



Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there; perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part. May God forever bless each of you.
-THE FAMILY



Active Pallbearers

Chris Jernigan	Greg Hampton
Bruce Jernigan	Jerrell Crosby
Guerlin "Gee" Bozieux	David Moore
Bruce JT. Jernigan	Stephen Cunningham



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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



Claudia Jernigan

Sunrise
July 25, 1951

Sunset
August 6, 2023



Celebration of Life

Saturday, August 12, 2023 | 1:00 P.M.
STARLIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH
1406 Detroit Avenue
El Dorado, Arkansas 71730

♥ Claudia Jernigan's Journey ♥

Mrs. Claudia Hall Jernigan was born to Nathaniel and Jannie Mae Hall on July 25, 1951, in Dayton, OH. Claudia completed her earthly journey on Sunday, August 6, 2023, in Plano, Texas, while surrounded by the love and faith of her family.

Claudia attended Dayton Public Schools, beginning as a student of Weaver Elementary and later becoming a 1969 graduate of Roosevelt High School in Dayton, OH. As a young child, Claudia showed an early interest in music. She began taking piano lessons at age 8, which would later help shape her musical incline and propel her into other various facets of her life.

Claudia became actively involved with her church Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, in Dayton. Having served her church in several capacities, including but not limited to: Sunbeam Choir Director and pianist, Sunday School Teacher, and various other servant-leadership roles within her church. After moving her family from Dayton to El Dorado, Claudia later became an active member of Jerusalem Quinn Missionary Baptist Church for several years.

On November 16, 1970, Claudia married the love of her life, James Howard Jernigan. Four children were born into this union: Christopher Michael, Bruce Germaine, Dionna Kaye, and Errane Jornelle.

Claudia was not only a dedicated wife and mother to her family, but she also wanted to provide a nurturing family environment for children who were not so fortunate to have one. This 'sparked' Claudia's interest in becoming a hosting foster family. Claudia began fostering children over ten years and provided love and care to over 40 foster children. She was affectionately known throughout the community as the nice lady with many kids. Claudia had an extremely big heart and unwavering faith in God and family. She creatively made the best out of any situation and could be viewed as somewhat stubborn regarding her beliefs or values.

Claudia was a strong, faithful believer in God's amazing grace and unwavering love and mercy. She taught her children to be 'doers,' not just 'reciters' of the word. Claudia instilled in her children to stand out, not conform, and to lean on God for grace and direction. Claudia believed that prayer changed things and truly moved life's 'mountains' and 'pitfalls.' You could often hear her attestation to this, not only by words. Claudia reflected this light through the life she led. In other words, she walked her talk and didn't mind standing alone if necessary.

Before Claudia's health began to fail, Claudia enjoyed annual family trips to Pensacola, Florida, and visits back 'home' to Dayton, Ohio. She enjoyed thrift-store shopping at 'junky,' fishing, playing the piano, sewing and creating home decor, writing short stories, creating songs and music, listening to 60's and 70's sounds of Motown and soulful gospel, and watching some of her all-time favorite television series two of her most favorite being Little House on the Prairie and HGTV Network Television.

Claudia is preceded in death by her husband, James H. Jernigan. Her parents Nathaniel and Jannie Mae Hall. Her sister, Doris Gene Hall Collins. Maternal grandparents, Henry and Helen Williams. Paternal grandparents, Tom and Iona Hall.

Claudia leaves to celebrate her memories: her sons Chris Jernigan of Calhoun, LA; and Bruce Jernigan (Cristal) of Eldorado, AR; daughters: Dionna Jernigan-Bozieux (Guerlin) of Plano, TX, and Errane Jernigan-Combs of Atlanta, GA. Grandchildren: Briana Jernigan of New York, NY; Bethanie Jernigan of San Francisco, CA; Bruce JT Jernigan of El Dorado, AR; Ashlee Bozieux of Allen, TX; and Amiya Bozieux of Denton, TX; Earl Robinson of El Dorado, Arkansas; Shalonda Robinson of Dallas, Texas; Ray Brown of Omaha, Nebraska; Creaden White of El Dorado, Arkansas;

Great-grandchildren: Brayden Robinson of El Dorado, Arkansas; Karlie Robinson of El Dorado, Arkansas; Ethan Robinson of El Dorado, Arkansas; Rose Brown of Omaha, Nebraska; Karis Sky of Allen, TX; Brothers: Nathaniel Hall, Jr. (Rosemary) of Las Vegas, NV; and Mark Hall (Kimberly) of Columbus, OH. Sister-in-law: Patricia Harris of St. Louis, MO; Aunt: Joyce Williams of El Dorado, AR. Sister-in-law Marie Jernigan McDougal of Pensacola, Florida, Lifelong best friend: Stella Tims of Dayton, OH. A host of other relatives and family friends.



♥ After Glow ♥

I'D LIKE THE MEMORY OF ME

TO BE A HAPPY ONE.

I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN AFTER GLOW

OF SMILES WHEN LIFE IS DONE.

I'D LIKE TO LEAVE AN ECHO

WHISPERING SOFTLY DOWN THE WAYS,

OF HAPPY TIMES AND LAUGHING

TIMES AND BRIGHT AND SUNNY DAYS.

I'D LIKE THE TEARS OF THOSE WHO

GRIEVE, TO DRY BEFORE THE SUN

OF HAPPY MEMORIES THAT I LEAVE

WHEN LIFE IS DONE.

♥ *God Saw You* ♥

GOD SAW YOU GETTING TIRED,
AND A CURE WAS NOT TO BE.
SO HE PUT HIS ARMS AROUND YOU
AND WHISPERED, "COME WITH ME."
WITH TEARFUL EYES WE
WATCHED YOU SLOWLY FADE AWAY.
ALTHOUGH WE LOVED YOU DEARLY,
WE COULD NOT MAKE YOU STAY.
A GOLDEN HEART STOPPED BEATING,
YOUR HARD-WORKING HANDS PUT TO REST,
GOD BROKE OUR HEARTS TO PROVE TO US
HE ONLY TAKES THE BEST.

♥ *Order of Service* ♥

- MUSICAL PRELUDE
- PROCESSIONAL..... Clergy, Pallbearers, & Family
- SCRIPTURE Rev. W.T. Ward
- PRAYER Rev. W.T. Ward
- SOLO..... Latrisha McDuffie
- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, CARDS & CONDOLENCES..... Ashlee Bozieux
- REMARKS (2 MINUTES, PLEASE).....Family & Friends
- OBITUARY READING..... Ashlee Bozieux
- MUSICAL SELECTION....."The Storm is Over" (Kirk Franklin)
- EULOGY Rev. W.T. Ward
- FINAL GLIMPSE.....Sims Mortuary
- RECESSIONAL....."Soon and Very Soon" (Andrae Crouch)



