



## Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas

October 27, 1950 - January 19, 2022

Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas, 71, of Conley, Georgia passed Wednesday, January 19, 2022. A Celebration of Life Service will be held via LIVE STREAM only at 3:00PM Friday, January 28, 2022.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Bridges Global Medical Missions <http://bridgesglobalmedicalmissions.org/donate/>  
Please express your condolences here on our website. Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home (404) 241-5656  
<https://vimeo.com/671274121>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas*



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - January 28, 2022  
at 03:19 PM



“ *Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas*



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**Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc.** - January 28, 2022  
at 02:35 PM

M)

“ To Claudette’s family we continue to keep you in prayer as you navigate your world without her physical presence . Sharing a picture I just stumbled on today . This was taken in 1968 when we were in lower 6 th at Bishops High. May her soul rest in eternal peace. Miriam and Lixie Mohamed



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**miriam mohamed ( nee Ally )** - April 06, 2024 at 09:56 PM

M)

*From Miriam Mohamed ( Ally )*

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**miriam mohamed ( nee Ally )** - April 06, 2024 at 09:57 PM

SW

*I was just talking about her today. She was my son's pediatrician from age 3-18 many years ago. He now has a son who we think is going to be as rambunctious as he was. So I decided to look her her up, and I found this. So saddened to hear of her passing. Yet I have plenty good memories. Praying that her family is feeling the ease of her passing, and reminded of her comforting love daily.*

*God bless you all.*

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**Stacey Wright** - January 18 at 10:57 PM

LE

“ From the time we met in 1986, she was a delight. Always volunteering her time and energy. Anytime I hosted a barbecue or any function, as soon as Claudette entered the kitchen, she would roll up her sleeves and say: “where would you like me to help?” Always giving of herself selflessly. I have not met any other female as humble and gracious and calm and collected as Claudette. Such a rare diamond! Blessings and deepest sympathy to the family.

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**leslyn** - January 29, 2022 at 04:51 PM

AL

“ To Kelly, Kudjo, Ayesha, Jamilah, Kateema, and the Heyliger-Thomas families please accept our sincere condolences. May Claudette's legacy of endless LOVE and CARE live on through each person whose life she touched. I have etched in my memory, her infectious laugh, her tender care and her relentless drive to help others. Claudette will be greatly missed but never forgotten. May Her Soul Sleep On In Eternal Peace and Rise In Glory.  
With Our Love,  
Patrick, Angie & Family

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**Alison** - January 28, 2022 at 05:50 PM

JO

“ *Cousin Claudette was a inspiration to those around her. Let us continue to celebrate her legacy of service and love. She will be sorely missed, but the wonderful memory of her will live on. I feel blessed to have known her and to have received that love. I was a beneficiary or her mentorship and encouragement. I am thankful for that.*

*May She Rest in Peace.*

*My sincere condolences to The Heyliger and Thomas families.*

*Blessings,*

*Joanne, Rudolph, Seth, and Zara Sterling*

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**Joanne** - January 28, 2022 at 05:35 PM

AB

“ *My sincere condolences to the entire family. I pray that you find comfort in the fond memories of a life so well-lived. I'm so honored to have met Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas and to have been touched by her warmth and kindness and inspired by her work.*

*Ayanna Bernard*

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**Ayanna Bernard** - January 28, 2022 at 04:07 PM

GH

“ From our first meeting the warmth of Claudett's spirit said welcome to the family and remained constant. Oceans separated us but that made no difference.

*That is the care and concern she showed to all who knew her. Kelly my heart goes out to You and the children. Eburn, Ann and Kevin also share their sadness. May her soul rest in peace.*

Gwen

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**Gwendoline Harvey** - January 28, 2022 at 03:36 PM

DP

“ Auntie Claudette,

*You will be greatly missed. You were a very kind and caring person. Thank you for the experience of going to Guyana with Bridges on a mission trip to provide care. Prayers go out to the family.*

Dawn Price

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**dawn price** - January 28, 2022 at 03:32 PM

SA

“ Claudette, was more than a friend, she was a true mentor. She could be called the "Mother " of Bridges. Leadership never needs a title but Dr Claudette Heyliger Thomas was the example of true leadership. How could one rest when you saw her up late at night on that computer, how could one rest when she had another project SHE want you to do(she never rested). She is and always will be the standard set for Leadership, mentorship and true friendship. The void felt will always be felt.

