

I Am Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
To following the path God made 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 love, to laugh, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
For I found peace at the last, that day.
If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembering joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with hearts of sorrow,
My wish for you is the hope of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I've savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed much too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wants me now and He set me free.*

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Sister Patricia Bates Edwards are grateful for all the acts of love, kindness, and sympathy shown them during this time of bereavement. Your thoughtfulness, sympathetic, smiles, silent embraces, prayers, and loving words have all helped to sustain us during this grief period. May God continue to bless each of you for your kind expressions of love
-The Family

Interment

Oak Grove Cemetery
101 Oak Cemetery Road
Kirkland, Georgia, 31642

In Loving Memory



*Sister Patricia Bates
Edwards*

Sunrise: July 7, 1942 Sunset: October 11, 2020

Saturday, October 17, 2020

11:00 AM

Oak Grove Cemetery

101 Oak Cemetery Road

Kirkland, Georgia, 31642

Reverend Issac Ross, Eulogist

Reverend Lucious Myers, Presiding

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:



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Life Reflections

After this, I looked and behold a door was opened in heaven, and the first voice which I heard was as if were of a trumpet talking with me, which said: "Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be here after."

Revelations 4: 11-12

Early on, Sister Patricia Bates Edwards was raised by a grand aunt Nan, for approximately ten years. Aunt Nan raised Patricia, affectionately known as Pat, until she became ill.

Sister Pat moved from Cherow, South Carolina to East Palatka, Florida, to live with her Aunt Alice and Uncle Albert Walker. Pat attended elementary and high school at Central Academy in Palatka, Florida. Pat continued her education at Bethune-Cookman University, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in Education.

Sister Pat had genuine pride for her alma mater. She was a proud member of the Gamma Tua Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority INC.

Later Pat moved to Georgia, where she met and married a native of Georgia, Robert Edwards. Pat later obtained a Masters' Degree at Valdosta State University. While teaching first grade, she gave birth to a baby girl, Gina. Sister Patricia accepted Christ at an early age, joining Mount Olive AME Church in Palatka, Florida. After moving to Georgia, she joined St. James in Pearson, Georgia. After marriage, she joined her husband at Oak Grove Baptist Church, where she was active in Sunday School, Mission, Bible Study, and usher board. Sis. Pat was a dedicated church member.

Sis. Patricia devoted thirty-five years in the profession of teaching. She was married for fifty-two years; when you saw one, you saw the other (husband and wife) companionship and love.

Patricia leaves to cherish her memories: a loving husband Robert; one daughter, Gina; her dear cousins: Cynthia, Candy, Jillian, Navilem, and Nevaeh Bennett, all of New Jersey; and a host of other sorrowing friends.

Precious Memories



Order of Service

Reverend Lucious Myers, Presiding
 Processional.....Ministers and Family
 Final Glimpse.....Praise Him
 Invocation.....Reverend Lucious Myers
 Selection.....Walk With Me Lord
 Scripture Readings:
 Old Testament..... Brother Calvin Collins
 New Testament..... Rev. Michael Godwin
 Reflections..... 2 Minutes Please
 As a Coworker.....Min. Dr. Lena Cooper
 As a Neighbor.....Sis. Earlene Thomas
 Selection.....Old Ship Of Zion
 Resolution.....Sister Wanda Griffin
 Acknowledgements... Sister Wanda Griffin
 Eulogy.....Reverend Issac Ross
 Committal Services
 Benediction
 Recessional

