



Claudie Ishmael

February 28, 1952 - September 24, 2009

Claudie Marie Ishmael, 57 of Frost, passed away September 24, 2009 in Plano. She was born February 28, 1952 in Mesquite to Ernest and Mildred Grissom. Mrs. Ishmeal was a collector of M&M's and had a passion of taking pictures and videos of her family. She loved to cook and owned and operated "Claudie's Place" cafe in Frost. She loved and cherished her children and grandchildren dearly. She was a person who would "Do unto others as you would have do unto you", she was a kind and loving person who had a big heart. She is survived by husband David Ishmael of Frost; children Doug Fortenberry of Bentonville, Arkansas; Beverly Desautel of Arlington, Washington; Jenny Fortenberry of Corsicana; sister George Young; brother Gene Grissom; grandchildren Kyle Fortenberry, Casie and Kellie Desautel, Chase Fortenberry; host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, step family and other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by first husband Arthur Fortenberry, parents Ernest and Mildred Grissom, brother Wayne Grissom, granny Claudie Goines. Visitation will be 6-8pm Sunday September 27, 2009 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 1pm Monday at Frost Methodist Church with Pastor Leah Hidde-Gregory officiating. Burial will follow at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Tribute Wall



“ *Claudie Ishmael*

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Beverly Desautel - May 05, 2023 at 07:06 AM



“ *I just want to say it was an honor to call Claudie my friend, she was always kind, generous, and funny I never spoke with her on the phone or in person where we did not share a laugh. She hated working for the post office - I always was encouraging her she could do it and she did: she did it well too. I remember when she dragged me to the high school for sweating to the oldies and how she baby sat my kids when they were very small I will cherish my memories of her until I see her again. I love ya'll Terrie*

Terrie Young - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am sorry that I could not be there for you Jenny , Doug & Dave. If I can do anything please let me know. Claudie was the sweetest Lady and the kindest person you will every know. She was soft spoken caring and she was so easy to make laugh .I know she is going to be missed. The reunion's, will not be the same without her there. She was all about the family and getting them together and I always looked forward to talking and see her at the reunions. She told me we need to have this reunion because we never know who wasn't going to be there the next year. But she was not the one I thought I would not be seeing at the next reunion. I will miss her so bad. I love you Claudie, may god take your hand and hold you close to him, and feel your family's hearts with his love...

Donna Sue

Donna Williamson - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Just wanted to send my love to doug and bev..and aunt claudies husband. I love you guys and will be praying for all of you I know the grief and hurt sucks but god will help u all through it..I will always cherish my memories of claudie at the last family reunion she gave me a fish keychain and I will always have it in her memory I love you guys be safe and may the lord bless all of you..

Terry joe rowland - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“*Claudie will be truly missed. I learned so many things from her, from hard life lessons she taught me to be a stronger person and mother. Claudie's wonderful cooking. I always wanted to cook like her. No one could master that art. I was very successful in screwing up every one of her recipes she gave me! She will be missed so much by Kyle. Last night Kyle and I were looking at photo albums and every photo of her she had the Biggest Smile on her face. We were very blessed to have her in our lives.*

Robbie Ann Jones - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TP

“*We love you mom and will miss you dearly... My dad is so heartbroken that you're gone.. We will keep him going for you because I know you wouldn't want him to mourn your passing.. God has you now and we know you are in his hands...*

Thom and Samantha Perry - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“*I can't begin to imagine the grief your family is feeling right now. I am so sorry for your loss. I have many fond memories of her and they all include Claudie's wonderful smile. I pray the memories you have will give you some comfort right now.*

Love and Prayers

Carol Payne

Carol Payne - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ My Aunt Cleo was a very stout woman. I can remember times in my childhood when I thought she was the meanest person to ever walk the face of the earth. (That's cuz many a time, I got my butt tore up with a china-berry tree switch that she made me pick out myself...talk about torture).

But as I grew up and spent time with her off and on over the years, I came to appreciate her more and more.

She was funny, witty, sensible, and one of those people that when she said what she said, that was it, period. She might have been a small woman, but she was a woman that you didn't argue with.

As with life, time and circumstances prevented all of us from spending as much time together as we all wanted, adn I regret that with all my heart, but, the last time I saw my aunt at our family reunion, I hugged her neck and told her I loved her very, very much - so I know that she knew that.

