

Celebration of Life for
Pauline Isabel Rose Edwards



April 22, 1958 - November 2, 2022

Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 10am

St. John's United Methodist Church of Elmont
2105 Stuart Ave., North Valley Stream, NY 11580
Reverend David T. Ball and Reverend Velina Petit

A limb has fallen from our family tree.
No matter how one believes they are prepared for the inevitable,
Pauline's passing came as a shock and we're all hurting deeply.

Rest in peace my dear. You will remain in my heart always and forever.

In loving memory forever,
Vernice Freeman

Country Living

*“There is a sacredness
in tears. They are not the
mark of weakness, but
of power. They speak more
eloquently than ten
thousand tongues. They
are the messengers
of overwhelming grief, of
deep contrition, and
of unspeakable love.”*

—Washington Irving



Submitted by cousin Dennis Bigby

Order of Service

<i>Organ Prelude</i>	<i>Perth Phillip</i>
<i>Gathering</i>	<i>Rev. David Ball</i>
<i>Words of Grace</i>	<i>Rev. David Ball</i>
<i>Greeting</i>	<i>Rev. Velina Petit</i>
<i>Hymn No. 140</i>	<i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	<i>Rev. David Ball</i>
<i>Psalter No. 137 Psalm 23 With Response 2</i>	<i>Rev. Velina Petit</i>
<i>Scripture Reading Romans 8:29-39</i>	<i>Marie Griffiths – Goddaughter</i>
<i>Gospel Reading John 14: 1-7, 27</i>	<i>.Calye Brown – Godson</i>
<i>Obituary</i>	<i>Gloria Edwards-Epps – Cousin</i>
<i>Hymn No. 77</i>	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>
<i>Tributes</i>	<i>Fiona Sullivan – Colleague</i>
<i>Family Tributes</i>	<i>Family Members</i>
<i>Hymn No. 369</i>	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>
<i>Words of Comfort</i>	<i>Rev. David Ball</i>
<i>Prayer of Commendation</i>	<i>Rev. David Ball</i>
<i>Prayer of Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Rev. David Ball</i>
<i>Benediction</i>	<i>Rev. Velina Petit</i>
<i>Hymn No. 733</i>	<i>We’re Marching to Zion</i>
<i>Organ Postlude</i>	<i>Perth Phillip</i>

Interment
Pinelawn Memorial Park
2030 Wellwood Ave., Farmingdale, NY 11735



Pauline Isabel Rose Edwards was born on 22nd April 1958, in Chiswick Maternity Hospital London, England to Cyril Edwards and Sylvia Edwards. Pauline was one of 6 siblings Marjorie (Margie), Margaret (Cee), Lona, Jason and Machael.

She attended Beverley Infants school, then known as Hogarth Junior School in Chiswick. Pauline would often spend time with her close play friend's Lorraine Samms whose parents were dear friends to her father.

In the early 70s, Pauline accompanied her mother to Jamaica, where she attended St Peter's & Paul Preparation School in Kingston and graduated with flying colours. Also, during this period she bonded with baby niece Julie-ann.

Shortly afterwards Pauline returned to the UK and resided with her sister Lona and her young family in Devizes. She attended Chippenham College in Wiltshire and after she graduated, moved back to familiar London. Here she acquired her first property in Brentford. As a post graduate she joined the National Westminster Bank in Brentford, promptly transferring to the Ealing Broadway branch as a clerk and secretary.

In the early 1980s she emigrated to the USA and transferred from Nat West Bank UK to NatWest corporate team in Lower Manhattan.

Pauline was welcomed to the Spencer-Edwards family home in Laurelton. Cyril and Fay Edwards. She then developed a close bond with her brothers Jason & Machael, before buying her home in Springfield Gardens, Queens.

Already godmother to Sophie in the UK, was given the honored title to Marie, Calye, Jovan, and Samantha. She was always dedicated and had lots of fun with them, as she watched them all grow up into adulthood.

She often travelled between New York and Kingston, Jamaica to visit her mother, now Sylvia Wellington and Elven Wellington for birthdays, Christmas and holidays. She also frequently travelled back to London to visit her family Sister Lona and niece and nephew Julie, Marc and long-term friends. Surprising her sister on her 50th birthday with cousin Gloria Edwards-Epps, this was Pauline's unselfish way of expressing love.

