



Ms. Claudia Eugene Finlayson

January 23, 1920 - June 29, 2023

Claudia Eugene Finlayson earned her wings on June 29, 2023. She was born on January 23, 1920 to Rev. James Anthony Franklin Finlayson and Alba Eugene Keys Finlayson in Madison, Florida. She graduated from Jones High School in Orlando, Florida .

Claudia always had a thirst for knowledge. She began her higher education by earning

her Diploma from Bethune Cookman College in 1940. She then earned a Bachelor of

Arts degree from Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College in 1942, and in 1943,

she went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Library Science from North Carolina College for Negroes.

For several years, Claudia taught elementary students in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. She then went on to be the founding librarian at Walker Elementary Magnet School, where she serviced for 40 years. Upon her retirement, and as the only librarian they ever had, the library was named after her. She was the first media specialist at Dillard High School until she retired in 1983.

Claudia was active in the National Baptist Convention USA Inc., serving on the Finance

Committee for many years. She was also active with the Florida Baptist

Convention.

Claudia became a member of her beloved sorority, Zeta Phi Beta, in April of 1950. Claudia's unsurpassed dedication to her family, church family, and friends was evident in everything she did. She enjoyed traveling, especially to National Baptist Conventions all over the country.

She leaves to mourn: devoted brother, Dr. William E. Finlayson; devoted nieces and nephews, Vernell Raymond Roberts (Jerilyn) of Hanover, MD, William Roberts (Judy) of Washington, D.C., Emmie Denise Roberts of Washington, D.C., Sheila M. Finlayson of Annapolis, MD, Reginald Finlayson, and James A.F. (Tony) Finlayson (deceased); great nieces and nephews, William Roberts Jr. of Memphis, TN, Mekeeda Finlayson Baylis (Craig) of Inglewood, CA, Brandon Roberts (Carrie) of San Francisco, CA, Janine Cox (Qua do) of Hanover, MD, Kari Raglin (Joshua) of Montgomery Village, MD, and Celiwa Zuri Finlayson of Milwaukee, WI; great-great nieces and nephews, Christen Roberts of New York City, NY, Michael Finlayson-Jones, Emanuel Finlayson-Jones, and Nasir Finlayson-Shaw, all, of Milwaukee, WI, Jayla Cox of Hanover, MD, and Asaiah Raglin of Montgomery Village, MD; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

SHIP-OUT

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Northwest Funeral Chapel
6630 W. Hampton Ave
Milwaukee, WI

Funeral Service

JUL 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I enjoyed seeing Ms. Claudia during the times I attended her. Her grace, quietness and kindness will be missed. Extending prayers for the Finlayson family.

Angelous McKinnie - July 21, 2023 at 10:04 AM

GM

“ Cousin Claudia; humbleness, grace and voice grabbed the presence of every room she entered. She impacted so many people's lives, and left a lasting legacy with those of whom she encountered. It is my prayer that the beautiful memories of her love for God and family bring peace , comfort, and joy, much love and blessings, to the family until we meet again.
###Rest in Jesus cousin Claudia, and someday Rise again in Glory.

Your Finlayson cousins

Rosemary Sloan Cooper

Cynthia Henry Edwards

Kathy Sloan Hansberry

Gwendolyn Duhart Maxyck

Gwendolyn Duhart Mazyck - July 16, 2023 at 06:17 PM

PC

“ I send deepest sympathies and condolences on the loss of your "Aunt" Claudia Finlayson. she was a living treasure and I was heartened to have been in her company from time to time.

Portia Cobb - July 12, 2023 at 01:04 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Claudia Eugene Finlayson.* ”



July 12, 2023 at 11:38 AM