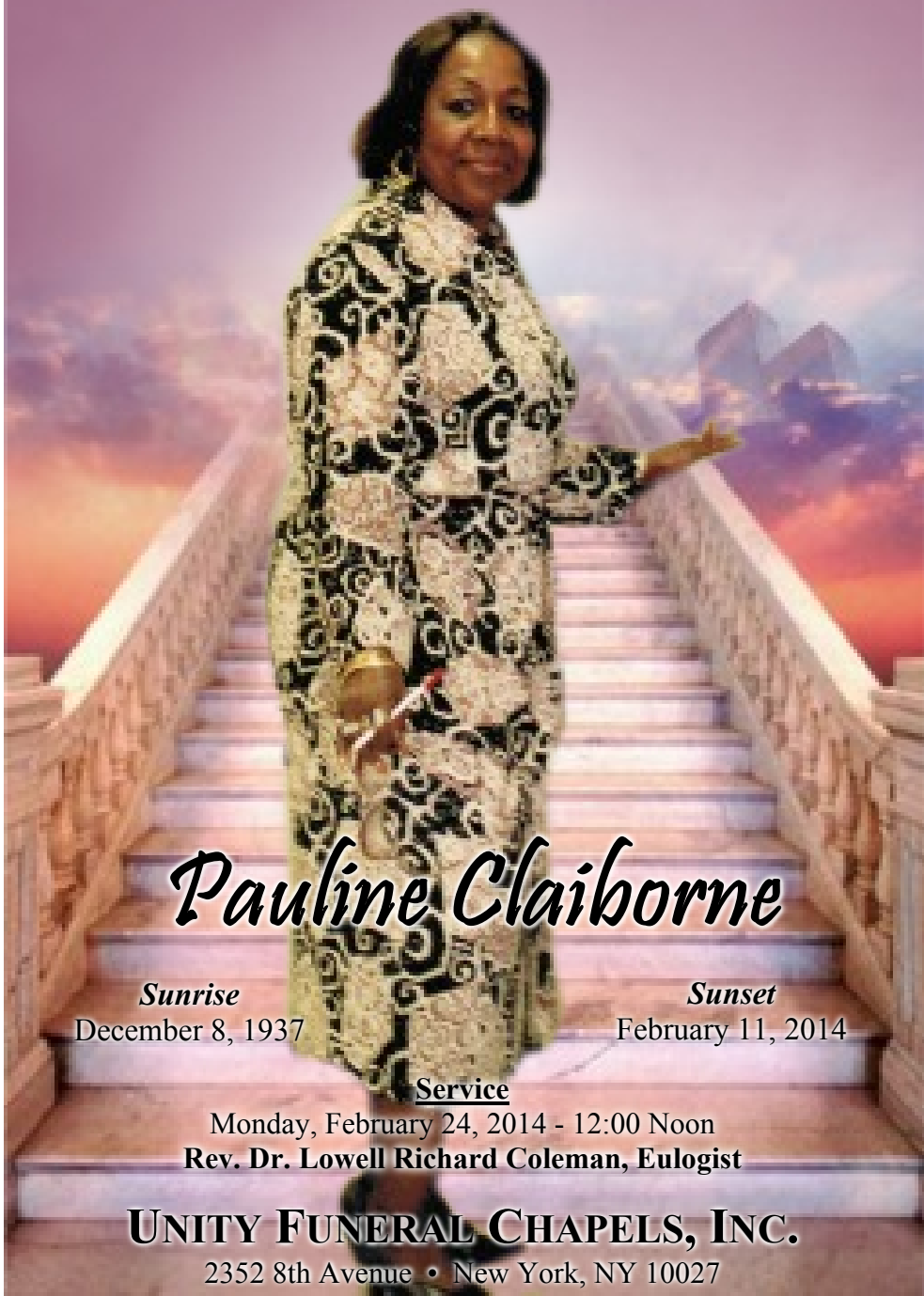


*In Loving Memory of*



*Pauline Claiborne*

*Sunrise*

December 8, 1937

*Sunset*

February 11, 2014

Service

Monday, February 24, 2014 - 12:00 Noon  
Rev. Dr. Lowell Richard Coleman, Eulogist

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# Obituary

On December 8, 1937 in Bronx, New York, a lovely bundle of joy was born to the late Ernest Swan and Margaret Rhue. This exhilarating baby girl was named **Pauline Juanita Claiborne**. Pauline's great grandfather was of Cuban descent. However; Pauline only spoke Spanish when someone got on her nerves. Pauline's mother departed this life during Pauline's pre-adolescent years and as a result, her grandmother, Pauline willingly took her to live with her in Bronx, NY.

