



Ms. Paulette M. Patterson

May 19, 1949 - January 25, 2020

The family of Paulette M. Patterson, age 70, announces her passing which occurred on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at her home with her family by her side.

Paulette was born on May 19, 1949 in Durham County. A graduate of the '67 class of Merrick Moore, Paulette was a part of a close-knit group of friends who enjoyed each other's company. After graduation, Paulette enrolled in Durham Community College. While at Duke University Hospital for 35 years, Paulette worked on several units to provide administrative support for the hospital staff. In 2004, she retired from Duke. Not ready to be fully retired, Paulette returned to Duke in a similar role.

Paulette began her walk with Christ at an early age. At Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Paulette served as an usher, participated in Sunday School, Baptist Training Union (BTU), in several choirs and managed the church's social media platform. In 2019, she was honored as the longest serving president of the Mount Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Choir.

We remember fondly her silky, smooth voice as one of the lead singers in the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Gospel Choir. To name a few..."God Specializes", "More and More Like Jesus", "Just a Few Things", "Through It All" and especially "Hiding Place". We remember her tiny little hand lifted in praise.

There were a lot of things that Paulette loved, especially her son, Kelvin Earl. Paulette did not let Kelvin's unique way of doing things dissuade her from providing the best life for him. Just the mention of Paulette's name brought the biggest smile on Kelvin's face.

On last Friday, as Kelvin was leaving for the day, mom heard Paulette call out "Good bye Kelvin" for the last time.

We will miss the text messages to remind us to pay our deposit for family trips by a certain date (or be deleted from the list). We will miss her quiet, attentive ear. We will miss "Go for

it! You can do it!" We'll miss seeing her sitting quietly in the big red chair in mom's living room on her iPad or phone. We will miss dancing to Frankie Beverly's "Before I Let You Go." We'll miss "trash talking" about Duke-Carolina basketball! We love you, Paulette!

Paulette leaves to cherish her memories her son, Kelvin Earl Patterson; mother, Lillie P. Watson; three sisters, Edna P. Mitchell (Dwight), Tammy Williams and Michelle Seymour (Rodney); two brothers, Thomas Patterson (Rose) and Samuel Watson (Robin); one uncle, Robert Patterson; one aunt, Ethel Patterson; and a host of other relatives and friends.

A Service of Celebration has been scheduled for Saturday, February 1, 2020, at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 5222 Mount Sinai Road, Durham, North Carolina 27705. The family will assemble for a visitation from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., followed by the celebration service, at 11:30 respectively, with Reverend Harold Timberlake delivering the eulogy.

In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

5222 Mt. Sinai Rd
Durham, NC 27705

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Mt Sinai Missionary Baptist Church
5222 Mount Sinai Rd
Durham, NC 27705
(919) 489-3989

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Paulette M. Patterson*

October 05, 2023 at 11:31 AM



“ *Ethel Holloway lit a candle in memory of Ms. Paulette M. Patterson*



Ethel Holloway - February 02, 2020 at 05:13 PM



Bernard
Duncan

“ *Condolences to the family.*



Bernard Duncan - February 01, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *James and Paula Lacewell extend their sympathy to the family during this time bereavement*



Paula Nunn - February 01, 2020 at 11:50 AM



“ *My condolences to the Patterson, Watson & Mitchell family. My prayers are with you. May the strength of The Lord carry you during this time.*



Dollie Brewington - January 31, 2020 at 11:40 AM

DC

“ *Derrek Croney lit a candle in memory of Ms. Paulette M. Patterson*



Derrek Croney - January 31, 2020 at 10:52 AM

BE

“ *Barbara Webb Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ms. Paulette M. Patterson*



Barbara Webb Edwards - January 30, 2020 at 02:15 AM

FW

“ *To the family of Ms. Paulette M Patterson, I send my prayers and my heartfelt sympathy and condolences. Know that our earthly loss of Paulette is heaven's gain. It is my prayer that God's love, peace and comfort will surround you now and will be with you in the days to come. I love you all and will continue to keep you lifted in prayer.*



Florets L Walls - January 29, 2020 at 10:02 PM

SN

To The Patterson/Watson Family. May God caress your heart with the strength and comfort needed during this time of grief and sorrow. May he continue to bless you with the peace that is needed in the hours, days, weeks, and months to come. I will continue to remember your family in prayer.

