



Pauline Audrienne (Ward) Brooks

March 24, 1925 - October 16, 2013

After a lengthy illness, Pauline Audrienne Brooks (affectionately known as "Momsie") quietly and peacefully, departed this life and went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. She was born March 24, 1925 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph and Margaret Ward. She accepted Jesus Christ at an early age and remained committed to her faith in God. She attended public schools in Philadelphia. She graduated from William Penn High School and was valedictorian of her class. After graduation, she was accepted and enrolled at New York University to study medicine. After completing three years of study, she was forced to withdraw due to a debilitating illness. It was extremely difficult for a black female to attend New York University during the late 1930's and 1940. However, she did earn enough credits to teach in the Philadelphia school system. Pauline met and was united in holy matrimony with William H. Brooks. She was employed as a teacher in Philadelphia and also worked for the Naval Supply Depot as an equipment specialist. Two full time jobs were not too much for her even though it was necessary for her to care for her aging parents. She was the first black teacher to be selected to teach at an all white school. She was also the first black employee to be selected to Perform Provisioning at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia. She retired in July 1974 after twenty eight years of faithful and outstanding service. After retirement, she was selected to teach English to many Chinese doctors that were involved in an exchange program at Temple University. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by

her sister Alneita Brazier. Pauline leaves to cherish her memory one son, Chauncey, two grandsons, Chauncey II and Byron as well as numerous friends and surrogate children. Many claimed her as mother, grandmother, godmother, aunt and friend. She had love for them all. Pauline wanted her family and friends to remember:"I have achieved success when I have lived well, laughed often, and loved much; when I have enjoyed other women and gained respect of men and loved little children; when I have left the world better than I found it whether by improving a little of one's self esteem or by being a friend to the friendless; when I have looked for the best in others and given the very best I have to offer; then and only then will my life be an inspiration and my memory a benediction."

Tribute Wall

JA

“ Dear Chauncey Dunham and Family,

We were privileged to have shared in the life of Ms. Pauline Brooks. We will be ever grateful. We pray God's blessings and peace for the family.

Jeff and Gwen

Jeffrey and Gwen Adams - January 23 at 02:48 PM

GJ

“ Chauncey:

I am so sorry for your loss. I know first-hand that you did a wonderful job taking care of your mother and making sure that her quality of life was all that it could be. Mrs. Brooks was strong. I remember my last couple of conversations with her. She had a great sense of wisdom and comic timing. She will be missed. I will be out-of-town on Wednesday and Thursday but will get with you before then.

Call if you need anything.

Gary

Gary Johnson - January 23 at 02:48 PM

SD

“ *In all things give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever.*

Cousin Pauline lived with the love and peace of God in her life, now let that same peace and love comfort you today and the days to come.

*With our deepest sympathy forever family,
Stevie and Towanda*

Steven and Towanda Daley - January 23 at 02:48 PM

SC

“ *First and foremost, I want give out my condolences to you and your family. Your endurance has been very strong in taking care of the Love of your Life your Mother. God give you his steadfast love to continue with the strength that is within you and comfort you always. With my deepest sympathy.*

Sheila

Sheila Chavis-Shepherd - January 23 at 02:48 PM

MM

“ Chauncey,

Words can not express my feelings at this time. You know that your Mom was special to me and we had a very good relationship. I will never forget her life lessons to me. She was so special and was always there for me. She would call me to make sure that I was eating properly, resting, and not stressing. She would send me meals when she felt that I was not eating properly and was always willing to share good food and good conversation. Her knowledge at her age was incredible. You were blessed to have had her for as long as you did. Please know that I am there for you and your family. Love always Marcia

Marcia Fields Milton - January 23 at 02:48 PM

JB

“ Chauncey,

*I am so sorry for the loss of your Mother, Pauline. May God wrap His arms around her and give her peace. May His strength be given to you and your family. I am praying for you all.
With sincere sympathy,
Juanita*

Juanita Berry - January 23 at 02:48 PM

GB

“ *I always admired a man that took care of his mother. In meeting your mother maybe once many years ago at work, I saw what an angel you had. We talked about your mom quite often, so I felt like I knew her quite well because she had such a loving son. Even though your angel has moved on, remember you are still an angel in the lives you touch and especially in mine. My love goes out to you and your family.*

Gina M. Baker - January 23 at 02:48 PM

MJ

“ Chauncy,
It was a true blessing to care for your mother and you during this difficult time. She was a wonderful woman and I loved spending time with her. The love and care that you gave to her during this illness is priceless. Job well done Chauncy. I take comfort in knowing that she and I will meet again one day and perhaps she will ask me to "walk backwards Melanie!" I will be praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Take good care, and God Bless. Melanie

Melanie Johnston - January 23 at 02:48 PM

PC

“ Chauncey,
Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at the loss of your mother; I am sure that all of her Philadelphia cousins and I will always remember Cousin Pauline with love. I know I have many fond memories of spending time with her on Spencer Street when I was a child. May she forever Rest in Peace!

Pat Collins(Daley) - January 23 at 02:48 PM

GF

“ *I am so sorry to hear the passing of your mother but be encouraged that by Honoring your mother and father, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12*

Praying for you and your family

Gary Ford - January 23 at 02:48 PM

JT

“ Chauncey:

I was saddened to hear of the passing of your beautiful mother. I've been where you've been and where you are now, and I know first-hand that you did a phenomenal job with her care, as you made sure she wanted for nothing.

My condolences...

Jessica Tilles - January 23 at 02:48 PM

BP

“ Chauncey, I'm am saddened to hear about your "Momsie's" transition. Reading her bio, I know for certain the fruit didn't fall far from the tree! May you feel the peace and strength of her legacy and her life of trailblazing--for you.

Barbara Patterson - January 23 at 02:48 PM

CH

“ You know, life fractures us all into little pieces. It harms us, but it's how we glue those fractures back together that makes us stronger. Thank you for yor thoughts.

Chauncey, ChaunceyII and Byron

Chauncey - January 23 at 02:48 PM

DJ

“ You have my condolence. We're never ready when these things happen. I'm am sure her transition was peaceful.

Deborah Dooley Jordan - January 23 at 02:48 PM

EL

“ *Chauncey*
We were sad to hear the news of your Mother, and may she rest in peace
Even though we never personally met her, we felt we knew her thru you. Please know that you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
God bless

Elaine& Lawrence - January 23 at 02:48 PM

JS

“ *Chauncey,*
Please accept my deepest condolences for the departure of your mother. you were obviously very devoted to her. I God's Comfort for you at this time of mourning.
God Bless You,
Jean and Joe Stewart

Jean Stewart - January 23 at 02:48 PM

JJ

“ *Sorry this is late but I misplaced the email. Hope you are ok and will see you soon.*

Joan Jackson - January 23 at 02:48 PM