

Honoring The Beautiful Life & Legacy of



Earth's Gift  
April 21, 1939

Heaven's Gain  
October 28, 2021

# Madeline Pradia Whiting

*"Gone But Never Forgotten"*

# Her Loving Legacy

*"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."*

**(2 Timothy 4:6-8)**

**Madeline Pradia** was born on April 21, 1939, in Houston, Texas to Louisiana natives, Marie Gertrude and Leonard Pradia. She is the fourth child of six children. As a child, Madeline was known for her big heart and nurturing spirit.

She accepted Christ through confirmation at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. A life-long resident of Third Ward, Madeline was educated in the Houston Independent School District and is a proud mighty lion of Jack Yates High School. In 1957, she met the love of her life, Rufus "Robert" Whiting Jr. They married in 1958 and welcomed into the world two daughters: Phyllis in 1959 and Velvia in 1961. Madeline and Rufus settled into a comfortable life in Riverside Terrace. She enjoyed making a household and raising her daughter. Her hobbies included being a seamstress, interior design, cooking, and attending museums. She was a longtime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and served through missions and outreach.

In the late 80s, Madeline became "Ma" to Christopher, Kasandra, and Marcellus. Her greatest joy through these years was to help raise her three grandchildren to be strong and cultured people. Madeline enjoyed accompanying them on field trips and volunteering at school events when they were kids. She shared her love for sewing, home decorating, cooking, crafting, and adventure with them just as she did with Velvia. It was during this time that she joined Windsor Village United Methodist Church.

In her later years, Madeline converted back to being a practicing Catholic and continued her love for life and family. She was the one that anyone could call for advice, recipes, tough love, and just to be a listening ear.

Mrs. Madeline Pradia Whiting peacefully transitioned from this earth on October 28, 2021. She fought a good fight! We believe that she received her wings for a "Job Well Done."

She leaves to cherish to her daughter, Velvia Whiting; three grandchildren, Christopher Whiting, Kasandra Kincheon-Ogletree, and Marcellus Kincheon; one great grandchild, Kaiden Ogletree; two honorary daughters, Jodie Glaze and Brenda Green, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Marie Gertrude and Leonard Pradia; husband, Rufus; daughter, Phyllis; siblings, Delores Johnson, Lawrence Pradia, Evarette Pradia, Reverend Michael Pradia, and Evangelist Gennivie Jackson.

# Celebration of Life



Saturday, the 6th day of November, 2021  
Ten O'clock in the Morning

**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**  
4600 Reed Road • Houston, Texas 77051

**Officiating: Rev. Michael K. Saah-Buckman, SSJ – Pastor**  
**Assisting: Rev. Mr. Michael V. Jenkins - Deacon**

Prelude  
Processional Hymn  
Greetings/Sprinkling with Holy Water  
Opening Prayer

**Liturgy for the Word:**

Old Testament  
Responsorial Psalm  
New Testament  
Alleluia  
Gospel  
Homily

General Intercessions (Prayers of the faithful)

**Liturgy of the Eucharist:**


Offertory Hymn  
Preparation of the Gifts  
Prayer over the Gifts  
Eucharistic Prayer  
The Lord's Prayer  
Communion Hymn  
Meditation Hymn  
Prayer after Communion

**Final Commendation:**

Incensing  
Song of Farewell (Saints of God)  
Prayer of Commendation  
Recessional Hymn

\*\*\*\*\**Celebration and fellowship will continue following Mass.*\*\*\*\*\*

**4381 North MacGregor Way • Houston, Texas 77004**





# Expressions of Love

Mom, I can't thank you enough for being my foundation and grooming me to be a great mother and even better grandmother. You have always supported me even when tough love was needed. I look back and think of all the fun we had throughout my life. I will miss telling you that one of your favorite movies is playing on TCM or finding the western channel for you. Taco night with guacamole will forever be our family dinner when the kids and I get together! I am comforted knowing that you are no longer in pain and in heaven having a blast!

## **Love, Velvia**

Ma we just want to say thank you! You have and will continue to be a source of support as we continue our assignments here on earth. We reflect on the summers spent at the Zoo and Museums and making Christmas cookies during the holidays. We have been immensely blessed by your love. We will continue to make you proud!

## **Love, Christopher, Kasandra, and Marcellus**

Granny I will miss you! I will miss being able to sit next to you and watch TV or ask questions. I was told that you are resting and now an angel watching over me. I feel much better knowing that you are in a good place.

## **Love, Kaiden**

A limb has fallen from the family tree.  
I keep hearing a voice that says, "Grieve not for me.  
Remember the best times, the laughter, the song.  
The good life I lived while I was strong.  
Continue my heritage, I'm counting on you.  
Keep smiling and surely the sun will shine through.  
My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest.  
Remembering all, how I truly was blessed.  
Continue traditions, no matter how small.  
Go on with your life, don't worry about falls  
I miss you all dearly, so keep up your chin.  
Until the day comes we're together again

## **Your Loving Family**

# Our Virtuous Woman



## **Proverbs 31:25-31**

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:

“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.





# Honorary Pallbearers

Christopher Whiting  
Kaiden Ogletree  
James Jackson  
David Jackson, Jr.  
Blake Washington  
Terry Pradia  
Jeffery Misher II

Marcellus Kincheon  
David Jackson  
Reynaud Jackson  
Ricky Pradia, Jr.  
Allen Jones, Jr.  
Jeffery Misher  
Gary Jones

## Our Sincerest Gratitude...

*"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted..."*

God has touched our hearts through each of you and for this we are thankful. To those of you who have sent a card, kind note, or visited us. To those who have called and prayed for us and with us, we are sincerely grateful. Your acts of caring, your expressions of love and prayers have helped through our time of bereavement. Please continue to pray for us and may God continue to bless each of you.

**Special thanks to** Windsor Village United Methodist Church, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Houston Methodist Hospital, Encompass Rehabilitation Hospital, Kindred Hospital and Houston Hospice.

- **The Family**

## Interment

**Houston National Cemetery**

10410 Veterans Memorial Drive • Houston, Texas 77038

***Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 1:00 P.M.***

## Services Lovingly Fulfilled by:

**McCoy and Harrison Funeral Home**

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