



## Cledus Harris Paskins

February 25, 1953 - December 30, 2018

Cledus Harris Paskins, son of Clara L. Harris Paskins and the late Earl Paskins, was born February 25, 1953, in Camden, Delaware. He passed away peacefully at home in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, on December 30, 2018, at the age of 65.

Cledus was reared in Star Hill, Kent County, Delaware with grandparents, many relatives, mentors and childhood friends. He was known by his childhood nickname, “Chummy,” and later as “Clete”.

Cledus received his primary education at Star Hill Elementary School, Caesar Rodney Middle School and Caesar Rodney High School, from which he graduated in 1972. Afterwards, he enlisted in the United States Army as a career soldier. SSG Paskins attended many Professional Development Military classes and highly specialized trainings and received numerous citations, accolades and awards throughout his career. Some acknowledgements included the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Non-Commissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon. Notably, he served during the Vietnam War Era, Grenada Invasion and Operation Just Cause campaigns. After having served 20 years of dedicated Military service, Cledus retired with an honorable discharge in

1995.

Following an illustrious military career, Cledus began a new career as a Professional Youth Development Team Leader with ABRAXAS, to mentor and train challenged youth. For 22 years he loved this job and remained employed throughout his health challenge. There is no doubt that his positive influence helped to change and transform the lives of those to whom he was entrusted.

In April 29, 2000, Cledus and Maudessa Selvy were united in holy matrimony. Maudessa faithfully stood by his side in sickness and in health throughout their 22 years. Through their union, Cledus gained three sons and a daughter, whom he loved as his own: Avery, Naji, Jeremiah and Sarah and 16 grandchildren.

Cledus meant so much to so many: as a son, husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin, a friend and leader of the Harris family. Like a good soldier, he fought a hard and courageous battle, exemplifying great strength, dignity and determination. Cledus continued all of his duties as a husband, son, father, brother and friend to the end. Even in his fight, he stayed loyal and strong, not only as a military soldier, but also as a soldier of the Lord. He was always his true self who knew what he wanted and believed about life, and that is the way he lived. It was God who gave him all his strength to be who he was "CLELUS". His attitude was "the Lord's will be done, I am at peace until the Lord calls me home."

Cledus was preceded in death by his father, Earl Paskins; grandfather, Linford Harris; grandmother, Martha G. Harris; brothers, Earl L. Paskins, William E. Paskins, and Robert L. Alexander; and sister, Charlotte E. Davis.

Left to cherish the memories of a life well-lived, his loving wife, Maudessa A. Paskins; children, Avery, Naji, Jeremiah and Sarah; 16 Grandchildren; mother, Clara L. Paskins; sisters, Martha A. Paskins, Barbara J. Taylor (William Taylor)

and Carol L. Bynum (Leon Bynum); his only uncle, Kenneth Council;; father-in-law, Robert K. Selvey, Sr.; brother-in-law, Robert K. Selvey, Jr.; sisters-in-law, Darlene L. Burke, Aaisha Selvey (Hasid) and Judith B. Selvey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, co-workers and friends.

Cledus was dedicated to all his family. While we deeply mourn the loss of Cledus, another leaf that's fallen from the family tree, we thank God for having given him to us, for the time chosen. Our hearts are heavy now, but we will rejoice that he is with the God he loved. Each of us will remember Cledus-Chummy-Clete, in our own special way. Our shared experiences with him, from childhood to adulthood will forever be imprinted upon our hearts, through which, his legacy lives on.

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family of Cledus H. Paskins

# Tribute Wall



“ To the Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Matthew 22:32, Jesus quoted God as saying: 'I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' Then he continued: 'He is the God, not of the dead, but of the living.' I know that those words mean that those retained in God's memory will return in the resurrection. d Ms Woodson

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January 31, 2019 at 01:24 PM



“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on God's promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

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**H. Fields** - January 14, 2019 at 08:49 AM



“ Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Cledus' impact on those around him has always been heartfelt and impossible to measure.

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**Brian & Jeanette Dean** - January 09, 2019 at 10:56 AM



“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

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**Irene** - January 08, 2019 at 09:54 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.

Mike Grassmyer and family - January 07, 2019 at 05:54 PM

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“ Dear Family, Grief can be so hard at times, but our cherished memories help to cope. Hold tight to those memories. Lean on each other for support. And may you find comfort in God's promise at (Isaiah 25: 8 ).

joyceA - January 07, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ So sorry for your loss I pray you find comfort and peace during this difficult time. He was such a great man to everyone. He will be missed by all who knew him.

January 05, 2019 at 11:23 AM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

Heartfelt Sympathies - January 04, 2019 at 09:07 PM