

## *Interment*

Trice Hill Cemetery  
5101 North Coltrane Road  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73136

*For those of you driving with us in the Processional, kindly turn on your head lights and flashers and please fasten your seat belts for the safety of others. Thank you!*

## *Acknowledgment*

The passing of our loved ones has been made more bearable because we are blessed with a loving, supportive church family at St. John and because of thoughtful and endearing friends like you. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your thoughtfulness, many acts of kindness, and your presence here today. You have added great comfort when we needed you most. We thank you and will always be grateful to God for you.

We extend this thanksgiving to the staff at Dallas Medical Center for their tender care. To Laura Motley and Trista Rogers, we thank you for your attention to detail with warmth, thoroughness and excellence during Carole and Paula's stay in Dallas and beyond. We love you!

Mostly, we are thankful for the grace of God to all who celebrated with us in the joy of knowing that Dr. Carole and Paula Suzette are present with the Lord.

May God's blessing always be yours.

The Family of Dr. Carole Hall Hardeman & Paula Suzette Hardeman

Services preceded by The Viewing, by "Ivy Beyond The Wall" Memorial Service presented by Beta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and by the Memorial Service of The Oklahoma City Chapter of The Links, Inc.

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"We Care"

*Celebration of Life, Love and Excellence*

*Dr. Carole Anitrice Hall Hardeman*

*March 24, 1935 ~ January 7, 2022*

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*Paula Suzette Hardeman*

*August 24, 1965 ~ December 30, 2021*



### Services

Saturday, February 12, 2022 - 11:00 in The Morning

**ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

5700 North Kelley Avenue  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**DR. M. L. JEMISON, OFFICIATING, SENIOR PASTOR**

## *Dr. Carole Hall Hardeman*

Proud Oklahoman and influential educator, Dr. Carole Hall Hardeman, Ph.D. was born on March 24, 1935, in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and raised in Oklahoma City. Her parents, also educators, were deeply engaged in community affairs and civic leadership. Her father, Ira D. Hall, Sr., an entrepreneur, superintendent, and principal of several schools, rose to Assistant Director of Secondary Education for the state school system. Her mother, Rubye Hibler Hall, was a teacher and speech pathologist. The couple had met at Langston University and married in 1930. They believed that education was the cornerstone for success. All six of their children excelled.

Their second born, Carole Anitrice, a serious piano student, led the youth choir at Tabernacle Baptist Church, graduated from Douglass High School, and earned her B.A. in music and humanities from Fisk University in Tennessee. Within a few years, she married Oklahoma City architect Curtis Lamont Hardeman and moved to Los Angeles where in 1965 daughter Paula Suzette was born.

Returning to Oklahoma City, Carole became the music teacher at Northeast High School (1967-1975). As the struggle for racial justice and equal opportunity reached a flash point across urban America, local tensions mounted over integration. In response, Carole launched and led the Viking Singers at Northeast as a symbol of hope. Racially integrated and performing seamlessly together, they showed a way forward. As she expressed later, “Diversity and excellence should and must be envisioned as congruent entities in a principled society.” With that vision in mind, she would later help establish and serve on the board of the Oklahoma City Ambassadors’ Concert Choir.

Carole returned to academia in 1975. Over the next five decades, she cemented a reputation for developing cutting edge, culturally relevant curriculums, advancing excellence in instruction for the millions of urban learners in America’s schools. She earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in education administration and human relations at The University of Oklahoma (1975-1979). Her mother, the first African American appointed to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, presented Carole with the doctorate. Dr. Hardeman later completed a certificate on Management of Lifelong Education at Harvard University (1988-1992) and established her own consulting practice, Hall Hardeman Associates, in 1988.

Coming up the ranks at OU as its first Black female executive, Dr. Hardeman was appointed Executive Administrator/Director of Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies in Norman, Oklahoma (1975-1987). There she became the founding editor of Centerboard journal, publishing numerous refereed articles. Notably, she authored two bestselling textbook series on mathematics and science instruction for urban middle schoolers. A member of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), she was elected chair of its Higher Education Commission, chaired research programs, edited six research monographs, and co-edited NABSE Journal.

In 1988, Dr. Hardeman was named Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty at LeMoyne Owen College, Memphis, Tennessee (1988-1997). A frequent keynote speaker and workshop leader, she advocated for her vision of education for diversity and excellence at the Tennessee League of Women Voters, University of Chicago, University of Northern Delaware, Memphis University, Langston University, the National Science Foundation, Harvard, Oklahoma State University, and beyond. Dr. Hardeman received NABSE’s prestigious DuBois Higher Education Scholar’s Award for her body of work.

Throughout her life, Dr. Hardeman avidly supported groups like NABSE that nurtured and amplified her vision. She gave forty years of friendship and service to The Links, Incorporated, at chapter, area, and national levels. Other affiliations included Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Jack and Jill of America, Inc., the United Way of Central Oklahoma, and the YMCA Metropolitan Board, to name a few.

