

Celebrating the Life of

Patricia Ann Powell

Sunrise:

January 14, 1950

Sunset:

August 12, 2024



Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Family Hour: 10:00 a.m. | Service: 11:00 a.m.

From the Heart Church Ministries®
5055 Allentown Road | Suitland, Maryland 20746
Bishop John A. Cherry, II - Pastor

Obituary

“I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day...”

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Patricia A. Powell, affectionately known as “Pat,” was born on January 14, 1950, to the late James and Hilda White. She was the only daughter of five children. Very peacefully, Pat departed this life on Monday, August 12, 2024, at her residence in Temple Hills, Maryland.

Pat was educated in the District of Columbia Public Schools and was a proud graduate of McKinley Technology High School. After graduating from high school, she attended the District of Columbia Teachers College (currently the University of the District of Columbia). She then began work at Steptoe Law Firm (formerly known as Steptoe and Johnson) as an administrative assistant until she retired to become a primary caregiver to her mother.

Recognizing the importance of having a spiritual relationship with God, Pat accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age while attending Galbraith A.M.E. Zion Church, where she served faithfully in the Sanctuary Choir. Later, Pat joined From the Heart Church Ministries under the leadership of Founding Pastor, John A. Cherry. She was an active and dedicated member who over time served in several ministries including Deaconess, Nursing, and Seniors. In fact, she was the first Ministry Head of the Seniors Ministry.

On July 24, 1987, Pat was joined in holy matrimony to her true love, Ralph Powell. She was a devoted wife of 37 years. The couple shared an unbreakable bond which continues. Along with her husband, Pat served faithfully in ministry. She will best be remembered for her kindness. As a friend, she had a servant’s heart—always willing to help. Additionally, she had a beautiful smile and laughter that could brighten any room. Pat has touched many lives and will be loved and remembered by all who knew her.

Pat leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and devoted husband, Ralph Powell; brothers, John White and Cecil Gentry; Goddaughter, Rebekah Wilson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Invocation

Congregational Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Psalm 34:1-8

New Testament: John 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort

Selection *FTH Psalmist*

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Reverend Diana P. Cherry, Founding Mother

Ms. Rebekah Wilson, Goddaughter

Ms. Darmita Wilson, Friend

Obituary (Read Aloud) *Minister Belinda Miller*

Song of Preparation *FTH Psalmist*

Message of Hope *Bishop John A. Cherry, II*

Call to Christ

Benediction

Interment

Lincoln Memorial Cemetery

4001 Suitland Road | Suitland, MD 20746



I'm Free

By Anne Lindgren Davison


*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, to play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way.
I found peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void
Then fill it 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 hearts and peace to thee
God wanted me now; He set me free.*

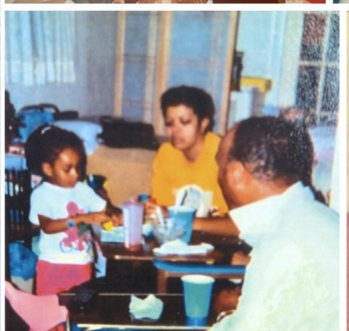


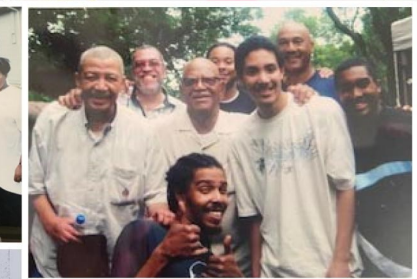


Reflection

You have always been like a second mom to me. From the time I was a child, you always took care of me. My earliest memory of you was when I would spend the night on Evarts Street, N.E. You always used a bobby pin to clean the wax out of my ears before I went to sleep. My high school prom night, you helped me celebrate by cooking breakfast at midnight for me and my classmates. In college you attended every graduation. When I got married you blessed Aaron and I with our honeymoon. Oh, and who can forget the cookouts and family celebrations, especially our camping trips in the RV to our favorite place, Ocean City, Maryland. I will always remember you and Uncle Ralph singing happy birthday to me on the phone: "Happy Birthday, child of God." Not to mention so many other life events. You have loved and supported me through every stage of my life. I know you are in God's heavenly choir now, rejoicing with Granddaddy and Daddy, singing the songs of Zion. What a time of fellowship surrounded by our loved ones! You have joined the great cloud of witnesses to cheer us on in this race called life. Thank you for always showing me unconditional love!

~ Love you always, Tonie







Congregational Hymn

Blessed Assurance

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.*

Chorus

***This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long,
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.***

*Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

Chorus

*Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blessed,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love*

Chorus

Acknowledgement

The family of Patricia A. Powell gratefully appreciates the outpouring of love, support, and encouragement that everyone who gave of themselves, in extraordinary ways, has shown us. Words cannot express our gratitude. It is our sincere prayer that God would return to you what you have done for one of His. May God bless you all!

Special Acknowledgement

Our Family extends our gratitude and love to John White and Dynise Brown for their undying devotion to Pat. Special thank you to the FTH Church Family for your willingness and support during this time of need. Thank you!

Pallbearers

*Rodney Crestwell, Benjamin Hamilton, Melvin Johnson, Kevin Moore,
Melton Powell and Vernon Powell*

Honorary Pallbearers

Jimmy Newell, Vincent Riley and Terrence Wilson

Flower Bearers

Family and Friends

Services Entrusted to:

*Wiseman Funeral Home
4591 Allentown Road | Suitland, MD 20762*

