

Celebrating the Life of



# Tonya J. Patterson

November 11, 1969 ~ September 9, 2023

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023 - 11:00 AM**

**Cotton Funeral Service**

1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

*Joshua Nelson, Organist*



# Obituary

Tonya Jeneen Patterson was born on Nov. 11, 1969 in Newark, NJ to Alonzo Patterson and Denise Hatcher, she was the youngest of two siblings. Tonya was educated at Mother Seton Regional High School where she loved to read, run track and cross country, where she had won many awards and a scholarship for her abilities on the field. Growing up she loved to spend time with her sister and her cousins hanging around in the neighborhood or going to parties Tonya loved to dance and have a good time.

Growing up, Tonya's mother instilled in her children at a young age the importance of a good education, being a harder worker and keeping God first in their lives. Tonya went on to continue her education by completing a certified nursing assistant course and obtaining her SORA License. When it came to working, she loved to find jobs where she can interact with people from being an assistant at a TShirt City, to jobs working in a warehouse but she had come to find a job that she loved at Hackensack Meridian Hospital where she had a position in dietary where it allowed her to help and uplift people and just put a smile on everyone's face which she loved to do. She was truly a social butterfly. On Sundays Tonya loved to attend Agape Family Worship Center where she was an active member and attended service with her mother and her aunt Willis.

In Tonya's down time she enjoyed getting dressed up and attending social events with her oldest daughter her favorite cuddie Shaqwanna and her girlfriends. For hours her and her mother would enjoy each other's company watching movies while she would cook and sometimes crabs and, on her days, off, she would make sure to sit with her daughters and spend time with her grandchildren whom she loved dearly and had special nicknames "Girlfriend\* "Cookie Dough" "Butterfly\* "Pop\* "Junnie" and "Lil Jarrell".

With God being first in Tonya's life he gave her the strength she needed and guided her to give her life to Christ which gave her the power to maintain her sobriety and she faithfully attended her meetings every week.

On Saturday September 9th, 2023, Tonya was called from this home to eternal rest. preceding her in heaven are her grandparents, sister Deneen Mosley, three children Jarrell Patterson, Danielle and Ryan Freeman, bonus son Keshon Wright two aunts Bell Bartlette and Lillie Hatcher, Best friend /Sister Shennell Hopper and April Loyal.

She leaves to cherish her memories her beloved mother Denise Hatcher, father Alonzo Patterson, Two daughters, Tona Chante Patterson, Cierra Barrett, Brother Steven Hatcher, Grandchildren Azi'ah Patterson, Saniyah Patterson, Imani Marquez, Jeremiah Marquez, Karson Marquez, Jaceon Marquez, Sy' hir Randolph, Nephews Shaheed Smith and Kamal Barrett, One Uncle Franklin Hatcher, two Aunts Willis William (George William) and Reanous Dove, Mary Ellen Lewis who was like a second mother, Bonus sister Kisha Cureton, Close family friend Mrs. Lena Banks, longtime Best friends Juanita Sykes and Towanda Morales and a special friend and a host of very special cousins, nephews and friends. Can't forget her most beloved pet cat Lil baby.

Humbly Submitted, The Family

*Never Say Goodbye, Its Always See You Later ~ 1969-2023*

# Order of Service

Procession - Clergy & Family

Selection

Scripture Reading

Old Testament - Christine Hatcher

New Testament - Barbara Hatcher

Prayer of Comfort - Bonnie Hatcher

Selection - "God Is"

Words of Expression - Friends & Family

(Two minutes each please)

Acknowledgements, Cards & Resolutions - Kisha Cureton

Obituary - Willis Williams

Selection - "Safe In His Arms"

Eulogy - Minister Jason Williams

Recessional - "Going Up Yonder"

*Cremation*

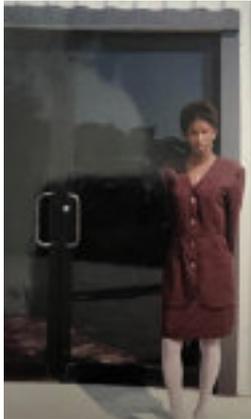
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Hillside, NJ

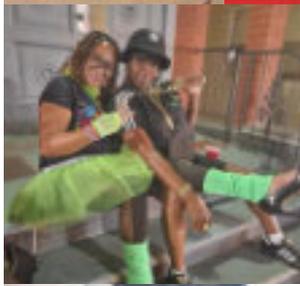
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## Her Smile

Though her smile is gone forever and her hand I cannot touch I still have so many memories Of the one I loved so much. Her memory is now my keepsake, which with I'll never part. God has her in his keeping I have her in my heart. Sadly missed but never forgotten.



## Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour. May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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