She joined the Law firm Sullivan & Cromwell in New York, working in a close-knit team in the fast-paced recruitment department. She often had challenges to meet with some of her colleagues Fiona, Carmita, Barbara and Suzanne.

Even faced with her health challenges, she was always completely dedicated to family, friends,

work commitments, Costco shopping and Roosevelt Field Mall. She was a keen knitter, superb cake maker, family photographer and historian. If you needed to know who was who, just ask Pauline. She also loved music from Beethoven to Burning Spear, Michael Jackson, R&B and Reggae.

In the early 2000s she was eager to develop her leadership and public speaking skills, so she joined Toast Masters and served as Sargent-at-Arms, Treasurer, VP of Education and President. She then led her club to distinguished Club Honors. Going from rank to rank and with the toastmaster team they achieved President's Distinguished Area Honors accolade from Toastmasters International. Pauline Edwards was a valuable mentor and friend to scores of Toastmasters members throughout the years.

Pauline was a dignified, unselfish, caring, very hard working but private person, who definitely knew the Lord. Towards the end of her life she battled hard against cancer and shielded many from the challenges she was going through, as was her nature.

Pauline's parents preceded her in death. She leaves behind sisters Margie, Cee and Lona. Brothers Jason and Machael. Step-Mother Fay Edwards, step-father Elven Wellington. Nephews Marc, Brian, Aiden, Ethan and Quincy. Nieces Julie-ann, Cheryl, Lauren and Peyton. Also, a host of cousins, god children and good friends.

She will be missed dearly by all.

Pauline I.R. Edwards, DTM, *Requiescat in Pace*



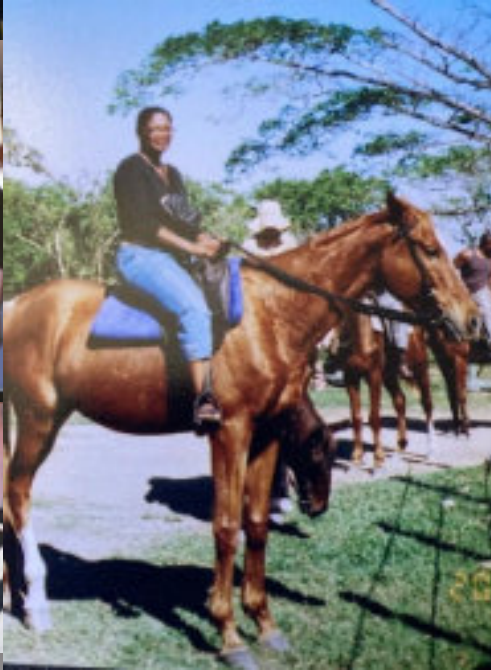
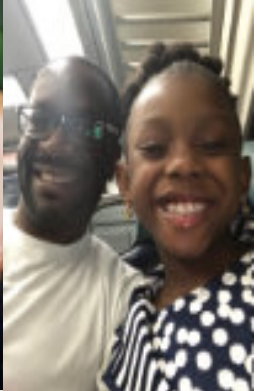
Born in the United Kingdom. Longtime Human Resources Manager at international law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell. Joined Toastmasters (America's Best) in 2003. Served as Sergeant-at-Arms, Treasurer, VP Education, President. Led our club to President's Distinguished Club honors. As Toastmasters Area Director, her Area achieved President's Distinguished Area honors from Toastmasters International. Mentor and friend to scores of Toastmasters through the years.



At our 10th Anniversary Party in July 2010 (from left to right): Raoul Yacinthe (Area Governor), Carol Brooks (Division Governor), Amelia Abad, Pauline Edwards, NYC Councilwoman Helen Sears, Mark LaVergne, Benedict Salva, Liz Huang. **Amelia, Pauline, Mark, Benedict & Liz served as Club Presidents.**







Footprints In The Sand

*One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach with the Lord,
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to the Lord.*

*After the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.*

*This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome
times of my life,
there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You
would leave me."*

*He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never
leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."*

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