

Celebrating the Life of



Mamie Patterson Wilcox

December 23, 1933 - June 15, 2011

Service

Tuesday, June 21, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.

NEW A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

153 Lawrence Place
Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Robert Russell, Officiating

*For God so loved my Family that he gave us Grandma!!
You fed us, clothed us, taught us and molded us.
You sang to me, listened to me, and talked to me all
while you'd walk with me.
You scratched my back; you sat me on your lap,
You combed & brushed my hair,
And held my head to your heart that was dear.
You always dictated, never imitated and even in
situations that were complicated,
You maintained being consistently motivated.
You pulled us up when we'd lose and cheer us on to win,
You pointed out our mistakes and corrected them.
You disciplined me, praised me,
Constructively criticized me, you practically raised me!
For us you set high expectations but loved with no
limitations.
You favored none and loved us all; you came when we
would call,
And responded to our downfalls.
You loved us all in your own special ways,
In each and every second of every day.
And although we shared you differently,
We all had our GRANDMA 100% wholeheartedly.
We will always have the laughter, the tears, the
sorrows, the fears,
The joys, the triumphs and the never ending fun.
We have, to take with us: life's lessons you've given,
Those hilarious statements you created, the songs you
remixed with your personal flare,
And most importantly, your spirit that we all will share.
You were classy and cool, exciting and fun,
So in our heart of hearts we can't be mad because the
best is yet to come.
This is why you're not nearly done,
Through us your legacy forever lives on.*

*By Tish Johnson
aka your Sponky!*



Reflections of Life



Mamie Patterson Wilcox, age 77, was born in Sumter, South Carolina. She was educated in the Sumter, SC School system. She was a member of St. John United Methodist Church, Oates, SC, where she accepted Christ at an early age. She migrated to Paterson, New Jersey in the 70's.

She was employed by the Paterson Board of Education until she retired. Ms. Wilcox was a member of the New A.M.E. Zion Church, Paterson, NJ, where she served on the Usher Board and the Seniors Ministry. This past year she rededicated her life back to Christ.

Ms. Wilcox loved her family endlessly, she found pleasure in cooking, baking and buying them things. She never missed a school, sports, social or any event in relations to her children, grands or great grandchildren. She looked forward to the Wednesdays outings she would have with her sisters, she called it their Seniors Day getting discounts everywhere. Her heart was always opened to anyone who enter her home. Ms. Wilcox was a fashionable, humorous, humble, loyal, shy woman who had no problems speaking her mind in regards to her family. Here's a few of her favorite sayings, "Caprice" meaning "Kapeesh", nothing beat a favor but a try, I don't like no cheap mess, ah man chuk.

Ms. Wilcox departed this life on Wednesday, June 15, 2011.

Ms. Wilcox was predeceased by her parents, George and Isabell Patterson; daughter, Barbara Patterson Green and five siblings.

Ms. Wilcox is survived by her sons, Frankie Patterson (Oranetta), Lenis James (Bonnie), Timothy Patterson and Keith James; daughters, Linda Reed-Taylor, Dorothy Patterson, Viola Patterson and Marie James; sisters, Alice Rogers, Sarah Williams and Isabella Shipman; nineteen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; two grandsons-in-law; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.



Ms. Wilcox will live forever through her legacy!



*Precious
Memories*



Order of Service

Prelude

Processional

Selection

Scriptures Reading
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Acknowledgements and Remarks

Reflections of Life

Selection

Eulogy Rev. Robert Russell

Recessional



Interment
Laurel Grove Cemetery
Totowa, New Jersey



Psalm 23

The Lord is My Shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul. He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies. Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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