



Classie Ann Claiborne

May 15, 1956 - December 26, 2020

Classie Ann Claiborne leapt into the arms of her Savior on December 26, 2020, in Arlington, Texas, attaining the goal of every Christian believer. She bounded into this world on May 15, 1956, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to the parentage of Eva Mae and Sam Claiborne, Sr., who welcomed her with open and loving arms, not fully understanding then the gift that she would

be to all who knew her. The depth of our sorrow in her loss to us on this side of the veil cannot be fathomed. Our consolation is that she — even now, absent from this world — is present with our Lord, whom she accepted at an early age. Classie was a woman of deep and profound faith, whose

relationship with God centered her life and gave her a servant's heart.

Classie was a proud 1974 graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Shreveport. In addition to being a gifted student, Classie was a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, and Stage Band. She also served as a Drum Majorette, which was an honor that only a few achieved. Classie has always been an active member of the Class of 1974, participating in almost every class event, including providing souvenirs for every reunion and birthday

celebration. A 1978 graduate of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana, with a B.A. in Psychology, she joined the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority while an undergraduate student. Over the years, she faithfully continued her participation in the sorority. With over 42 years of service with AT&T, starting when it was still Southwestern Bell, Classie was respected by both her co-workers and her managers. Always a fervent supporter of unions, she was an active member of Local 6201 of the Communications Workers of America, working over the years in several positions. The Union put it best: Classie was “a faithful member who never wavered.” Several years ago, Classie began a business — “Classic Baloney” — using her eye for detail and her creative talent to produce unique items, including wedding invitations, programs, personalized candy bars, buttons, water bottles, magnets and so much more. In addition, she was always making remarkable gifts for friends — all of which are still cherished. Named in honor of her great-grandmother, Classie lived up to her name. She was a one-of-a-kind, never to be duplicated, and irreplaceable joy to her family and friends. Dedication and

faithfulness to whatever she did was always a deeply-ingrained part of her character. She had a strong sense of right and wrong, and was always willing to put herself on the line to defend others.

Classie made everyone who came into her life better. She challenged those she cared about to be their best selves but nevertheless loved us deeply and unconditionally when we failed to hit that mark. A few years ago, she proudly beat back breast cancer. Classie was always “more than a

conqueror.” Classie was preceded in death by her parents, her nephew, Edwin Ramon Claiborne, and three uncles. Classie has carved out spaces in our hearts that we will never fill. She leaves four siblings to

treasure her memory: Mary Ann Hamilton (Henry), Sam Claiborne, Jr., (Debra), Joyce M. Claiborne (Shreveport, Louisiana), and Antoinette M. Claiborne (Shreveport, Louisiana). In addition, she leaves three devoted nephews: Kenyon S. Claiborne (Los Angeles, California), Leander Roque, Jr. (Tageauna), and Devin Claiborne (Shreveport, Louisiana); and three doting

nieces: Kenya Claiborne-Roberts (Marcus), Keyanna Claiborne-Pea (Rodrick), and Ashleigh R. Claiborne (Lewisville, Texas). There are six great nieces and nephews who will be told wonderful and funny stories over and over again about their great-aunt so that they will know her too: Sarah Nicole, Hailey Elizabeth, Maxwell Derell, Dylan Josiah, Kensleigh Corina, and

Yahnya Marie. Only two uncles remain to honor her memory: Andrew Tisdon and James L. Tisdon. She also leaves a wealth of loving cousins, friends, and coworkers who will never forget her. Classie loved all things feline. She was preceded in death by her precious cats: Smokie, Dinkie, Reebok, and Buddy Claiborne. To honor Classie’s memory, a memorial will be held in Fort Worth, Texas, and one in Shreveport, Louisiana, on dates to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to breast cancer awareness programs in Classie’s honor.

Comments



“ Tears still fill my eyes as you cross my mind so often. I want to call you, then realize I can't...it will hurt my heart forever not to see you smile or hear you laugh. We bonded together at work soooo many years ago because we have first names that are "different". We shared many laughs and became good friends over the years enjoying funny stories and deep conversations about so many topics. You were there for me during times of happiness and sadness celebrating with me and lifting me up. I have many personal mementos that you made for me to celebrate special occasions that I will treasure always. Rest In Heaven my friend. I miss you more than words can express. My condolences to your family.