*Much love "Auntie Claudette, have a glass with Mommy , Daddy and Ricky"*

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**Sharon Armstead** - January 28, 2022 at 03:06 PM

CW

“ I just wanted to give my condolences to the Thomas family. I met Doctor Thomas through her son Kudjo who is friends with Adam. I looked at her as a second mother ever since. She was the pediatrician to my children when they were younger and she's always been kind and helpful in any way that she could with our family. So on behalf the Mcdonald-Jones family again we say thank you and that she will be sorely missed.

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**Chante Williams** - January 28, 2022 at 02:44 PM

RM

I knew this lovely lady since High School dsys at St Joseph's in Guyana. She was always pleasant, cheerful and a notably caring individual. I never heard her complain or criticise anyone, but KEPT a positively endearing manner. I already miss her and KNOW that sentiment is shared by many. May she spend eternity worshipping her CREATOR.

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**Rev. Fay Clarke, MS** - January 28, 2022 at 03:06 PM

TE

“ Dr. C Thomas was a great person. She loved to help and take care of people, even our mom, dad and grandparents. She was a wonder doctor and fun to be around, as she always found a way to make people smile. We love her for all that she has done for our family and many others. I know she will be missed.  
Condolences from the Belgrave family.

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**Terrilyn** - January 28, 2022 at 02:37 PM

NW

“ *NOT ENOUGH WORDS!!! -Period.*

*Condolences.*

*~Neil. Wray~*

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**Neil. Wray** - January 28, 2022 at 02:33 PM

MB

“ *Kind, caring, generous, unselfish, loving. These are the words everyone uses to describe Claudette. Honey, Sweetie, Dear heart. These are some of the names Claudette called her friends and family. She treated her friends like family, and family as if they were her own brother, sister or children. If you knew Claudette, then you may have a similar story to me. Claudette and Kelly were guardian angels in my life, and as a young man took me into their home in California. Kelly took me to buy my first car. I tried to read his thesis. He advised me about my work at NASA. I rocked the kids to sleep while Claudette was on double shifts and Kelly was In the Caltech lab. Claudette has cared for and reached out to me throughout my life, and I know for all the blessed work she has done in our lives. She will be rewarded, and Kelly and their children are covered by God's grace. Rest In Peace from Mark Bobb and family.*

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**Mark Bobb** - January 28, 2022 at 01:37 PM

BO

“ *We remembered attending Claudette's and Kelly's wedding in NY and still have pictures of that memorable occasion. Our condolences go out to Kelly, and the Thomas and Heyliger Families. May Claudette rest in eternal peace.*

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**Bruce & Marilyn Orford** - January 28, 2022 at 12:41 PM

CG

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Kelly, children, and grandchildren. Claudette and I usually call each other 'namesake'. She was most empathic and one always felt more relaxed in her presence. Our memories will last forever..*

*GOD BLESS!!*

*Claudette, Lawrence and family.*

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**Claudette Griffith** - January 28, 2022 at 12:28 PM

“ Claudette my Cousin, my little sister, you and I were the youngest of our generation the ‘Baird Girls’. Partners in crime and coping with family tragedies and successes. Over the years, we shared a common bond and interest in each other’s life and well being, which could only be broken by death.

Today I find my self struggling with one phrase that would capture your character and multifaceted personality.

The ‘Good Book’ Joshua 1 v 9. Came to my aid.

“Be strong and of good courage: be not afraid, neither be dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee wither-so ever thou goest”.

Yes indeed these were characteristics of you my cousin, but you were much more.

My favourite poem ‘IF’ by Rudyard Kipling came to my rescue.

“ if you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two imposters just the same”. Yes indeed You had encountered these imposters on many occasions and had conquered them.

Yet for me. Claudette your personality was still incomplete. The following words Words from Jane Austen’s Northanger Abbey summed up your personality. “ There is nothing, I will not do for those who really are my friends. I have no notion of loving people by the halves. It is not my nature”.

Yes indeed all your life, you gave incessantly without counting the cost to yourself. You believed that to whom much was given much was required. Indeed you have achieved your hearts desire for the entire family and you gave back unselfishly to Guyana.

Engraved in my memory are our parting words to each other at the end of each conversation “I love you my cousin or my sister”,to which we replied the same words.