Capping a distinguished career, she returned to Oklahoma as Langston University School of Education Associate Graduate Dean and Professor (1997-2014). In that role she continued to identify and inspire talented faculty and Ph.D. candidates. As a Visiting Professor at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana, she taught Effective Pedagogy for Urban Learners and opened more doors for diverse scholars (2008-2009).

After retiring from Langston, she remained chair of Langston’s annual Ira D. Hall and Rubye Hibler Hall Endowed Lecture Series, co-chaired by her daughter, Paula Suzette Hardeman.

Dr. Carole Hall Hardeman passed away suddenly on January 7, 2022, after a fall in Dallas, Texas. She leaves to celebrate her long, productive life her family, colleagues, countless students and friends, and the vital institutions and organizations to which she devoted her passion and brilliance.

Dr. Hardeman is survived by two bothers, Ira D. Hall, Jr. and his wife Carole Foster Hall of Miami Beach, Florida, and John Anthony Hall and his wife Marvelle McIntyre Hall of Miami Florida; one sister, Jessilyn A. Hall Head of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; nephews, Franklin K. Bruce, Brian Hall (and Evelin Rodriguez), Andre L. Head, Jr. (and Kristy Head), Shomari D. Head (and Shavent Head), and Omari Y. Head (and Abby Head); nieces, Alicia Hall Moran (and Jason Moran), Stephanie Elaine Hall, Monique Elaine McIntyre, Michele Iris Hall, Tyler Janee Phillips, and Akilah N. Black; first cousins Tamashia Buckner (and Marcell Buckner), Dr. Adam Herbert (and Karen Herbert), Julius Hibler, Jr., Stephanie Hibler Evans, Jacquelyn Hibler Walker; Thomas Hibler, Jr. and a host of grand nieces, grand nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by former husband, Curtis L. Hardeman; daughter, Paula Suzette Hardeman (RIP, December 30, 2021); two sisters, Iris Marie Hall Bruce and Janice LaMarna Hall; and her beloved parents.

# Paula Suzette Hardeman

## My People

by Langston Hughes

The night is beautiful,  
So the faces of my people.

The stars are beautiful,  
So the eyes of my people.

Beautiful, also, is the sun.  
Beautiful, also, are the souls of my people.

Paula Suzette Hardeman embraced her legacy as the first granddaughter of Oklahoma City legends Ira D. Hall, Sr. and Rubye Hibler Hall, and daughter of Dr. Carole Hall Hardeman and architect Curtis Lamont Hardeman. This lineage was like a fabric woven from decades of personal and professional philosophies, opinions, and life experiences. A child of Oklahoma City, Paula Suzette was indelibly woven into its fabric.

Born on August 24, 1965, in Los Angeles, California, she was reared in Oklahoma City, rooted in a dynamic culture with church as a focal point. Two of her great grandfathers were preachers. Two generations later, there was still nothing more important in Paula's large extended family than going to church. Everyone went to services and Sunday school every Sunday, a practice she maintained throughout her life.

Young Paula Suzette had an artistic flair. Alongside her mother and grandmother, she learned early the rewards of working as a volunteer, especially with arts groups. She was active in Jack and Jill of America, and enjoyed symphony concerts. Both her mother and grandmother were members of the Oklahoma City Symphony board, later the Oklahoma Philharmonic. Paula Suzette would later join the associate board of the Oklahoma Philharmonic, and co-chair with her mother the Ira D. Hall and Ruby H. Hall Endowed Lecture Series at Langston University.

Opportunity and change characterized her life and times. Paula Suzette attended Spelman College and earned her bachelor's degree in Humanities and Social Sciences at LeMoyne Owen College in Memphis, Tennessee, during her mother's tenure as LeMoyne Owen College Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of Faculty. Together, they volunteered in a children's music program at a nearby housing development and supported Harold Ford, Jr.'s political campaigns.

After her college years, Paula Suzette accepted a public relations post on the staff of the Mayor of San Diego, California, then worked at a radio station in Los Angeles. She brought these experiences back to Memphis and Oklahoma City, where she worked in marketing.

In later years, Paula Suzette found her calling in the field of law and justice. An exciting internship in the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office opened up for her in 2011. In the midst of helping lawyers and judges bring actual local cases to trial, she quickly found an excellent fit for her cultural fluency and her meticulous communication and organizational skills. With Certificates from the University of Central Oklahoma and the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, she built an impressive track record as a paralegal. She went on to realize a successful career spanning more than a decade working as a paralegal for major law firms in Oklahoma and Texas.

With gratitude for her journey, she recently wrote, "[Many] individuals have inspired me both personally and professionally in their own way. I am truly fortunate to have all of them as such positive and influential figures in my life."

On December 30, 2021, in Dallas, Texas, Paula Suzette Hardeman passed away after a brief illness from complications of esophageal cancer. Close family members and her devoted mother were by her side. She leaves a host of relatives, colleagues, and friends to celebrate her life. May she rest in eternal peace.

