

A portrait of a woman, Janis P. Reeves, wearing a large black hat with a floral arrangement and a dark blue top. She is smiling and holding a large bouquet of pink and white roses. The background is a soft, pinkish-white floral pattern.

*In Loving  
Memory  
of*

*Janis P. Reeves*

*Sunrise*

February 21, 1949

*Sunset*

October 20, 2014

*Service*

Saturday, November 1, 2014 - 12:00 Noon

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## *Obituary*

**Janis P. Reeves**, mother, friend, protector and provider died of natural causes on Monday, October 20, 2014 at the age of sixty-five.

Janis was born on February 21, 1949 in Newark, New Jersey to Thomas and Dorothy Patterson. As her parent's only child, Janis was showered with love and support from an early age. Thomas and Dorothy taught their daughter the importance of family and staying true to who you are, two important principles she upheld and lived by until her very last breath. Janis earned a Bachelor's Degree from Fayetteville State University in North Carolina and went on to pursue a long career in business. Her most recent position as a Senior Claims Adjuster for Hub International, a leading global insurance brokerage, was one she loved and valued.

Janis was an avid traveler who enjoyed seeing the world and spending time with those she loved. Her favorite vacation destinations were the Bermuda and Bahamas islands, because of their warm climates, serene environments and easy lifestyles. Her kind approachable demeanor, made it easy for her to connect with all those who crossed her path. As a result, you often found Janis going out to dinner, the movies or any other social activity that would allow her the opportunity to spend time with family, friends and coworkers. Throughout her life, she was a mentor, confidant and educator to all those who sought her counsel. Her philosophy on life was rooted in the teachings of her parents: Support your family and friends through it all, because they will keep you sane in your darkest hour; wipe their tears, console their pain and laugh with them until it hurts.

A devoted and thoughtful mother, Janis is survived by: her son, Brandon T. Reeves, who like her parents, taught him several valuable lessons, 1) trust in God no matter what stage of life you find yourself, 2) love your family and truest friends unconditionally, and above all else 3) be thankful for each day God allows you to wake because you never know when He will call you home. She also leaves behind lifelong friends, Joyce Sumner, whom she shared over sixty years of friendship, Penny Kleibacker and Vagina Jenkins, whom she shared over thirty years of friendship. Janis was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Patterson and her mother, Dorothy S. Patterson.

As is customary with all great teachers, Janis P. Reeves leaves behind a legacy for each of us to follow in the simple words she often used to remind her son: "Enjoy it all; every decade, every year, every month, day, hour and minute. Never waste any of it, because in the end, each and every moment matters."

## Order of Service

*Musical Prelude*.....*Organist*

*Processional*.....*Family*

*Prayer of Comfort*.....*Min.*

*Loving Words of Reflection*.....*Joyce Sumner*

*Scripture Readings*.....*Sonya Harvey*

*Old Testament - Isaiah 40:28-31*

*New Testament - Revelation 14:13*

*Solo*.....*Organist (If they can sing)*

*Obituary*.....*Christopher Bloodworth*

*Eulogy*.....*Min.*

*Recessional*.....*Min.*





# *Tears*

*If tears could build a stairway,  
And memories were a lane,  
We would walk right up to heaven  
To bring you home again.  
No farewell words were spoken  
No time to say goodbye  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.  
Our hearts still ache in sadness  
And secret tears still flow,  
What it meant to lose you,  
no one will ever know.*

## *Acknowledgements*

*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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