Today as I say my final farewell to you, for you have fought the good fight and finished your course. So I say. “Sleep on beloved sleep on. Sleep on and take thy rest. I loved you dearly but Jesus loved you best. Sleep on beloved.” Rest In Peace and rise in glory my dear

*cousin Claudette.*

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**Vilma Clarke** - January 28, 2022 at 11:56 AM

KM

“ *Our sincere condolences to Kelly and family on the passing of Claudette. Her presence, love and kindness will truly be missed by us. Nicole, Eric, Brandon, Claire and myself. We would never forget the the fond memories in California.*

*Our deepest sympathy!  
Keith, Claire Munroe and family.*

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**Keith and Claire Munroe** - January 28, 2022 at 10:46 AM

YB

“ *Our condolences to the Thomas/Heyliger family. If there are angels, Claudette was one. She was one of the kindest, most compassionate, loving and jovial person Her body is gone, but her sweet spirit will live on .*

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**Yvonne Belle** - January 28, 2022 at 10:12 AM

CL

“ Hear this now, for the Thomas Clan and all who knew Dr Claudette Heyliger-Thomas; she was a gem in class of health-care providers. She exhibited mercy and compassion in every way, and no task was too much for her to bear. Her life-long journey was that "bridge" to Healing, and she made every moment count. Thanks to you, Dr Kelly Thomas and all the Thomas Clan for having Mom share her God-given talents with us. As she rests peacefully, may her "sweet spirit" fill this place with the Glory of Goodness. Let us take heart that her work on earth here is done, but the commitment to service lives on. May her Glory shine upon us all. Sleep on - take thy Rest, Dr Claudette Heyliger-Thomas

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**Charles E Liverpool** - January 28, 2022 at 09:59 AM

GF

*Gwendolyn Todd Dean MD FAAP*  
*Dr Claudette Heyliger-Thomas allowed me to cover her practice while on vacation and I also had the privilege to serve with her on the Bridges mission in Guyana. I will miss her leadership, knowledge and mission mindfulness. My empathy for the family, I will miss you Dr Claudette.*

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**Gwendolyn Todd Dean MD FAAP** - January 28, 2022 at 10:32 AM

BJ

“ *Gone in flesh but not in Spirit our beloved Cousin Claudette will continue to be with every one of us who knew, loved and respected her.*



*Her smile, kindness , selflessness and love of family are amongst my fondest memories of her. I will never forget the family reunion in New York she arranged several years ago nor the Que Que at her home that I attended with other members of my family.*

*On behalf of the Baird/Telman/King families dearest cousin until we meet again sleep in eternal peace.*

*To the Thomas / Heyliger family please find comfort in the wonderful memories and solace in God's Word.*

*Bert Telman Jr*

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**Bert Telman Jr** - January 28, 2022 at 09:00 AM

VI

“ Dear Family of Claudette Please accept my deepest sympathy on your sad loss. I shared two very happy years with Claudette in the Sixth Form at Bishop's High School. She was a very bright, confident, outgoing and competent girl who also proved to be a kind, dear and loyal friend when circumstances became difficult. We were pretty much left to our own devices in the Chemistry lab and had great fun with experiments which did not always turn out as expected. On one occasion we produced a noxious gas and had to leave the lab at speed to lie down in the playing field in the open air. Luckily we survived that one. Unfortunately we travelled to different countries to study and lost touch but I always hoped we would meet again someday. Sadly that will never happen but I still have her recipe for fried rice and will cherish fond memories of our time together. . I am sure all who knew her have many cherished memories of her as a wife, mother and doctor and I wish I could be there to hear them. Wishing you comfort and peace. With much love to you all. Vimal

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Vimal - January 28, 2022 at 05:55 AM

AC

“ Sharing in your deep sadness as you mourn our beloved Claudette. To know her was to value her friendship, her thoughtfulness, kindness, and her laughter. Myself, Kwame, Keisch, Keesha and Kwasi will never forget Claudette, she was oh so special. Please accept our deepest sympathy.



Alexis Clarke-Wilson and family.

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Alexis Clarke-wilson - January 28, 2022 at 12:05 AM

DN

“ My sincerest condolences to the family.  
Continue SIP Claudette 🙏🙏🙏



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**Dawn Nelson** - January 27, 2022 at 09:54 PM

SB

“ My sincere sympathy to the Heyliger/Thomas family.  
Rest in Peace Claudette.

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**Sandra Blair** - January 27, 2022 at 07:34 PM

ML

Our condolences to you and family. Dr Claudett Heyliger/Thomas was such a loving, kind and humble person. She will be missed. Memories of her will always be in my heart. Stay strong Family.

