

*A Service of Thanksgiving for
The Life and Service of*



Patricia Nadine Gordon-Walls

Sunrise
September 20, 1938

Sunset
June 11, 2013

SERVICE

Tuesday, June 18, 2013
Eleven O'Clock AM
(Viewing 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM)

ROSE OF SHARON CHURCH

825 West 7th Street, Plainfield, NJ 07063

Reverend James Hutchins Officiating

INTERMENT

Fairview Cemetery
1100 East Broad Street
Westfield, New Jersey 07090

Our Mother Kept A Garden

*Our Mother kept a garden,
A garden of the heart;
She planted all the good things,
That gave our life its start.*

*She turned us to the sunshine
And encouraged us to dream;
Forestering and nurturing
The seeds of self-esteem.*

*And when the winds and rains come,
She protected us enough;
But not too much, she knew we'd need
To stand up strong and tough.*

*Her constant good example,
Always taught us right from wrong;
Markers for our pathway
To last our whole life long.*

*We are our Mother's garden,
We are her legacy,
And we hope that she feels our love,
As we feel her love reflected in us too!*

DON'T SPEND TOO MUCH TIME MOURNING

*Don't spend too much time mourning, tears are for the sad,
I left to be with Jesus, this should make you glad.
Don't waste your hours grieving, no need to feel distress,
I'm tired of life's frustrations, and had to get some rest.
Don't vex yourself with questions or try to reason why,
Life here for me has ended, it came my time to die.
Don't lose the love I gave you, feed it with your care,
Grow it with devotion, and spread it everywhere.
Don't fret because my leaving came in such a way.
But keep right on preparing for God's Eternal Day.*

*"I'll always thank God for you"... I Corinthians 1:4 NIV
Love Always, your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

Obituary

Patricia (Patty) Nadine Gordon-Walls was born September 20, 1938 in Westfield, New Jersey to the late Christopher C. Gordon and the late Minnie M. Gordon. She attended the Plainfield school system, and graduated from Plainfield High School in 1957.

Patty described herself as a mischievous, energetic child. As she grew, she was known to be sassy and stylish. She enjoyed life, laughing, joking and having fun. **Patty** was not known to mix words. Anyone who knew **Patty** always knew where they stood with her. She developed life-long friendships, and always opened her door to anyone who was in need. **Patty** babysat generations of children for family and friends. She was a former member of Mohawk Temple #191 I.B.P.O.E OF W. in Plainfield.

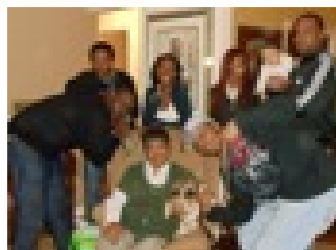
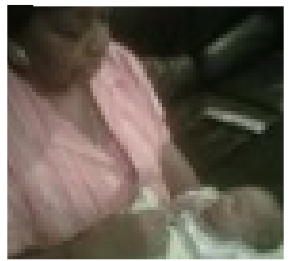
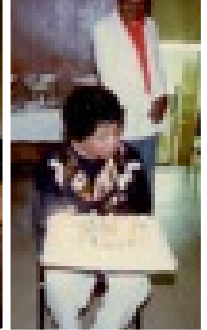
In her early years, **Patty** worked at both Markay's Handbags and Rona Plastics, in Plainfield, New Jersey. She was gifted with two daughters: Dawn Yvette Gordon and Tracey Gordon. On April 2, 1966 she married Cleveland E. Walls, Sr. With this union, the family expanded to include Janice, Kathleen, Cleveland, Jr., Linda, Victoria, and Patricia Walls. Sister, Kheesha later joined the family. Due to her daughter Tracey's illness, **Patty** ultimately became a homemaker and remained dedicated to Tracey's care throughout her life.

In her later years, **Patty** enjoyed spending time with family, shopping, and attending church. She cherished the time she spent with her children, all of her grandchildren (NJ/NY), and great-grandchildren (NJ/NY), especially great-granddaughter, Nalani, who lovingly called her "**GiGi**". When Tracey became a resident of Artista Care Norwood Terrace, the **Patty's** family was further extended to include the many staff members at Norwood who she also adored. **Patty's** family attended church services at Norwood Terrace through the **Rose of Sharon Outreach Ministry**.

On June 11, 2013, in the early morning hours at Norwood Terrace, **Patty** was gently called to rest.

