

Celebration for the Life of



Patricia O. Artis

May 20, 1944 – June 20, 2014

Thursday, June 26, 2014 - 11:00 a.m.

CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH

535 East 22nd Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Barry Graham, Officiating
Maurice Boddie, Organist

Reflections of Life

Patricia Ola Artis was born on May 20, 1944 in Hamlet, NC to the late William Leak and Helen Griffin Leak, and resided in Paterson, NJ most of her life.

Patricia was raised in Englewood, NJ where she received her elementary and high school education. She moved to Paterson, and continued her education at Montclair State University, earning her Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education.

Patricia held several positions throughout her lifetime as Head Cashier at Bloomingdale, Hackensack, NJ; Head Director of Paterson Day Care 100, Paterson, NJ; Paterson Shade Company, Paterson, NJ. She was a manager of Tupperware of the "Peppermint Patties for five years, and Vital Signs of Totowa, NJ.. She then decided to open her own business, Step-Up Day Care in Paterson, where she was the Owner and Director. She was also the owner of B&Gee's Deli of Paterson. She was a member of Passaic County African Americans 100 Plus, and the Canaan Baptist Church of Paterson.

She was united in holy matrimony with William B. Artis for thirty-two years until his passing. To this union was blessed with six children.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William B. Artis; her parents, William Leak and Helen M. Griffin Leak Green; brothers, William Leak, Jr. and Warren Leak; and a sister, Susan Thompson.

Patricia leaves to cherish fond memories, her loving and devoted children; Phillip Leak of Paterson, NJ, Garlawrence (Valerie) Artis of Tallahassee, FL; Crystal Artis of Paterson, NJ; Jada (Kurt) LAssiter of Clifton, NJ; and Gerard Artis of Paterson, NJ; She also leaves eighteen grandchildren, Felicia Leak, Phillip Leak, Jr., TiBria Redd, Latonya Cook, La Don Enzor, Shaniqua Enzor, Garlawrence Artis, Jr., Lamar Artis, Christopher Artis, Tarrell Toulson, Travell Toulson, Trashawn Toulson, Eric Ross, Amir Artis, Kurt Lassiter, Chavi Lassiter, Gerald Duffy, and Destiny Duffy

Patricia has two surviving siblings, Alan (Ruth) Leak and Sharleen (Marvin) Williams, all of Paterson, NJ; three sisters in-law, Mary Artis, Kathleen Artis and Barbara Barnes; a devoted friend, Gloria "Sissy" Draper; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends and neighbors.



Order of Service

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Old Testament..... Gloria Draper

New Testament..... Barbara Barnes

Selection

Acknowledgements..... Glynis Hill

Poem..... Family

Reading of Obituary..... Adrienne Blount

Reflections..... Family

Eulogy..... Rev. Barry Graham
Canaan Baptist Church, Paterson, NJ

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment

Fairlawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey

When Tomorrow Starts Without Me



When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see if the sun should rise and find your eyes, all filled with tears for me. I wish so much you wouldn't cry, the way you did today, while thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say. I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too. But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand that an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said, "my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind, all those I dearly love." But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home. When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne. He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you." Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, for today will always last. And since each day's the same way, there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart. For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family of the late **Patricia O. Artis** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to their family during this hour of bereavement.
May God Bless and Keep You!*

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