

Obiluary

Deborah Lynn (Butler) Patterson affectionately known as "Debbie" was born on May 30, 1954 in Killarney, West Virginia, to the late Ervin and Rosalie Butler.

She attended Public School # 6 and was a graduate of Eastside High School Class of 1972. She furthered her academic education at Passaic County Community College. She was a lifelong resident of Paterson, NJ.

Deborah was employed by the United States Postal Service, where she was a dedicated employee for over 40 years.

In June of 1976, she joined Frankie L. Patterson in holy matrimony, and from this union, they were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Taylor C. Patterson.

She joined the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and Order of the Eastern Star,

Former Worthy Matron Lady of Alethia #188, Queen of the South National Palace, Eastern Jurisdiction, Lady Love Meisha #6 (Exalted Degree), Life #7 Lambs of (Lady Knights), Pyramid #1 (Shrine Court), Louise Williams #3.



Royal Ladies Assembly, and Knights of Cross (The Roses). She was a dedicated member for over 40 years.

Deborah was a member of Canaan Baptist Church-Paterson, where she served on the Usher Board.

She loved shopping. Her favorite stores were Dollar Tree, TJ Maxx, Macy's, and Barney's.

Deborah was preceded in death by her parents Ervin and Rosalie Butler, and brother Joseph Butler.

She leaves to cherish her memories her daughter; Taylor Patterson (Jamaal Wright), grandson; Kās Mallory, granddaughter; Karter Leary, sister; Wendy Butler-Prater (Albert), nieces; Ericka Gillispie and Nailah Butler, nephew; Jabari Butler, great nieces; Maia Gillispie and Tamari Hill, goddaughter; Yolanda Robinson (Jerome) of Fairburn, GA, and 2 grand dogs; Myladi and Papa, special cousins; Thelma, Renee, Lori, Shari, Allen, Peter. She also leaves behind special friends; Calvin Merritt (brother) Betty Carter, Renee Bronson, Jackie Alexander, Patricia Harkley, Jovce Flowers (Boobie) Bruce Willis, Brother Morgan, (TJ) Karen Fowlkes. Annette Johnson Talieah Jackson, Wanda Brown, Sharon James, Georgianna McCray, her work crew (USPS) and her OES sisters.

a Mother's Love

A mother's love is something that no one can explain, it is made of deep devotion and sacrifice and pain, it is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may for nothing can destroy it or take that love away...

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, and it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking... it believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, and it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems ... It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, and it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation ... a many splendor miracle man cannot understand and another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.





Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings - Jeffrey McGriff
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort Rev. Dorothy Patterson

Selection

Acknowledgments

Remarks
Please limit to 2 minutes

Reflections of Life Annette Jackson

Selection

Words of Comfort Rev. Barry Graham

Recessional

Interment
Fair Lawn Cemetery
Fair Lawn, New Jersey



Asleep

I've closed my eyes and fallen asleep, So there's no reason for you to weep; This is a debt we all must pay, You will see me again someday. I've endured pain and sometimes sorrow, Now I don't have to worry about tomorrow. But life for you must go on, You must not worry because I'm gone. You stood beside me all the way, When I was down, you knew what to say ... You always told me, "get some rest," Let me sleep now, I've done my best. So please let me rest in peace, The tears you're shedding soon will cease. You'll soon realize this was meant to be, I thank God because He came for me. -Emily Dickinson



Im 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

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Deborah L. Butler-Patterson** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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