I will miss her laugh, her smile, and the sparkle in her eyes when something caught her as funny.

I know that God needed her to come home - for whatever reason - and whether or not I understand it, I know that one day I will see her again, and then, it will be forever.

Aunt Cleo, I love you very much, and I know you're watching over those of us left down here on this earth.

I can't wait to see you again.

*Love,
Patsy Marie*

Patsy Marie Gunter - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ *Claudie was a kind hearted and very considerate person. She made me feel welcomed when I came to the Frost PO and she was always willing to help and do anything I asked her to help me do. She loved her family very much and she also loved and cared about her friends. I will deeply miss Claudie and her wonderful smile and laughter. I am very glad that God gave me the opportunity to meet her and call her my friend.*

Terry Adams - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *I didn't get a chance to know Claudie but believe she must have been a very special lady. I know she will be missed. All things happen for a reason, and only God knows the answers to the questions you have. My prayer is that you turn to God for those answers. He is the great comforter and where you can find strength to go on.*

*Love in Christ -
Beth*

Beth Holt - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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TG

“ *Claudie Ishmael*

Teresa Goines - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My prayers are with all of you. I am so sorry for your loss. Claudie will be greatly missed. She was one of the nicest people I knew. God bless you all.*

christie sisk woods - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ *Family of Claudia Ishmael:*

We are very saddened to hear of your great lose. We considered Claudie a good friend and will miss her very much. We know she is in HEAVEN looking done on all of us now and saying don't cry for me it's wonderful up here. May God bless all of you and give you the strengh and peace you need to get through this great lose.

Wayne Bryant & Family - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NY

“ *Frost and community has loss a sweet and lovely lady and we share in your grief. It was always a delight to go into the post office and find Claudie there and get a sweet smile and greeting. She will surely be missed.*

Our love and condolences to all her family.

Namon & Jerolyn Yates - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

T(

“ I wish to share a story.

"In the bottom of an old pond lived some grubs who could not understand why none of their group ever came back after crawling up the lily stems to the top of the water. They promised each other that the next one who was called to make the upward climb would return and tell what had happened to him. Soon one of them felt an urgent impulse to seek the surface; he rested himself on the top of a lily pad and went through a glorious transformation which made him a dragonfly with beautiful wings. In vain he tried to keep his promise. Flying back and forth over the pond, he peered down at his friends below. Then he realized that even if they could see him they would not recognize such a radiant beautiful creature as one of their number.

The fact that we cannot see our family/friend or communicate with them after the transformation which we call death is no proof that they cease to exist. They will forever live in your heart. Your loved one has transformed into something truly beautiful. Death is a transformation from this life to the next. I am sure if she could tell you....she would tell you how happy she is now. God be with you all and may he comfort your hearts.

Teresa (Lacy)Chamberlain-Scott - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ David,

Words are not too comforting at this time but I did want to tell you how much Claudie will be missed here in Frost. When she had the cafe, she kept Charlie from starving to death on many occasions. Her service to this community in the post office was always done with such a cheerful smile and she was so helpful to me with finding Frost Cemetery addresses. She will be missed by many. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you need something. Beth Curtis

Beth Curtis - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GE

“ My old friend, I recall... the times we had, hanging on my wall.... I wouldn't trade them for gold... they laugh and they cry me, somehow sanctify me.. woven in the stories I have told.. and tell again.. My Old Friend.. I apologize, for the years that have passed.. since the last time you and I... dusted off, those memories... but the running and the races.. the people and the places.. Always somewhere else I had to be.. and time gets thin.. My old Friend.. Don't know why.. don't know why.....

My Old Friend... this songs for you... for a few simple verses, is the least I can do... To tell the world, that you were here.... and the love and the laughter... will live on long after... all of the sadness and the tears.... we'll meet again, My Old Friend.... goodbye, goodbye, I love you my dear sister.

George - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GG

“Cleo, I'm glad I made it to Texas in time to see you before you went to see our Jesus. I prayed hard for your healing, and now you have it. There is no more pain, no more misery and no more suffering. I will miss you here on this earth, but I have the peace in knowing that because you knew the Lord as your personal savior, I will someday be reunited with you in that wonderful place we know as heaven. We don't always understand God's plan for our lives, but they are just that -- His plans. We don't belong to each other, we belong to Him. We are simply on loan to our earthly family and friends for a short time. My heart hurts because you are no longer here with us to laugh and sing. But my heart rejoices in knowing that you are with our Lord Jesus Christ. I only hope that those who remain here on this earth will come to know Jesus as their personal Savior and be united with you in Heaven. Just to say that you is going to heaven doesn't get you there. You must be born again and live for Jesus. Cleo, you were a fun loving, laughing, smiling beautiful flower in any bouquet. I know you have made God's bouquet a little brighter. I could ramble on for days about you sis, but I will leave here with this thought: I loved you so much and I will miss you so much. I hope God lets me have a mansion next door to you when my time comes. See you one day soon. I love you baby sister. Peace be unto the family and friends of my sister -- Claudie Marie (Cleo) Ishmael in Jesus' name -- Amen.

Gene Grissom - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“Just wanted to say I'm so sorry about Claudie. I remember her from when I was younger. I was really sad to hear about her passing. Please know you all are in my prayers.

Marsha R. Warren
(Sandi Ransom's Daughter)

Marsha Ransom Warren - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *Claudie, We just want to say that we love you so very much. You will be missed by all that knew you. You brought so much love and laughter into everyone's life. You never met a stranger, even when you didn't know them, you had a way of making them feel like family. You were our angle here on earth and now you are our guardian angle in heaven. We will forever miss your smile, your laughter, your kindness and your love. We know that you are in God's house now, he is taking care of you. We Know that you are at peace and no more pain. But there will always be an empty place in our hearts for you. We wont say good bye, we will just say until we meet again. We love you and miss you.*

Aunt Lou, Linda and James

Linda French - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *Aunt Cleo was a wonderful woman. I didn't get to spend as much time with her that i wish i could have. But when I did, I had the most fun. I remember as a young girl, she would tell me that when i got older to come work for her at her cafe. I loved the waitress thing back then. And no matter how long ago its been, I remember her like it was yesterday. I love you very much Aunt Cleo. You are going to be very missed. Enjoy heaven,, cause The Lord knows I'm jealous of you right now!! I can't wait to be with you again, so we can catch up. Continue cooking your delicious food, and don't get rusty. We are all gonna be hungry when we get there.. As for Uncle David, Doug. Bev, and Jenny, I don't know you very well, but I am dearly sorry, Cleo was a wonderful woman. Just know that she walks with Jesus now. She is definatly living the good life. And again,, I love you Cleo.*

Deanna Renee Grissom - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *Claudie was such a dear person. I will miss seeing her smiling face in the community. She was so proud of her kids.*

Brenda Speer - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *Aunt Claudie, I cannot believe you are no longer with us on this earth. I am going to miss you very much at family gatherings. I am so sad that you had to go through so much pain in your last days but, I am so happy you are no longer in pain. I'll love you always sweet lady.*

Treva Sanges - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Claudie,
You have always been a down to earth, honest, loving, smiling, sweet lady. You were there for me in a lot of really hard times and you always spoke your mind. You always told me when i was wrong and what I was doing wrong. You gave me quite a few pep talks and a lot of dressing downs. You always told it like you saw it, and I will always hold a very special place in my heart for you.
Doug, Beverly, and Jenny, I am so sorry for your loss and I know how very much your momma meant to each of you. I want to thank yall for letting me in your lives so I could have known your momma. She was the greatest MOM you could have asked for. I love yall!
Thank you! Tammy*

Tammy Campbell - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *May God hold each heart and each hand, each step of the way down this long hard journey we, as Claudie's Family and Friends, will have to walk without her.*

I know without a doubt in my heart, soul or mind, that God was holding Claudie's heart and hand each step of the way down the long hard journey she walked before her first step toward heaven.

Think of stepping on shore and finding it heaven ..

Of breathing new air and finding it celestial ..

*Of hearing new music and finding it
angelic ..*

*Of feeling invigorated and finding it
immortality..*

Of waking up and finding it home ..

Of feeling a touch and finding that it's God's hand ...

Rest in Peace my Sister ...

Love, Thoughts & Prayers Always ... Pat

Pat & Marlin Hogue - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ *We will love and miss you very much and she was a good friend and who care about and love people and live her life to the fullest.we will miss her so much.To Claudie's Daughter's I am so sorry about your mother.yes i did love your mother and she is the best person in the world.love the odell family*

carla thomas-odell - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ CLAUDIE WAS WELL LOVED AROUND HERE, WE WILL MISS HER GREATLY!

