

Celebrating The Life of
Rozean S. Patterson



Sunrise
January 2, 1921

Sunset
August 10, 2017

Friday, August 18, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

259 S. Broad Street • Ridgewood, New Jersey

Rev. Mack Brandon, Officiating

Johnetta Bush, Organist

Reflections of Life

Rozean S. Patterson was born January 2, 1921 in Marion, Alabama, to William and Mary Saunders Smith. She was one of eight children reared in love and a strong Christian ethic. She joyfully entered into Eternal Peace after a long illness on August 10, 2017.

As a young girl, Rozean accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and began her journey in His discipleship at Mt. Tabor A.M.E. Zion Church, in Marion.

Upon graduating from Lincoln High School, she moved to Ridgewood and met her husband Leslie Louis Patterson, now deceased. Their love and commitment blessed them with five children: David and Michael Patterson and Jean Dorsey, all of Ridgewood; Bruce (and his wife, Ok) of Atlanta, Georgia; and Julie Patterson, of Wallington, New Jersey.

Rozean was a member of Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, Ridgewood, New Jersey. She served with dedication on several boards and organizations. They are as follows: The Deaconess Board; the Sunday School, where she served as both a teacher and superintendent; class leader; the Senior Choir; and, the Trustee Board. Within the community, she also belonged to the Household of Ruth. An ardent reader, Bible scholar, and writer, Rozean took a typing class at Ridgewood High School to combine her love of these three areas which, in turn, inspired her to write even more.

Outside of her children, those left to cherish her memory are her three grandchildren: Heather (James) Lambert; Patricia (William) DiGiacomo and William (Solei) Patterson; her four great-grandchildren Amanda and Damon Lambert, Christian and Alessia DiGiacomo; her sister, Amy Eileen Smith; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements & Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Mack Brandon

Recessional

Interment

Valleau Cemetery
Ridgewood, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.*

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgement

The family 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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