## Order Of Celebration

**Officiated by Dr. M. L. Jemison, Senior Pastor  
St. John Missionary Baptist Church**

Prelude ..... Dr. Terry Spigner, Minister of Music

Processional ..... The Ambassadors Concert Choir  
"With His Stripes, We Are Healed" Directed by Dr. Sandra Thompson  
Glenn Burleigh, Composer Artistic Director

Prayer of Comfort ..... Rev. Marvelle McIntyre-Hall, Co-Minister  
Unity Center of Miami

Scripture Readings  
Old Testament (Psalm 23) ..... John A. Hall  
New Testament (St. John 14:1-6) ..... Jessilyn A. Hall Head

Musical Selection ..... The Viking Singers of Northeast High School  
"What The World Needs Now" Created and Directed by Dr. Hardeman in 1967  
Twyla Gibbens and Directed by Larry Marshall, Previous Director  
Mary S. Smith, Soloists

Obituaries ..... Dr. Carole Hall Hardeman - Read by First Lady Jacqueline R. Jemison  
Paula Suzette Hardeman - Read by Tyler White Phillips

Resolutions and Acknowledgments ..... Debra Johnson, Coordinator  
Parrish Fellowship

Proclamations ..... MaggieAnne Green, President  
OKC Chapter of The Links, Inc.

Musical Selection ..... Mary Sledge Smith  
"The Lord's Prayer" Accompanied by Dr. Spigner

Family Acknowledgments ..... Ira D. Hall, Jr.

Reflections  
Dr. Kent Smith, State Senator George E. Young, Dr. Jean Manning, Attorney Robert Alexander

Musical Selection ..... Performed by Fred Demerson  
"You Are The Center Of My Joy" Accompanied by Dr. Spigner

Reflections (Continued)  
Gordon and Rees Law Firm, Tara Bradley & Marc Patmon, Dr. Belinda Biscoe

Musical Selection ..... Performed by Alicia Hall Moran  
"Let There Be Peace On Earth" Accompanied by Jason Moran  
Jill Jackson Miller & Sy Miller, Composers

Words of Comfort (Eulogy for Two) ..... Dr. M.L. Jemison, Senior Pastor

Video Tribute ..... Created by Diamond Printing & Publishing, Inc.

Recessional ..... All Celebrants  
"Silent Night, Holy Night" The Ambassadors Concert Choir  
The Viking Singers

Thank You for blessing the family with your thanksgiving and presence in this "Celebration of Life, Love, and Excellence" for Dr. Carole Hall Hardeman & Paula Suzette Hardeman

In The Still Of Our Souls,  
We Rest In The Comfort Of God's Presence

Our loved ones and we are enfolded in God's loving presence  
Throughout every event in our lives.

We bask in the warmth of the divine love that surrounds us.  
Allowing ourselves and all care to rest.

We know with certainty that  
There is an order to the events of our lives.  
God is also present in every new place and for all time.

Whether we are experiencing the passing of a loved one  
or any other loss or difficulty.

We are comforted by the realization that  
God is everywhere present, supporting us and  
Everyone else whose heart of life has been touched.

We may not understand what has happened.  
But we do feel the comfort that only God can give.

In stillness of our souls, we rest.

"The beloved of the Lord rests in safety -  
The High God surrounds him all day long."

- Deuteronomy 33:12

Pallbearers

Franklin Bruce, Jr.  
Shomari D. Head  
Judge Annita Bridges  
Myron Knight

MaggieAnn Green  
Jeffrey Tollett  
Lawrence Myers

Dr. Jo Anne Clark  
Flossie Thurston  
Dr. Dorscine Little  
Milton Hopkins

Honorary Pallbearers

Ira D. Hall  
Carole Foster Hall  
Stephanie Elaine Hall  
Alicia Hall Moran  
Jason Moran  
Malcolm Hall Moran  
Jonas Hall Moran  
Tamashia Buckner  
Marcel Buckner  
David Shelton

John Anthony Hall  
Marvelle McIntyre-Hall  
Monique Elaine McIntyre  
Brian Hall  
Michele Iris Hall  
Celena Hall  
Dr. Adam Herbert  
Dr. Eric Joseph  
Ms. Jill Joseph  
Linda Powers  
Larry Morgan

Jessilynn A. Hall Head  
Tyler White Phillips  
L. J. Phillips, Jr.  
Blake T. Phillips  
Omari Y. Head  
Julius Hibler, Jr.  
Stephanie Hibler Walker  
Thomas Hibler, Jr.  
Dr. J. W. Sanford  
Joseph McGlon

Flower Bearers

Members of the Oklahoma City Chapter of the Links, Inc.

Vernetta DeMartra  
Jenail Willis

Velma Smith  
Stephanie Smith

Fran Stephens Summers  
Penny Emery

Honorary Flower Bearers

Members of Beta Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

Dr. Jackie Wilson  
Debra Raye Guess  
Antoinette LuRue Roach  
Vernetta Johnson

Laura Motley  
Daisy Sanford  
Margo Richardson  
Janice Ayer Jackson

Trista Rogers  
Lynn Tollett  
Twyla Gibbens  
Barbara Lord Watkins