



## Mrs. Patsye Brent Robinson

March 25, 1945 - January 8, 2017

Patsye, a native of Staunton, Virginia, was born Sunday, March 25, 1945, the seventh of ten children of the late James Albert Brent and the late Susie Elizabeth Kinney Brent.

Although born in Staunton, she spent her childhood (from the age of five to twelve) with her Uncle Bernard in Indianapolis, Indiana. It was predicted that she would never live to be ten years old due to kidney disease. The climate change and her faith in God were her only chances of survival. By twelve years of age, she had defied the odds and returned to Staunton to be with her parents. There, she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School...a member of the National Honor Society for two years, third place winner in the STATE Math and Science Competition, and winner of the Good Citizenship Award sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1962, she married her high school sweetheart, James N. "Jimmy" Robinson, who preceded her in death. Their union of over fifty-three years was blessed with four children.

She began her career at Mary Baldwin College as a switchboard operator and enrolled at Blue Ridge Community College and James Madison University, local business colleges. Upon completion of her studies there, she landed a secretarial position with Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Additional studies

allowed her to secure positions with the Commonwealth of Virginia, General Electric Corporation and DuPont de Nemours as a Quality Leadership Trainer. Upon relocating to Pennsylvania with her husband Jimmy, she found employment with Penn State University, Harrisburg Area Community College and retired from Hershey Foods after fifteen years. For three years, she served as the Executive Assistant and Administrative Officer to the Secretary of Health, Commonwealth of PA. Refusing to slow down, Patsye returned to Penn State as a Human Resource Assistant and separated from them when kidney failure again returned.

Her life's focus was and continued to be in her service to God, her family and community. She served as church clerk while in Staunton for twenty-five years, sang in the choir for over thirty years, served as Director of the five-church, city-wide Vacation Bible School effort for five years, taught Sunday School for ten years, directed the Drama Ministry for twelve years, spearheaded the effort to save a local Black park (now a historical location), served on a number of civic boards and directed the Youth Choir for two years. Upon moving to Middletown, PA, she became an active member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church where she continued to sing on the choir, serve as Director of the Drama Ministry, serve as a member of the Trustee Ministry for ten years and as Chairperson for two years.

And that kidney ailment...well God sent her a transplant...To God be the Glory!!!

Early on the morning of Sunday, January 8, 2017, Patsye entered into eternal rest as her heart yearned to reunite with her beloved "Jimmy." She leaves to remember, cherish and honor her legacy of faith, love and determination her four children, James "Jay" Robinson Jr. of Middletown, PA, Towanda Stallings of Middletown, Jaconda Lightburn of Charleston, SC, Alice Robinson Penn of Harrisburg, PA; and one godchild, Darrell (Tina) Robinson of Atlanta, GA. She

will also be lovingly remembered by her eleven grandchildren, Steven Penn, Janeese Robinson, Jatia (Rashaun) Garris, Joshua Lightburn, Jaelyn Lightburn, Oshea Penn, Jayda Robinson, Gary Penn, James Robinson III, Dominique Morton and Ayana Penn; her adopted children, Kenny Ross, Tony Levine, Clarence and Sonya Stokes (Myrakle and Trinitee), Terry and Sharmaine George (Tenay, Shanay, Breshay); five great-grandchildren, Jaevion, Onajae, Tayler, Michael and Elizabeth. She also leaves her beloved brother and sisters, Wayman (Betty) Brent of Virginia Beach, VA, Betty (Claude) Jones of Claremont, FL, Daisy Brent Manning of Queens, NY, Susie Brent King of Staunton, VA, and Corrinne Brent of Wendell, NC; her sisters-in-law, Bernice Stuart (Joseph), Austin Gray and Sarah Frances Robinson; as well as a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and special mention to the matriarch of the Brent's, Agnes Berry.  
Giving God all Glory, Honor and Praise, The Family

# Previous Events

## Flower Delivery

JAN 14. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
20 Locust Street  
Steelton, PA

## Viewing

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church  
20 Locust Street  
Steelton, PA

## Service

JAN 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Sister Patsye Robinson so sorry for your loss.your mom was a beautiful lady we grew up together.May God wrap his arms around all of you Owen,Margaret,Connie,Robin,Crystal Reba Crawford

Margaret Crawford - January 13, 2017 at 05:46 PM



“ Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patsye Brent Robinson.



January 13, 2017 at 05:44 PM

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“ Mount Zion Baptist Church Family, Staunton, VA and the Newman Family extends to each of you our deepest sympathy in the loss of your love one. We all pray that God will comfort and give each of you peace and many fond and loving memories. May God bless you. You are certainly in our thoughts and prayers.

*Sincerest care and concern, with love.*

*Thelma A.Newman*

Thelma A.Newman - January 12, 2017 at 12:23 PM

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“ Ms. Patsye, I can't believe you left us! We just had a great time over the Xmas holidays playing games all night at your kitchen table. I can remember when all of us were distracted and had our heads turned and you "rolled" five 5's for Yahtzee. LOL That moment was so funny!! I can remember me high fiving you when Jaconda and I beat down everyone in the game Aggravation. I remember being at one of your family reunions and you were saying how you weren't feeling that well at the banquet until they handed you the microphone. LOL Man, you sprung up and starting walking around as you were telling some of the family history. I was like I thought she wasn't feeling well? LOL There are so many other stories I can tell.

*Know that I always enjoyed your hospitality every time I visited your home and I especially want to thank you for treating me like a son. I know you and your beloved Jimmy are together now. RIP! Love ya!*

*Tony*

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**Tony Levine** - January 11, 2017 at 09:05 PM