

Celebrating
A LIFE WELL LIVED

*Patricia D.
Darrell*

Sunrise: November 4, 1942

Sunset: August 14, 2026

Thursday, August 27, 2026
7pm

Rose of Sharon Community Church

825 W. 7th Street, Plainfield NJ 07063

Rev. Mae Belin, Pastor

Order of Service

Hymn

“This Day” — Whitney Houston

Prayer of Comfort:

Yasin Cobb

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament: Psalm 23 - Earl Cox

New Testament: John 14:27 - Lynette Khalfani-Cox

Solo:

“Bridge Over Troubled Water”

Kamuela Tillman

Reflections:

Family & Friends

Reading of the Obituary:

Zaniah Green

Musical Selection:

“My First Safe Place ” — Kamuela Tillman

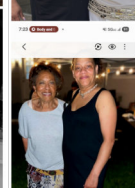
This song is a dedication from daughter to mother

Eulogy:

Yasin Cobb

Closing Prayer:

Yasin Cobb



Obituary

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of **Patricia Darrell** affectionately known as **Pat, Ms. Pat, and Mommy Pat.**

Patricia Darrell 83, of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, passed away peacefully at home on August 14, 2026. Born on November 4, 1942, to Junius Franklin and Nancy B. Jackson. Pat was born and raised in Plainfield New Jersey. Pat graduated from Plainfield High School in 1959. Later in life, she attended and graduated from Kean College in Union, New Jersey. From the very beginning, Pat was a woman destined to leave her mark on the lives of everyone fortunate enough to have made her acquaintance.

Pat was truly one of a kind!! Some might say that she was a true “O.G.”! She was strong, determined, independent, and never EVER afraid to speak her mind. She believed in telling the truth, even when it wasn’t always what someone wanted to hear. If you knew Pat, you knew exactly where you stood with her. She was direct, honest, and unapologetically herself.

Behind that strong exterior was a woman with a tremendous heart. Pat was dependable, loyal and when she loved you, she loved you fiercely and deeply. She had a way of making her presence known, not only because of her strong personality, but because of the warmth, laughter, and energy she brought wherever she went. Her wit and SARCASM could make you laugh endlessly. Pat’s family and friends will forever remember her unique sense of humor and the countless memories she’s created.

Pat was a woman of remarkable determination and hard work. Pat began her career as a Secretary for the South Second Street Youth Center in Plainfield. From there, she built a successful career as a case work supervisor for the Division of Youth and Family Services in Elizabeth, Newark, and Perth Amboy. For more than 50 years, she mastered preparing taxes, carrying on a family legacy after inheriting the business from her father. She took great pride in her work providing a service that people trusted. Her independence and entrepreneurial spirit reflected the woman she was; capable, resilient, intelligent, and never afraid of hard work.

Be clear, Pat also knew how to enjoy life to the fullest! She loved her home and took great pride in making it a show place that reflected who she was. Her home was her sanctuary filled with the things she loved as well as the many memories she created. Pat had a special love for plants and gardening. She took pleasure in nurturing and watching things grow. Her garden was a reflection of her patience, care, and appreciation for beauty.

Music was an intricate part of Pat’s life. She loved playing and listening to music and allowing it to bring back memories, lifting her spirit and setting the mood. She was also a talented dancer (“It’s all in the hips”) and an entertainer. She loved to travel, attend gatherings, host cookouts and spend time with the people she loved. Pat understood that life was meant to be lived as well as enjoyed.

Pat always made an everlasting impression; she loved to look her best and was known for being dressed to the nines, always sharp and ready for whatever the day or night had to offer.

To say the very least, Pat was a force of nature! She was a mother, businesswoman, sister, grandmother, friend, gardener, entertainer, and a pillar to all who knew her. She was someone you could depend on for honesty, guidance, strength, or simply a good laugh. She left an impression that could never easily be forgotten.

Family and Loved Ones

Pat was preceded in death by her beloved former husband, Charles Darrell Jr.; her parents, Junius and Nancy Franklin; daughter Beth Ann Darrell, her siblings, Lawrence and Rodney Franklin and son in-law Bilal Johnson.

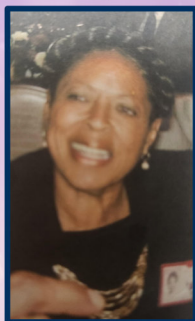
She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Charles Darrell III and Nichole “Nikki” Darrell, her siblings, Gregory (Sheila) Franklin and Terry Franklin; grandchildren, Jordan M. Darrell and Daniel Dudley.

Pat will also be lovingly remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives she touched throughout the years.

*Farewell to you and the youth I have spent with you.
It was but yesterday we met in a dream.
You have sung to me in my aloneness,
and I of your longings have built a tower in the sky.
But now our sleep has fled and our dream is over,
and it is no longer dawn.*

*The moontide is upon us and our half
waking has turned to fuller day, and we must part,
If in the twilight of memory we should meet once more,
we shall speak again together
and you shall sing to me a deeper song.
And if our hands should meet in another dream
we shall build another tower in the sky.*

Kahlil Gibran, The Prophet



*Rest peacefully, Mommy Pat
Your work here is done. Your garden is planted.
Your music has played. Your memories have been made.
And now, it is time for you to rest peacefully.
You will forever be loved, remembered and remain in our hearts.
Pat "Mommy Pat" We love you eternally.*

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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