*With Deepest Sympathy
Love, Sylvia Nutall*

Sylvia Nutall - January 30, 2020 at 01:40 AM

CW

*I lift the family in love and pray peace and comfort for you. Paulette is free from illness and pain. She will sing in the heavenly chorus and will be with us here always in spirit.
Much Love, Carletha*

Carletha Walls - January 30, 2020 at 10:29 AM

EH

My sincere condolences to the patterson family.

Ethel Holloway - February 02, 2020 at 05:13 PM

MC

“ *Monica Haughton Cates lit a candle in memory of Ms. Paulette M. Patterson*



Monica Haughton Cates - January 29, 2020 at 02:23 PM

MC

My condolences to the family our sister is gone to her hiding place. She will be missed in our church and community. Farewell my sister

Monica Haughton Cates - January 29, 2020 at 02:54 PM

JD

“ *PRAYING FOR MR. PATTERSON, WIFE AND FAMILY. EARTH HAS NO SORROW THAT HEAVEN HAS NOT ALREADY HEALED!!*

JONTHAN DOWNING - January 29, 2020 at 12:58 PM

CJ

“ *Mrs Paulette will be very missed her smile would lite up the room when I came to take care of her. Short time that I gotten to know her was such a pleasure. As the family members that our past crossed such sweet people's. I'm very sorry for your loss it's a hard one but as time passes memories of Mrs Paulette will help you through this time. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to come to know her and taking care of her.*

Love you all

CATHERINE PERRY- JEFFERYS- AMEDISYS HOSPICE AIDE

Catherine perry- jefferys - January 28, 2020 at 11:49 AM

VE

“ *In Memory of MS Paulette Patterson, and Praying for the family that God Will see you through this .*

Mr. And Mrs. Otis Johnson.



velma - January 28, 2020 at 10:52 AM

EH

“ *Ethel Holloway lit a candle in memory of Ms. Paulette M. Patterson*



Ethel Holloway - January 27, 2020 at 04:43 PM

GP

“ *You had the kind of voice to sing God's praises that could touch hearts and lift spirits because the songs you sang made people feel all better about what they were going through. I will continuously keep the family lifted up in prayer. Keep your eyes lifted to the hills from whence cometh your help. With love and prayers Geraldine Patterson*



Geraldine Patterson - January 26, 2020 at 07:29 PM

SJ

While sitting here in my bed room thinking that I can not remember a time I visited Mt Sinai you were not there singing in the choir working in the kitchen with a smile on her face she will be miss but her deeds will always be remembered Thank You Paulette for sharing your smile and humble personality. The Glenn Johnson Family to my we are deeply sadden to hear of your great loss.

Shirley Johnson - January 26, 2020 at 09:48 PM

RH

Paulette was a kind and gentle soul! She didn't want to worry anyone when she was going through but knew God was with her all the way. Her family was with her too through it all until the end. Paulette I'm truly going to miss you. Especially when me and you would get together every Sunday you had to sing and we would hold hands and pray and you always sing to the Glory of God and you blessed the people too. I won't be able to say sing Lette down here anymore but I will always carry those songs on my heart. Love you girl with all my heart. And to the family I've always felt like I was family and I am feeling this loss just as you all are. If there is anything I can do please don't hesitate to ask. Love y'all too!!

Renee Haughton - January 29, 2020 at 12:53 PM

BE

*May the Patterson family find comfort during this very difficult time. May GOD be with you all
Barbara Webb Edwards*

Barbara Webb Edwards - January 30, 2020 at 02:13 AM

SA

"To the Patterson and Watson Families :

The special people in our lives are never really gone, so it is with Paulette. She has a cherished place in our hearts where she will always be remembered. How can we forget that beautiful voice, I am thinking and praying for you all. She had a special thing that she said to me when she came to church, I shall keep to my self but I will treasure always. Comfort, Strength and hope to each of you, God be with you"

Shirley Alston

SHIRELY ALSTON - January 30, 2020 at 02:47 PM