

Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life of



Patricia Brantley Woodson

Sunrise: October 6, 1927 - Sunset: January 21, 2020

Service

Thursday, January 30, 2020 ~ 12:00 pm

St. Marks African Methodist Episcopal Church

34 High Street

Cranford, New Jersey 07016

Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis, Pastor

Life Reflections

Patricia Brantley Woodson was born on October 6, 1927 in Newark, New Jersey to Everett G. Brantley and Rachel Brantley (nee Cyrus). When she was very young, the family relocated to Cranford, New Jersey. Patricia attended Cranford Public Schools where she was an active student and served as a Captain of the basketball team.

After graduating from Cranford High School, Patricia attended Howard University in Washington, DC. Patricia later received her Bachelor's degree from Newark State College (now Kean University) in Union, New Jersey. She completed her student teaching requirements with the Cranford Board of Education and became the first full-time African-American Teacher for Cranford Public Schools. Patricia spent the majority of her 30-year career as a First Grade School Teacher at the Hillside Avenue School in Cranford.

She and her former husband, the late Douglass N. Woodson, Sr. lovingly reared two children, Douglas, Jr., and Kimberly M. They were the light of her life.

Patricia was raised as a member of St. Marks A.M.E. Church in Cranford and was active until relocating to Pennsylvania.

She was also a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Alpha Omega Chapter and the Cranford College Woman's Club. Patricia was passionate about cooking and loved to watch cooking TV shows featuring the great French Chef Julia Child. She loved to play cards, especially Bridge and often hosted these gatherings with friends in her home.

After retirement, Patricia enjoyed traveling with her daughter Kim across country and throughout Europe, Japan and the Caribbean Islands. Patricia also loved sports cars and perhaps one of her biggest regrets was not buying that split-top Stingray she coveted so much.

On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, Patricia Brantley Woodson departed this life in Easton, Pennsylvania.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Everett and Rachel Brantley; son, Douglas "Chip" Woodson; brother, Morris A. Brantley and nephew, Mark Brantley.

Patricia leaves to cherish precious memories, her daughter, Kimberly Irwin (husband, Chris Irwin); four grandchildren: Nakeya Irwin Gray (husband, Cheyenne Gray), Christopher Irwin Jr., Kaitlyn Irwin and William Tyler Irwin; two great-granddaughters: Keyana Gray and Kendall Gray; daughter-in-law, Donna Woodson Black; sister-in-law, Armida C. Brantley; nieces: Armida Rebecca (Brantley) Menich and Eva Delores (Brantley) Durand and nephew, John E. Brantley and a host of cousins who will miss her dearly.

Lovingly submitted,
The Family

Order Of Service

Organ Prelude

Vincent Jeffreys

Hymn of Comfort

Scriptures

Old Testament: 23rd Psalm

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Reflections

Sylvia Y. Cyrus

Acknowledgement of Condolences

Obituary

Solo

Faith Towler-Perkins

Eulogy

Rev. Wilfred D. Lewis

Recessional

“The Long and Winding Road” by The Beatles

Interment

Hillside Cemetery

Scotch Plains, New Jersey

Immediately following the Interment, Family and Friends are invited to return to the Church where a Repast will be served.



Pallbearers

John M. Cyrus, II
Cheyenne Gray
William Tyler Irwin

Robert C. Rose
Christopher Irwin, Jr.
Ryan McKeary

God Saw You Getting Tired

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be
so he put his arms around you
and whispered, Come to Me.*

*With tearful eyes we watch you
and saw you pass away
and although we loved you dearly
we could not make you stay.*

*A Golden heart stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove us
he only takes the best.*

Acknowledgement

The family of the late **Patricia Brantley Woodson** expresses gratitude and thanks for your support, prayers and other expressions of sympathy during this time of bereavement. May God continue to richly bless you.