

Celebration for the Life of



Patricia Ann Wiggins

September 2, 1944 – April 23, 2014

Monday, April 28, 2014 - 7:00 pm

GRACE BIBLE CLASS CHURCH

54 Pine Street

Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. Bernard Durham, Officiating

Reflections of Life

Early morning September 2, 1944 in Durham, North Carolina at Duke Hospital, a baby girl was born to the late Dred Marshall and Victoria (Allen) McMillan. Her beloved grandmother named her **Patricia Ann**.

Patricia (affectionately called Pat by those who knew and loved her) grew up attending Durham and Wake County Schools. Relocating in Paterson, New Jersey, Patricia attended and graduated from Eastside High School in 1962.

Pat attended Henderson Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Morrisville, North Carolina, participating in its Church school and youth activities. She became a church member, joining the Junior Usher Board at an early age directed by her aunt, the late Beulah Ferrell. After relocation to Paterson, NJ, she continued to be a door keeper in the house of the Lord, joining and working in the youth group after joining St. Augustine Presbyterian Church, then later Grace Bible Class Church. She continued to grow in knowledge, wisdom, and the mighty grace of God. She became an usher to welcome God's people. Pat was a counselor with the Grace Crusaders, a member of Monday Night and Tuesday night Prayer and Bible Studies.

Pat retired in 2000 from North Jersey Developmental Center after thirty-four years of State service. She also worked part time at Community Options Christian Health Care and was an Advocate with the Passaic County Youth Organization. She volunteered with the After School Program at the Paterson YWCA. She enjoyed and loved people, especially young couples, and wanted the best fortune for them.

Pat loved traveling, cruising with friends with trips to Canada, Las Vegas, and Hawaii to name a few. As a bowler, she also traveled with the Passaic County Women's Bowling County, State and National Tournaments. Never won big (smile), but had great fun.

Pat is predeceased by two sons, Lenny Bernard and Baby Boy Wiggins, and former husband, Leonard (Jack Frost) Wiggins; her parents, Dred Marshall and Victoria (McMillan) Anderson; beloved aunts, uncle and cousins.

On Tuesday, April 23, 2104 at 3:01 in the morning, her earthly address changed with no more changes to be made.

She leaves to share memories: a sister, Wanda Anderson of Raleigh, NC; two brothers, Ron Anderson of Bloomfield, Michigan and Bobby Lambeth of Durham, NC; cousins who are like brother and sisters, Sherman Allen of Durham, NC, Devine Okoye of East Orange, NJ, Donnell Shearin of Paterson, NJ; god daughters, Edna Frazier of South Carolina, Annisia Thomas of Paterson, NJ, and Shanda Noel of East Orange, NJ; two aunts, Luretha Walker of Washington, DC, Dorothy Harris of Durham, NC and beloved church family, former fellow workers and neighbors. In addition, cherishing her memories include special friend, Nathaniel Riggins of Norfolk, Virginia, and lifelong friends, Martha Thomas of Paterson, NJ and Marilyn Joyce Bingham of Durham, NC.

Lots of family and friends are gone; now I join them. And God washed my sins away, For I confessed my sins. He forgave me and I was sealed with His Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13) in order to see my Saviour's face, to hear Him say "well done; welcome home", and to thank Him in person for His saving grace.

-Respectfully Submitted by Patricia Ann McMillan Wiggins

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Selection

Obituary

Eulogy
Rev. Bernard Durham

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey

The Master Called

*I'm sorry I had to leave you.
My loved ones, oh so dear.
But you see, the Master called me,
His voice was very clear!
I had made my reservation
A heaven bound ticket for one,
And I knew that He would call me
When He felt my work was done.
I know that your hearts are heavy
Because I have gone away,
But when the Master called me,
I knew that I could not stay.
Yes, I'm sorry I had to leave you
My loved ones, oh so dear,
But, you see, the Master called me
And, now I'm resting here.
Yes, I've crossed on over to glory
And to you all I say
Just stay in the hands of Jesus
And we'll meet again someday.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

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