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**Mayfield and John lake** - January 27, 2022 at 08:36 PM

YT

Our deepest sympathy to Kelly and the rest of the Heyliger/Thomas family. We pray that God will give you strength in this difficult time of sorrow.

*Claudette was not only a wonderful wife, mother and friend, but also a very compassionate woman. Through her kindness and hard work, she brought much needed medical relief to the people of her native country, Guyana. Claudette will be fondly remembered by many, including the Canadian medical professionals and support staff who had the privilege of working under her leadership in 2009 and 2012. May she continue to Rest in Peace.*

*Gerry and Yvonne Triesman*

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**Yvonne Triesman** - January 28, 2022 at 10:28 AM

BD

“ *A Tribute To Our Dear Cousin  
C-aring and loving all she met  
L-iving a life without much regret  
A-ffectionate, resourceful and giving her all  
U-sing her professional skill fixing broken pieces was her call  
D-etermine to make to world a better place  
E-ngaging when we stumble with a smiling face  
T-ender and giving a life well lived  
T-eaching us that it was good to receive but better  
to give  
E-ternal peace may your soul receive*

*H-elping those who needed a hand  
E-ver loyal and faithful to her native land  
Y-earning always to do her best  
L-iving a life of service for which we are truly  
blessed  
I-nquiring, intuitive, impressive was her soul  
G-iving that all may be made whole  
E-ffervescent, enthusiastic and engaging too  
R-emarkable a woman Dr. Claudette Ann Patricia Heyliger Thomas  
MS, we will miss you*

*T-rusting, thankful and accepting of what came  
H-omeward bound, sleep in peace we pray  
O-pening new horizon in a far away land  
M-ightly blessed with two loving hands  
A-dieu dear cuz, kudos to a job well done  
S-adly missed but your spirit lives on even though you are gone.  
Your radiant personality captivated us all, but now we must  
reluctantly say goodbye to our “BEST” doctor on call*

*From the DeClou's, Karls, LaRose family, Bert & Pam*

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**Baressa DeClou** - January 27, 2022 at 07:25 PM



Hyacinth  
Drakes

*Sincere condolences to the Heyliger/Thomas families. May Claudette a fellow St Joseph's High School alumna rest in peace 🕊️🙏*

**Hyacinth Drakes** - January 27, 2022 at 10:59 PM

GF

*“ To the family of our dear friend, Claudette, a lady in every sense of the word, compassionate, kind, generous in spirit, and dedicated to her profession, our sincere condolences on your loss. Take comfort in knowing that Claudette is in the company of the Angels. May she Rest In Peace and Rise In Glory. From Gloria Fredericks and family.*

**Gloria Fredericks** - January 27, 2022 at 04:25 PM

DJ

*My sincerest condolences to the Thomas and Heyliger families. May you find comfort in remembering the special moments in which Claudette brightened your days throughout the years. I hope you will allow all the memories that you shared with her will shine in remembrance for years to come. May her soul rest in peace 🙏. Dr. Gwendoline R James (Duncan).*

**Dr.Gwedoline R. James** - January 27, 2022 at 09:09 PM

VW

*“ V Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas*



**V wilson** - January 26, 2022 at 01:34 PM

AF

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I remember well the days of the "compound" family. Another one has been called by Our Creator. May Claudette rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

Anzie Fraser

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**Anzie Fraser** - January 26, 2022 at 08:05 AM



“ During the near 7 years that I studied and worked in London and then Shanghai, far from family in the States, Auntie Claudette Thomas called me, long-distance, every Sunday. Just to laugh, gossip, and talk about our lives, school, her practice, our family history, Guyana, my Lupus, her health, boyfriends, difficulty finding a sista who could do a proper press ... everything! When I came back to the States, and as she got older, I called HER on Sunday mornings -- early! -- when I knew that she'd be sleeping, just so that I could jokingly ask things like why she was still in bed when a good Guyanese would have already been up and finished making the bakes for the morning, etc... I loved hearing her laugh and her smart responses that always started with, "Well, girl..."