Charlene and Doyle Staggs - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ *Claudie was one of sweetest person I ever met in my life. Bev, Doug, Jenny you had the most wonderful Mother any child could have, she was always there for you. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten. She is dancing with God this morning. I believe she will always be with you ,until you'll meet again. May God keep all of Claudie's family wrapped in his arms and help the hurt ease. God bless you all.*

Naomi

Naomi Thomas - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Bev, Doug & Jenny,
There are no words to say how my heart hurts for you and all of your family. Claudia was one of the best people Ive ever known. My love to you all.*

Adeana Childs & Family - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

IY

“ Aunt Claudie was the most wonderful person. I will miss her so much. I still remember the hot peppers we all had to eat as kids when we were caught saying words we shouldn't say. I remember all of the love and hugs she gave me over the years. I always hated to have my picture taken but now wish she could take one more. To my cousins, Doug, Bev and Jenny I can't imagine the pain you are feeling with the loss of your mother. I know it must be 100 times what I feel or more. Just find peace and comfort knowing that your mother is in heaven and walking with Uncle Arthur, our grandparents and Uncle Wayne. She was truly an angel here on earth so she must be magnificent as an angel in heaven. To my Uncle David, always remember that she loved you and that we love you. I know that this is going to be so hard for you but let us help you thru it. We are here for you anytime. Although she was my Aunt she was one of my mom's too. When my mom wasn't available Aunt Claudie always was. I can't imagine what it's going to be like without her here but I know that I now have a very special angel watching over me.

*I love you all
Iesha*

Iesha Young - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Claudie was the kind of friend you could always count on good times or bad. I always liked to kid around with her and she would just tell me to behave. Ther will never be another person like her. Rest in Gods arms. Doug, Bev, Jenny, David, George, Ishea God needed her in heaven, and someday you'll will meet again. Don

Don Thomas - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Aunt Claudie,
I am so blessed to have known such a wonderful person. You were so sweet and that is what i remember about you the most. You were always happy and so nice to me. I love you very much! You will be missed by everyone who knew you!

Courtney Tsougarakis - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *I love you mommy so much and I'll see you again someday.*

Jen

Jenny Lynn Fortenberry - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *We have shared so much of our life together. I don't know how we are going to get along without you. I wish I was there to fix your hair today. I love you and I will miss you so very much, especially that wonderful laughter of yours when you finally got the joke. When I think of you, the scripture Proverbs 31 comes to my mind. The joy in my heart comes from knowing you have arrived at your mansion on the hilltop as well as knowing I will see you again in Glory.*

*Love,
Sandy*

Sandy Grissom - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *May God give you peace and comfort in this very sad situation.*

Belinda Ener - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ *My baby sister, I miss you so much. I cannot imagine my life without you. Never to see your sweet face again is breaking my heart. Never to hear your laughter again, to sing with you again. I am so sad to see you go, but I know you are in a better place, with no pain and you are with Momma Daddy Wayne and Arthur. Fred and Flora Donna and Opal. are all welcoming you home. but my home is much emptier without you here. I love you my BFF...My little sister.*
George

Lorene Young - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *No words can ease the pain of your loss but God's promise of being with her again,I pray, will bring you comfort and peace until that time.*
As you think back on the time you had with her, may your heart smie and feel great joy from the prescious gift of memories.
God bless you all.

*Love,
Sandi*

Sandi Ransom - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Rememberance--You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived. You can close your eyes and pray that she'll come back, or you can open your eyes and see all she has left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday, or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she's gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back, or you can do what she'd want:

SMILE, OPEN YOUR EYES, LOVE AND GO ON!!

Betty, Christy, Thomas, Tracy Norman - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I just wanted to say to all of you how truly sorry I am. I cant even imagine how you feel. I wish there was something I could do to make all of your pain go away...God Bless All Of You

Shannon Twist - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear family,
I am so sad to hear the passing of Claudia. I remember years ago when I used to fix her hair,she was always so sweet and kind to me. Such a very "SPECIAL" lady. She always talked so highly of her family. She loved ya'll dearly,especially her children. My prayer is that God give each of you peace and comfort during this time. Claudia is OK.....we are sad....BUT SHE IS OK NOW.
God Bless,
Lee Ann Herod

Lee Ann Herod - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM