

A Letter From Mom

I Love you more than Words can say,
I am so proud of the woman you
have become. We went through
hard times but we always had
each other. We had ups and
downs but God always saw
us through. Although I am
missing you, you are forever
in my heart. I thank God for
the time that he gave us.

Love dearly,
Your Mom.

Acknowledgement

We, the family of *Gwendolyn Patilla*,
would like to express our gratitude and sincere
appreciation to everyone for their prayers,
kind words, and acts of kindness shown to us
during our hour of bereavement.

God Bless and Keep you.

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immediately following the burial.

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In Loving Memory Of

*Gwendolyn
Patilla*

Sunrise
July 18th 1976

Sunset
August 29th 2026

Friday September 11th, 2026

Viewing 10:00am

Funeral Service: 11:00am

James E. Churchman Jr.
Funeral Home

Order of Service

Processional

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Elder Sabrina Owens

New Testament - Nathaniel White

Prayer Of Comfort

Bianca Jones

Words Of Expression

Apostle Florence Plumber

Cards, Obituary, and Resolution

Elder Owens

Remarks and Reflection

Friends and Family

Selection

Jala Danae

Video Presentation

Created by Shakur Gibson

Eulogy

Final Viewing

Closing Prayer and Benediction

Recessional

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Hillside, New Jersey

Gwendolyn Patilla was born on July 18, 1976, at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. She departed this life on Saturday, August 29, 2026. Gwendolyn was the youngest of four children born to Grace Patilla and the late David Lee Alston.

Gwendolyn grew up in Newark, New Jersey, and attended the Newark Public School System. She was a proud member of Upper Room Faith Deliverance Ministries.

Gwendolyn worked as a CDL bus driver for ESC Huntington County Bus Company. She was also a talented entrepreneur and the proud owner of her own mobile boutique, **Sassy Stylez**. She loved creating things with her hands, including custom wine glasses, personalized designs, and beautiful, sassy jewelry. Her passion for art and creativity brought her great joy.

Gwendolyn was a big light that shined in every room she walked into. She had a feisty personality, but she was also so full of love. She truly had a way with words. Whether she was cutting you up with her jokes or laughing with you in the corner, that was her way of sharing a love that will never be forgotten.

Gwendolyn was preceded in death by her father, David Lee Alston; her brother, Keith Patilla; her sister, Marva Patilla; her aunt, Barbara Patilla; and her uncle, Gene Williams.

She leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Grace Patilla; her son, Shakur Gibson; her daughter-in-law, Yishae Gibson; her sister, Michelle (Terri) Ellis; her brother-in-law, Anthony Ellis; her favorite niece, Lakeema Patilla (Pearl); her nephew, Al-Fuquan Patilla; her niece-in-law, Audrey Patilla; her uncle, Ellis, and his wife, Aunt Mary; her goddaughter, Erica Willis; her god-sister, Minnie Thompson (Cree Cree); and her best friend and travel girl, Candy Gainey Kemp.

She also leaves behind a host of beloved friends, cousins, uncles, aunts, great-nieces, and great-nephews to cherish the beautiful memories of her life.

*She was loved by many and will never be forgotten.
Submitted With Love*

The Family

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