

In Loving Memory of



Patricia A. Dortson

Sunrise
April 11, 1956

Sunset
June 13, 2016

Service

Tuesday, June 20, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

Whigham Funeral Home

580 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Newark, New Jersey

Bishop Rudy Carlton, Officiating

Obituary

Patricia Anne Garrett was born the only child to Harry and Gladys Garrett on April 11, 1956 in Spartanburg, SC.

The Garretts spent a few more years in South Carolina before moving to New Jersey, during Patricia's elementary years. She attended Miller Street Elementary School, Weequahic High School, and some courses at Kean College. She also earned several trophies and medals as a bowler.

Patricia didn't know it then, but some of her childhood friends would forever change her life. At age twelve, she met and became best friends with a little girl named Kareemah and was eventually endeared by the rest of Kareemah's family, the Harrisons. However; it was Kareemah's older brother, Charles that Patricia would eventually form the most important bond. Out of that bond came their one and only child, Candice (whom she affectionately called Lil' Short Girl) and the two were wed two months later on July 2, 1977.

Entering the workforce in 1979, Patricia accepted a job at Bell Atlantic and ended her career there, retiring after thirty-one years of service. She met some wonderful people there. People whom she would say "knew how to get the party started. If you want to have a good time, look for my 900 crew." More importantly, she met the woman that would become her most beloved friend, Alice.

Patricia loved to bowl, dance, and watch movies. Surprisingly, old westerns were one of her favorites. She also liked to sew, but don't ask her to do anything more than fix a button or hem. She was a great cook, and would prepare you anything, but would only bake one dessert - sweet potato pie!

To know Patricia was to truly love her. She was sweet, nurturing, and generous. Even with all of those wonderful qualities, Patricia could be stubborn as an ox. Though having only one child by birth, a handful of her daughter's friends called her "Mama Pat". Patricia loved them as if they were her own, and they loved her right back.

Patricia leaves to mourn: her daughter, Candice; a son, Derrick, their two children (her babies) Jamir and Jalen; seven brothers and sisters-in-law, a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and life-long friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading - Erica Pulliam
Old Testament – Isaiah 41:10
New Testament – Revelations 21:1-5

Prayer of Comfort
Minister Jermaine Eaddy

Reading of Obituary
Kimberly Parker

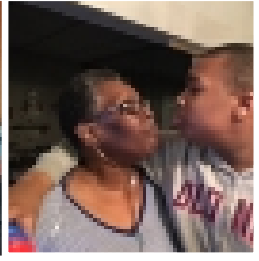
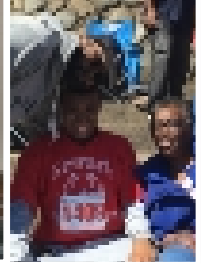
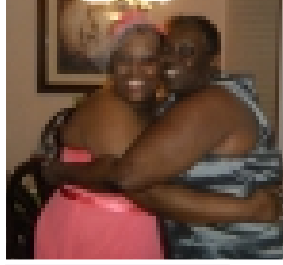
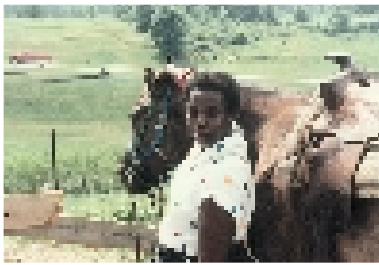
Family Reflections
(2 Minutes)

Eulogy
Bishop Rudy Carlton
Jehovah Jireh/Praise & Worship Center
Newark, NJ

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey



Acknowledgement

With sincere appreciation, we would like to thank our family and friends for their expressions of love and kindness during our time of bereavement. We love and appreciate you all.

May God continue to bless each of you.

-Derrick and Candice

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