Lady Session-Chance

Lady Session-Chance - February 27 at 09:29 PM



“ It has taken a while for me to be able to write a memory to you. You were certainly different kind of person. You called it as you saw it. that is what made you who you were, You were my casino all night girl. All the surprise pictures you would take of me and show me days later, laughing about them. We spent so many Friday nights at Windstar, we probably paid for a wing there. It is so hard to believe this is real. I know it has to be, but I just cant put it in my head you are gone. So many things remind me of you. I never thought the last time I saw you would truly be the last time. I am glad I made the trip to Momme funeral to see you and the family. You will always have a place in my heart. I will always love the friendship we had. I will never forget you.

georgia thomas - January 14 at 04:06 PM



“ Phyllis Y Ferrell lit a candle in memory of Classie Ann Claiborne



Phyllis Y Ferrell - January 06 at 08:53 PM



“ The memory of a good person is a Blessing. I thank God for allowing Classie to be in my life. Classie was a wonderful, loving, caring person and good friend. I never told Classie that to me she was also my Big Sister. Classie was an excellent co-worker and shared her many talents with others. I have many fun memories, but my favorite is when we went to Medieval Times. It was Classie's 1st time and we had a great time!



Phyllis Y Ferrell - January 06 at 02:35 PM



“ Ms Classy I will always remember the way you showed my children with love during the sad and happy moments of their lives. You will be missed by me for sure knowing I had one more baby to celebrate with your special touch. God Bless your family and get your rest until our Father's soon return.
With a love the Williams Family Alvia, Allen III, Alyse and there mom Kiki

Lakeithia LaShay Brown-Williams - January 06 at 09:38 AM



“ Classie and I were unions sisters, and I knew I could always count on her if I needed anything. She will be missed . To her family I know your loss is great, but reading her obituary tells me that she is defiantly with the Lord, and no one could ask for more. May you find strength through the lord as well. Just know she is in a better place, and you will see her again.

Ellen Wakefield, January 5, 2021 at 11:35pm

Ellen Wakefield - January 06 at 12:37 AM



“ Classie wasn't just a coworker, she was a friend. I love I'll never forget the look and tears in her eyes when I made her A birthday Cake with Buddy in it! I will miss my friend, the smiles and the laughs. I will see you again. Rest Well!!! To her family and Delonia, you all are in my prayers.

LaShonda Hawkins - January 02 at 05:16 PM



“ The people that brought love to me in high school when I wasn't allowed to go past Ford Street. I will never forget the love . I'll miss you at the reunions but you'll forever be in my heart.



Carolyn Batts - January 02 at 05:11 PM



“ Soror Classy, we know that your presence will be missed. During our time at Northwestern, we had so many good times. We laughed together, we served in our Sorority together and we worshipped together in Natchitoches. We'll forever have fond memories of our time spent in college. Rest in His arms, our dear Soror! Gone but never forgotten.
Frat Gregory and Soror Castine Porche

Gregory and Castine Porche - January 02 at 04:38 PM



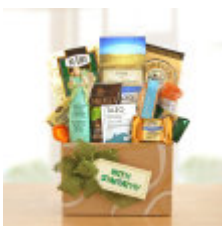
“ My heart is heavy. She was my Buddy, my Friend, my Psychiatrist, my Confidant, my Employer, my Everything. I will truly miss her until we meet again. Prayers to the Family.

Clarence Walker

Clarence Walker - January 01 at 06:20 PM



“ From Phyllis Ferrell & Family purchased the Thoughts & Prayers for the family of Classie Ann Claiborne.



Phyllis Y Ferrell - December 31, 2020 at 11:15 PM



“ Rest in love Ms Classie. I will always remember the love you showed my mother while she battled cancer. Thank you for the many laughs

Edna Dieudonne - December 31, 2020 at 10:41 PM



“ I've known Ms.Clsssie sense I was a child one of my moms good friends!. Ms Classie was one memorable woman with a kind heart. She will truly be missed.. We love you Classie. Rest In Heavenly Peace

Charleen Green - December 31, 2020 at 10:39 PM



“ Oh that look... I knew what it meant and I took the picture anyway. I'll have this memory of the Cinco de Mayo birthday celebration.



LaShon McKinzie - December 31, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Praying for strength, peace and comforting Holy spirit for the Claiborne family.
Mrs. Vickie Johnson
Former co-worker AT&T

Vickie Johnson - December 31, 2020 at 08:24 PM



“ As coworkers we shared laughs and a birthday. We celebrated our birthday many times at work and never forgot that it was the others birthday. She was one class act and she will be missed by so many. RIP Classie!

Torey Osborne-Dill - December 31, 2020 at 07:09 PM



“ My heart is broken, but my spirit is still strong. So much of who Classie was, gives me the strength to just carry on until then. To the family and Delonia for you all I do pray!



Toia Russell - December 31, 2020 at 06:42 PM