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**Abiola Heyliger** - January 26, 2022 at 05:50 AM



*My condolences to the friends and family of Dr Claudette she was always ready and willing to help the needy a great loss to the world may her soul Rest In Peace we all knows she is in heaven*

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**Terry Dowding** - January 27, 2022 at 04:29 PM

ME

*Our sincere condolences to the Thomas/Heyliger family . May loving memories of Claudette surround you and give you strength in the days ahead to forever hold in your heart. May God comfort and richly bless the family during this sad time and may the light of his presence be a continual source of consolation. May she sleep in eternal peace. From our family to yours, Megan Edwards-Profitt*

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**Megan Edwards-Profitt** - January 27, 2022 at 04:58 PM

BS

*My deepest condolences to Kelly and Claudette's children and grandchildren. To her friends and the Thomas and Heyliger families, we all know that Claudette demonstrated to us at all times, Love in action. She was so genuine, a loving, caring, sharing, giving of herself and her talents person. She led by example to give service to her fellowmen. An angel here on earth. I am so happy i got to know her and happier my son Wesley and daughter Renee got to experience her. We will miss her dearly. Lovely person . May you R.I.P. my dear friend. Hugs and kisses to you Kelly and the kids  
From Beverley and the Kitson - Solomon family*

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**Beverley Kitson- Solomon** - January 27, 2022 at 06:38 PM

AL

“ *Cousin Claudette was known for her gentle cajoling, especially when it came to our scholastic pursuances. It was because of her that I attended St Joseph's High. She was always smiling and gracious. Her love for her professional and family was an open book for all to see. We will miss her physical presence but her warmth, love of life, generosity, kindness will forever be with us. Good bye cuz. May you rest in peace 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Ava LaRose** - January 25, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudette Heyliger-Thomas.*



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January 25, 2022 at 09:07 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the Heyliger-Thomas family. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Claudette was a giant of a woman. We will always remember her soft spoken, kind words of encouragement and her great sense of humor. Life brings tears, smiles and memories. the tears dry the smiles fade but the memories last forever.*

*May she rest eternally in sweet slumber.*

*Albert and Merlyn Griffith.*

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**Albert and Merlyn Griffith** - January 25, 2022 at 06:05 PM



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January 25, 2022 at 05:08 PM

FB

“ I would like to extend my Condolences to the Heligher-Thomas Family. May God surround you with His peace, comfort and love. Rest In Peace Claudette, Light Perpetual Shine on you.  
Faye Bobb-Semple .



Faye Bobb-Semple - January 25, 2022 at 01:34 PM

DH

The Hermonstyne family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Thomas and Heligher families on the passing of their beloved family member Dr Claudette Heligher-Thomas. May the family find peace and comfort as they remember her life journey and the wonderful memories.

Dennis & Beverly Hermonstyne

Dennis Hermonstyne - January 25, 2022 at 04:07 PM

LA

Claudette was best friend and mate at Rutger's University Medical School, with my late wife Dr. Chinwe Agugua. Her mother was one of the kindest humans I ever met and Claudette inherited a lot of that virtue. She was sharp, soft spoken and conscious of the feeling of others. May God receive her soul in paradise and give her family peace and continued love. RIP dear Claudette!  
Lambert Ikem Agugua and family.

Lambert Agugua - January 25, 2022 at 08:47 PM

EF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family. May you draw comfort from God as he help you to cope with the heavyweight of your loss. Truly sorry for your loss.

Evans family - January 25, 2022 at 12:05 PM

FW

*The Wade family (Florida and Maryland) would like to convey our condolences to the Heyliger family on this untimely loss. We share your grief and offer our prayers at this tragic time.*

**Fitzgerald Wade** - January 25, 2022 at 01:35 PM

GS

*Condolences.. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to the Family.. Claudette will be truly missed.. From the Scott Family.*

**Granville Scott** - January 25, 2022 at 04:37 PM

MT

*Janis Longe- Alexander and Marlin Longe-Taylor families send their condolence to the Heyliger-Thomas family. Claudette was loved and would be missed. Peace and blessings.*

**Marlin Taylor** - January 25, 2022 at 05:08 PM

PG

*A gentle soul who was born with the noticable remarkable hands to care and cure children. Claudette made everyone in her presence feel warm and loved. Sleep on beautiful Lady. Gone but not forgotten. Condolences from the Gomes/ Glasgow family.*

**Patricia Glasgow** - January 25, 2022 at 10:35 PM

GS

*Deepest condolences to the Heyliger- Thomas family. Dr Claudette was an incomparably kind soul. May she Rest in Eternal Peace and Rise in Glory..*

**Grace Semple- Smith** - January 28, 2022 at 12:25 PM