# The Homegoing Celebration for Patricia Arlene Green

Sunrise: May 28, 1938

Sunset: November 6, 2020



Friday, November 20, 2020

Viewing: 10:00 a.m. Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries® Annex at 5055 Allentown Road Suitland, MD 20746 Bishop John A. Cherry, II – Pastor

## **Obituary**

The matriarch of the Green family, Patricia Arlene Green, closed her eyes and went peacefully to her heavenly home on November 6, 2020, at the age of 82.

Patricia, lovingly known to her family and friends as "Pat" was born May 28, 1938, in Jackson, Tennessee, to the late Sam Huntsman and Queen Ann Merriweather. As a young child, she was very active—loved music, the outdoors, and playing with her siblings. She attended elementary and secondary schools in Memphis, Tennessee. After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School, she went on to study nursing and paved a career as a loving, caring, "life giver."

Pat met her husband, Thomas "Tommy" Bernard Green, an enlisted naval gentleman, at a carnival in the summer of 1955. Even though she was smitten by his good looks and Alabama southern charm, she made him court her to get his "good thing." They married almost two years later on December 17, 1956, and had four beautiful children: Elvita, Thomas, Sheryl, and Zanetta. She doted on her children and grandchildren ensuring she supported their education, musical training, and extracurricular activities. Pat made sure her children and grandchildren were raised in the church. She and Tommy were faithful members of Mt. Ephraim Baptist Church and From the Heart Church Ministries, where they served as ushers. She was always on time and ready to serve in her pristine usher uniform, that she proudly ironed and hung up every Saturday night. She made sure her children were baptized at an early age and encouraged them to love and give. Pat always taught her family that "charity starts at home;" and, therefore she gave beyond measure to her loved ones and her community.

Pat was sassy and classy—and loved to attend family outings—and community events with her husband whenever they weren't working. When she wasn't entertaining or spending time with friends, she could be found bowling either duckpins or ten-pins. She was an avid traveler and went on many trips with her husband and friends. She visited her favorite places several times, the Bahamas, Cancun, Canada, California's Universal Studios, and of course, her hometown, Memphis, TN. She often treated her children and grandchildren to adventures across the country, to have a good time and to visit family. She knew how important family and friends were and rarely missed a birthday or graduation celebration. Additionally, she knew how to make everyone around her feel loved and special; and her work ethic was unmatched!

Over the years, she worked hard as a nurse caring for others, a night janitor cleaning the Butler Gardens apartment buildings, and as an entrepreneur partnering with Dick Gregory (mass marketing health and weight loss products). She never really retired—and continued to care for others well into what was supposed to be her retirement years. With her husband by her side, she decided to open her home and took in elderly relatives and friends. She provided medical, physical, and social support for those who could no longer care for themselves. As you can imagine, not much slowed Pat down; however, when the matriarch of the Green family was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, her busy life began to slow down. After years of being cared for by her husband and daughter Sheryl, she finally got her retirement. Her giving heart, her love, and her life of caring for others will never be forgotten. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Pat leaves to cherish her memory her husband, Thomas B. Green; her children, Thomas (Diane) and Sheryl Brown; grandchildren, Tangela (Earle), Taylor, Leah, Tomika, Thomas K., Isaiah, Thomas B., Willie, and NaTisha; siblings: Lorace, Anthony Ray (Patricia), Elizabeth, Delores, and Jewell; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of other nieces, nephews and loved ones.

Patricia was preceded in death by her daughters, Elvita and Zanetta; son-in-law, Joe; and brothers, Matthew and Cleveland.

## Order of Service

Invocation Scripture Reading Old Testament: Proverbs 31:28-29 New Testament: I Corinthians 13:1-13 **Prayer of Comfort** Selection FTH Psalmist Acknowledgements Mrs. Tangela P. Wilson Song of Preparation FTH Psalmist Committal

Interment
Heritage Memorial Cemetery
Waldorf, Maryland

Recessional

#### Sisters "Pat, Liz, Lois & Jew Baby"

We are sisters forever never far apart
maybe by distance but never by heart
we know each other's strengths & secrets,
who would take the longest when getting
ready for an outing (it was always you
Patricia). We would laugh as you were still
checking in the mirror. What a time we had
our last visit there with you. We danced &
sang as if we were Diana Ross & The
Supremes. Now you are dancing and singing in
heaven, keeping the song alive. We won't say
goodbye, but instead see you later big sis.
Love your sisters,



Elizabeth, Delores, & Jewell



Until we meet again!
Love, Tommy

#### I'm 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 the day

If my parting has left a void

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh

Ah yes, these things too, we'll miss.

Be not burdened with time of sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much

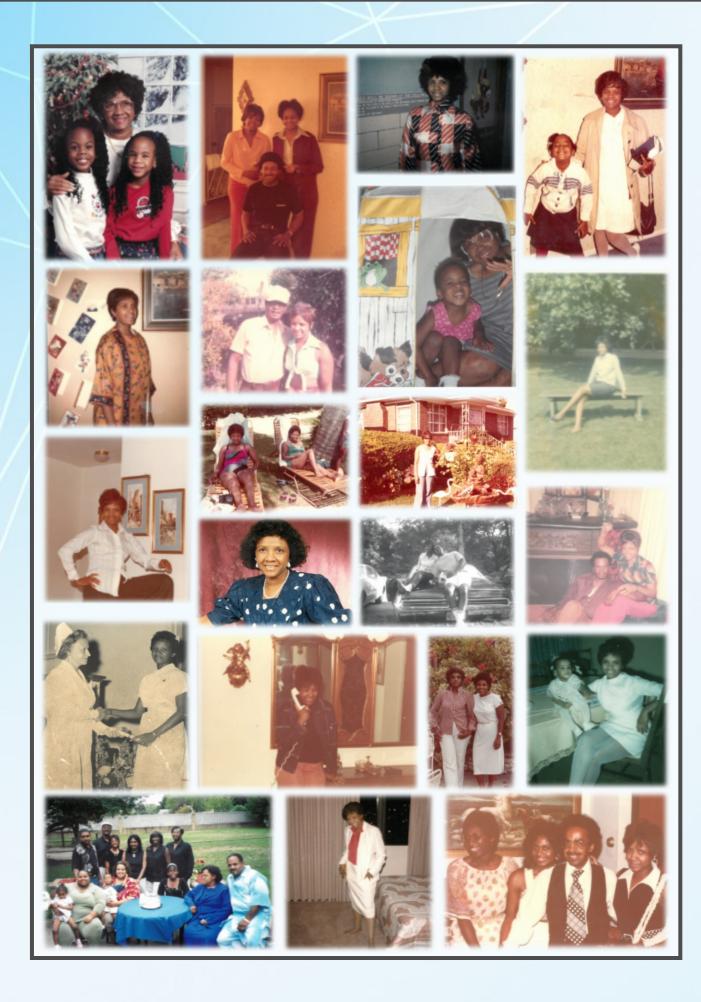
Good friends, good time, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all to brief
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wants you to know

HE SET ME FREE!







Anthony Pugh William Pyles Mekhi Washington Richard Williams Earle Wilson, Jr.

#### Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

### **Acknowledgement**

The entire Green family sincerely thank all of you for your prayers, comfort, love and support. Your many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy have been a blessing to us. May the Lord Jesus Christ bless and keep you in perfect peace!



**Services Entrusted To:** Hodges and Edwards Funeral Home Suitland, Maryland