

Celebration of Life for

Viola Lena Patterson



Sunrise
July 9, 1965

Sunset
December 24, 2015

Saturday, January 2, 2016 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

153 Lawrence Street
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Dr. Odinga Maddox II, Pastor
Rev. Dorothy A. Patterson, Eulogist

Reflections of Life



Viola Lena Patterson, age 50 was born in Paterson, NJ on July 9, 1965.

She was educated early in life in Lamar, SC. She migrated back to Paterson, NJ in 1978. She graduated from John F. Kennedy High School Paterson, NJ in 1983.

She was employed at ARC of Bergen County and attended Spectrum Day Center in North Haledon, NJ until her departure.

She was a member of New AME Zion Church Paterson, NJ, where she served as a member of the Usher Board. She loved to greet people at the door.

She loved coffee, music, dancing and getting her nails done and she took shopping to a whole new level. Even if she was not in a good mood the mere mention of shopping put a big smile on her face. If you gave her coffee she would be your best friend until it was finished! Viola did not talk much however she used her hands to express her feelings. Hence, there was never a doubt about how she felt.

She was predeceased by her mother, Mamie (Patterson) Wilcox and her sister, Barbara (Patterson) Green.

Viola departed this life on Thursday, December 24, 2015.

She is survived by her father, Harry McKenzie; brothers, Frankie (Oranetta) Patterson, Lenis James (Bonnie), Mark Hickman (Keisha), Harry Brown, Timothy Patterson, Keith James and Kenneth Harrison; sisters, Linda Reed-Taylor, Gloria Scuthins (James), Janice Wilson (Kenneth), Sarah Brown, Gwendolyn McKinsey, Dorothy Patterson and Marie James; two aunts, Alice Rogers and Susan Zimmerman; one god sister, Irene Pyke; nineteen nieces and nephews, twenty-five great nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service

Reverend Janet Jones, Officiating
Rossville AME Zion Church, Staten Island, NY

Musical Prelude

Processional

Hymn of Praise “Blessed Assurance”

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Psalm 23 Sis. Irene R. Pyke
Wallace Temple AME Zion Church, Bayonne, NJ

New Testament - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Rev. Dr. Thelma Gattis
St. Mark AME Zion Church, Cliffwood, NJ

Prayer of Comfort Pastor Gwendolyn McKinsey
Bountiful Blessings Fellowship Ministries, Hartsford, CT

Selection New Church Choir

Acknowledgements & Resolutions Rev. Dr. Dennison Harrield, Jr.
Wallace Chapel AME Zion Church, Summit, NJ

Reflections of Life..... Sister Marie James

Reflections Church
Family

Solo Bro. Willie Williams

Words of Comfort/Eulogy Rev. Dorothy A. Patterson
Wallace Temple AME Zion, Bayonne, NJ

SoloEvangelist Janice C. Wilson
Universal Deliverance Praise and Worship Center, Florence, SC

Recessional & (Medley of Songs)

Committal ~ Benediction ~ Interment

Monday, January 2, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

Laurel Grove Cemetery

295 Totowa Road, Totowa, New Jersey

Do not stand
at my grave and weep:
I am not there,
I do not sleep.

I am a thousand
winds that blow:
I am the diamond
glints on snow.

I am the sunlight
on ripened grain:
I am the gentle
Autumn's rain.

When you awaken
in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in
circled flight.
I am the soft stars
that shines at night.

Do not stand
at my grave and cry.
I am not there.
I did not die.



Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Viola Lena Patterson** 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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