Patty was pre-deceased by her ex-husband Cleveland E. Walls, Sr. father, Christopher C. Gordon; mother, Minnie M. Gordon; son Cleveland Walls Jr.; daughter, Patricia H. Walls-James; brothers Clyde and Ronald Gordon; sister, Gloria Gordon; and Sister-In-Law Dorothy J. Gordon. She leaves to cherish her memory daughters: Dawn Yvette Gordon-Cooper (James/Coop), Tracey Gordon, Victoria Walls-Barton, and Kheesha Walls all of Plainfield, NJ; Janice McKoy of Baltimore; Kathleen and Linda Walls of NY; grandchildren: Lamar Cooper, Kiara Cooper, Taurien Buffaloe, and Kiana Cooper, all of Plainfield, NJ; a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren in NY; great-grandchild, Nalani Martinez. Two devoted brothers, Bruce Gordon (Maria), of Bridgeport, CT; Alfred Gordon (Royelle) of Roselle, NJ; Aunts Katie Luck and Yvonne Thomas of Plainfield, NJ; Aunt Eleanor Gordon of Roselle, NJ; Aunt Katie Thomas of Rocky Mount, NC; Uncle Calvin Smith of Plainfield, NJ; Sister-In-Law, Coretha "Cookie" Cobb of Plainfield, NJ; Rose Moore and Helen Clark of Newark, DE; Brother-In-Law William Walls, Jr. of Williamstown, NJ; Goddaughters Patrice Washington, of Florence, SC and Pamela Stevens of Plainfield, NJ; a dear friend, John (Stunkey) Hall of Plainfield, NJ, life-long girlfriends Lola Davis, Anne Haynesworth, Connie Ruggles-Bradby, Hattie Fagans, and Frances Cunningham along with countless relatives, extended family and friends.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things were passed away." Revelations 21:4 KJV



HOMEGOING SERVICE
FOR

Patricia Nadine Gordon-Walls

ORDER OF SERVICE

ProcessionalThe Family

The Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)Missionary James Washington

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified dead and buried. He descended into Hell. On the third day, He arose from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of ComfortMissionary James Washington

Solo..... Leviticus Rudolph

Scripture

Old Testament - Psalm 23Sharel Gordon-Love

New Testament – St. John 14:1-6..... Jordan Harris

AcknowledgementsConnie Ruggles Bradby

Remarks..... Family and Family

ObituaryTheresa Douglass

Solo..... Leviticus Rudolph

Tribute/Poem Lola Davis

SoloWade Dollard

Eulogy.....Reverend James Hutchins

Recessional

REPAST

Italian American Hall
1976 Valley Avenue • Scotch Plains, NJ

PALLBEARERS

Taurien Buffaloe Lamar Cooper
Andre Gordon Marcellus Gordon
Alvin Love Ronald Love
Kenneth Williams



Memories of our Grandma....

Forever will we remember our days with you.
How you cared for all of us until we were old
enough to attend school. The days we spent playing
with our toys on the front porch.

The days you spent faithfully watching Judge Judy,
Jeopardy , Wheel of Fortune and Investigation I.D.
The large bags of Reese's cups you would share
with us. Your jell-o with mixed fruit.

There was never a time when your nails were not painted. And when they
were painted they were always black or bright green.

Our shopping trips to our favorite stores where we would shop until we
dropped! How you never ever held your tongue.

How we enjoyed holidays at each other's houses where we all were dressed
up to come together to celebrate.

You hiding our bottles from our moms when it was way past bottle years.
How you had a different handbag for everyday, and a scarf collection to
match every outfit. How you like your coffee with the cream and sugar on
the side. When you'd listen to your music in the afternoons.

Your funny jokes that made us laugh every day.

You singing "Itsy Bitsy Spider" to Nalani when she was a baby.

Then how Nalani would wake you up from your mid-day naps.

Our weekend rides to escape cabin fever. How you were very close to our
mothers and you all would be on the phone together every day, all day.

*We just want you to know we will always love you,
our GiGi, our Grandma, our Diva.*

Flowers by:

Park Florist
613 Park Avenue
Plainfield, NJ 07060

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of **Patricia Gordon-Walls** is deeply grateful to all for
your love, support, compassion, and prayers throughout the period of
illness and this time of bereavement. May God's richest blessings be
lavished upon each of you. God Bless you all!

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