Pauline was educated in the New York City Public School system. She was a highly motivated individual who aspired for excellence in every component of her life. Post her secondary education, Pauline attended the James Monroe Business Institute located in Bronx, NY. Pauline was gainfully employed at diverse occupations and because of her persistence in cultivating her immense talents and proclivities, she was hired at the New York City Transit Department where she was employed for more than thirty years, progressing from secretary to business manager. While employed for the New York City Transit Department, she availed herself of many professional opportunities in order to embellish her abilities to perform par excellence.

In the interim, Pauline married at an early age. In the course of time, God blessed her with four adorable sons, two of them preceded her in death, (Charles Henry Claiborne and Thomas Claiborne). Pauline confessed Christ at an early age and was a devout Catholic until God called her home. She was relentless in her faith and held tenaciously to her beliefs.

There's an old proverbial saying which says, "To know her is to love her." Pauline was recognized as a humanitarian and well known throughout the James Monroe Housing Complex. She was compassed with a quorum of friends and acquaintances. Pauline was sociable, kind-hearted, caring and lovable. Her favorite pastimes include, traveling, doing crossword puzzles and clothes shopping. That's why she often referred to herself as the "fashion shop lady". Pauline also took pride in being a "collector" of various rare items. In her relaxing moments, she cherished watching and reading any material related to the Criminal Justice System. She loved such TV shows as *Law and Order*, *CSI* and *Perry Mason*. Her favorite game TV show included *Family Feud*, *\$100,000 Pyramid* and *the Price Is Right*. Pauline's favorite cuisine dishes included pepper steak, shrimp and spaghetti with chili sauce. Pauline's life epitomized that she enjoyed her sojourn here on earth and was grateful to God for blessing her to live a well prospered and fulfilled life. No one had to second guess Pauline's feelings or thoughts. She freely expressed her sentiments and stood her ground.

On February 11, 2014, God sent his angels to carry Pauline to her mansion on high and whispered gently, "You fought a good fight, you finished your course, enter into everlasting peace". This miraculous and phenomenal woman leaves to cherish and respect many fond memories; two loving sons, Carlton F. Atkins of Bronx, NY and James Claiborne of St. Louis, Missouri; her common law husband, James E. Coleman; six grandchildren, Nicole Claiborne, Simone Claiborne, Crystal Claiborne, Carlton Atkins III, Miriam Atkins and Alex Claiborne; a plethora of great grandchildren; a special stepdaughter, affectionately called Amanda; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Sleep on Pauline, we love you and God loves you ever more.

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection ..... “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament - Job 14:10-14.....Min. Vincent Coleman

New Testament - St. John 14:1-6 ..... Elder Reginald Warren

Prayer of Comfort ..... Elder A.R. Kindle  
Presiding Elder of the New England District of the F.B.H. Church

Selection ..... “Soon And Very Soon”

Acknowledgements of Condolences ..... Rev. Shirley Kindle

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Solo ..... Elder A.R. Kindle  
“Walk Around Heaven”

Eulogy ..... Rev. Dr. L.R. Coleman  
Pastor of New St. Paul F.B.H. Church • Newark, NJ

Special Tribute ..... Mr. James Claiborne (Son)

Viewing & Recessional

**Interment**

Kensico Cemetery  
Valhalla, New York



## Reflections

Not knowing how short life is; yet we still intend to have fun.  
A short period of time being played like the strings on a guitar.  
As I made my way through the world's entrance.

I'm leaving my mark at the exit door.

Oh how beautiful I am, I'm called Pauline

I see the color sky blue and a white rose

I'm being planted, rooted, and laid to rest  
in the earth while my spirit lives and grows

I am unforgettable, so always remember who I am.

A good soul with a kind heart that will  
be recognized as a strong black woman.

When I come in your thoughts,

I ask that you do not be sad.

Just think about all the good times  
we've shared and never mind the bad.

I'm on my way home now to get acquainted  
with all of our ancestors.

As you can see, home is a better place for me  
because the world has less to offer.

Stretched out in my customized bed with  
my eyes closed dressed in my fashion's best.

Resting in the new world, and leaving  
the old world I once knew to the people who remain.

As a matter of fact, the obituary, is no place for me to stay,  
now that I'm an angel and have received my wings,

I'm free to fly away. Since I've been called home now two  
minutes away from the Two O'Clock hour, always remember  
me, **Pauline Juanita Claiborne** I am your strength and peace,  
your sweet smelling rose.

Composed by son, James Claibourne

## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of  
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.  
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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