

A portrait of Linda P. Patrick, a smiling Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a white off-the-shoulder top, a gold necklace, and a gold earring. The background is a bright blue sky with soft white clouds. In the bottom right corner, there is a large white daisy flower with a yellow center, set against a green grassy field.

Celebration of Life

Linda P. Patrick

Sunrise
November 18, 1950

Sunset
June 23, 2014

Monday, June 30, 2014 -11:00 a.m.

EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

153 William Street
Orange, New Jersey

Rev. William Rutherford III, Officiating

Rev. Edward Allen, Eulogist

Emory Lee, Organist

Obituary

Linda Patrick was born on November 18, 1950 in Shelby, North Carolina to the late Willie Mae and Henry Ratchford, Sr.

Linda departed from her family on June 23, 2014 at Brookhaven Nursing Home.

Linda attended and graduated from the Shelby, North Carolina School system and completed two years at Essex County College in Newark, NJ.

Linda retired in 2013 from the Social Security Office in Newark, NJ where she was a Supervisor before retiring after thirty-eight years of service.

Linda and Vincent met and started dating in 1989. On December 14, 1991, Vincent and Linda were happily married.

Linda will be lovingly remembered for being kind and giving. She was a loving person, who always put family first. She loved to travel especially to Atlantic City the Family will always remember her cooking for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Linda leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Vincent Patrick; brothers, Dexter Douglas, Jimmy Perry and the late Henry Ratchford, Jr.; loving niece, Nichole Douglas; favorite uncle, James Patterson of Shelby, North Carolina; best friend for life, Aberta Partlow of Shelby, North Carolina; mother-in-law, Elizabeth Johnson; and a host of relatives and friends. A special thanks to Godfrey Foote for all his help and love.

Order of Service

<i>Musical Prelude</i>	<i>Emory Lee</i>
<i>Seating of Family</i>	<i>The Funeral Director</i>
<i>Prayer of Comfort</i>	<i>Rev. William Rutherford III</i>
<i>Scripture</i>	<i>Evangelist Denise Allen</i>
<i>Musical Selection</i>	<i>Emory Lee</i>
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	<i>Debra Crute</i>
<i>Obituary</i>	<i>Debra Crute</i>
<i>Reflections</i>	<i>2 Minutes Please</i>
<i>Eulogy</i>	<i>Rev. Edward Allen</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>Clergy and Family</i>

Interment

*Rosedale Cemetery
Orange, New Jersey*

Repast

*Immediately following the interment family and friends
are invited for repast in the church fellowship hall.*

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 thank all who have extended support for,
spoken a kind word to, or done some act of kindness during our
time of bereavement. May God bless each of you all for your
thoughtfulness and concern.*

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