the basketball team at school and gained notoriety for her skills on the court. Claudine graduated with high honors from C. H. Boler High School in June of 1958.

A year after completing high school, Claudine packed her bags and headed north to Washington, D.C., where she moved in with her late brother Woodrow, his wife Virgie, and their daughter Delilah. She acquired a job at Manhattan Laundry and Dry Cleaners and spent many afternoons walking Delilah and some of the neighborhood kids from school. About nine months later, feeling homesick, Claudine returned to Mississippi. She didn't really enjoy the fast pace of Washington, D.C., but still yearned to explore beyond Mississippi.

Having accepted Christ as a young child, when Claudine wasn't working with

her family, she was at church, Midway Missionary Baptist Church, which became her second home. In August of 1959 at Midway's revival, her cousin, the late Homer Lee Smith, and his wife, the late Essie Thames Smith, offered her an opportunity to head north once again. She accepted their offer and headed to Harrisburg, PA, where she lived until God called her home.

Upon relocating to Harrisburg, Claudine joined the Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church where she served as a member of the Gospel Choir, assisted with the Buds Choir, Baptist Training Union, Vacation Bible School, Children's Church and served as a Trustee.

Her parents owned a farm, and Claudine developed a strong work ethic from contributing to the work on the family farm. Claudine's employment history included the Kline Family Cleaners, Polyclinic Hospital Dietary Department, and she spent over thirty years with the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

God takes ordinary people to do extraordinary things, and she was one of those people. She just had a love and passion for kids. Wherever she was she would seek them out or they would seek her out. She enjoyed completing word find puzzles, attending church conferences and participating in the Harrisburg Area Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop.

Claudine leaves to cherish precious memories two sisters, Auree Ola Reed of Oakland, California, Jewell Goodrum of Harrisburg, PA; several sisters-in-law; three Goddaughters, Deann Harris Washington of Rosedale, MD, Holly Spencer Harmon of Philadelphia, PA, and Li'Ayjah Shannon of Mechanicsburg, PA. Claudine's memory and legacy will also be honored and cherished by her three grandsons, Trey, Travis Washington and Troy Watkins; a host of nieces and nephews who loved their "Auntie;" other family members and friends as well as her superb caregivers, Sylvia Harris, Regina Harris, Ethelene Harmon and Theresa Watson. Claudine was preceded in death by

her parents, Felton and Lodia; brothers, Jimmy Lee, Raymond, Jethro, Woodrow, Felton Jr., Clarence and Robert.

Cemetery Details

William Howard Day Cemetery

Lincoln and Carlisle Streets
Steelton, PA 17113

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

DEC 16. 8:30 AM (ET)

Goodwin Memorial Baptist Church
2447 Green Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Viewing

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ Claudine my sister, You will always be in my heart. I am so glad you are at peace and in the arms of Jesus Christ our Blessed Father and Redeemer. RIP until we meet again.

Claudette Duncan - December 14, 2020 at 12:16 PM

KG

“ Aunt Claudine was a family member who always put family first. A giant heart that never stopped giving to others. Her passion for family was one of her greatest strengths. I can remember as a young child the times she was in my moms kitchen always helping and preparing meals even helping with the laundry. That old wringer that once caught my oldest brother's hand can still be seen in my head as Auntie pulled the wet clothes through while singing a song. She loved singing. She encouraged me to sing at one of my fathers gospel quartet events. I remember that day as if it were yesterday. She standing beside me while I sung *In The Garden*....I was only about 4. Even after she moved from Mississippi to Pennsylvania she came home every year to see her family and participate in the Midway Homecoming and Revival My twin brothers and I were able to visit her in Pennsylvania once and it was one of the most loved memories of our childhood. If only I could be half the person she was ...She will be missed but never forgotten.

karen Griffin - December 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM

VW

My name is Valean Gardner Welch, Claudine and I grew up in the same community, church and school. Claudine, myself and another member of our church always did things together. When you saw one you would see all three. She and I participated in church, 4-H club and on the same basketball ball team. When she would come back to Mississippi we would get together as much as we could. Claudine is relative also, therefore we could relate to each other in a lovely manner. Rest in peace my friend, when she left this world a part of me left with her. I loved her then and I love her still.

Valean Gardner Welch - December 13, 2020 at 01:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Claudine Nichols.*



December 13, 2020 at 10:03 AM

DR

“ *I remember the many sleepovers at your house the praise dancers sleepover. I remember you fussing at me when i was wrong and you praising me when i was right. I remember you telling everyone these are all my children they better come and say high and make sure i get my hug. There are so many great memories of you. I will never forget you mamma nichols neither will my children. You were a big part of their lives as well as mine. They looked forward to going to church to see ms Nicholas. Everynight taking my mom to work bari would tell us don't forget to tell ms Nichols hi goodnight and i love her. He would want ti ride with me to get grandma from "Nichols" house as he called her just so he can say hi and give her a hug. I could go on forever but i wont. You will forever be missed but never forgotten. We love you ms. Nichols*

Dawnesha ray - December 12, 2020 at 09:30 PM

NB

“ Ms Claudine was a beautiful lady inside and out! She was funny also; we would laugh and talk together; Rest in Heaven Ms Claudine you are loved and will truly be missed.



Nanette Burnett - December 12, 2020 at 09:31 AM

HH

“ Aunt Claudine was always planning Family Reunions, getting us all together for a Great Time! Helping anyone she could. Well, RIP Aunt Claudine because, what a Reunion you're having with everyone Now!! Yes say hello to my Dad & Uncles & other family! 🙏



Hollistine Nichols Holston - December 11, 2020 at 07:45 PM

DG

“ A woman gave her all to anyone. Rest in peace Aunt Claudine. Give daddy a kiss for me. Your loving niece. Delphine Nichols Greene. Saginaw, Michigan



Delphine Greene - December 11, 2020 at 01:05 PM

PH

Claudine and I were like sisters, we went to the flea markets and a lot of places together. Sister Claudine I am going to truly miss you I know I wasn't there in the end but I was there in the beginning, I just wanted to remember you the way you were in the beginning, full of love and jolly ness. I am going to miss you sister Claudine. I love you but God loved you more. Rest In Peace.....Priscilla

Priscilla A Hammonds - December 13, 2020 at 10:42 AM