

VERA JUNE PATTERSON



Vera June Patterson, known by most as "Mama June" was a loving, caring, fiercely faithful, and committed Woman of God. In her ninety-six plus years, she lived an eclectic, often painful, but fulfilling life.

Born February 28, 1927, she was one of ten children born to Josephine Browning and Spencer Lee Tolbert, Sr. She attended Mortuary Sciences with Percy Law, Sr., in Washington, PA, and worked for a time at the White Funeral Home. She also worked at Weigman's Factory in Wilkesburg, before joining the Wilkesburg Police Department, working as a Community Liaison Worker for many years. At the end of her career, she worked as a Personal Care Senior Companion throughout Allegheny County. She was also a longtime member of the Mosiwedal Temple #38 IBPOEW of the Hill District.

Vera first attended Macedonia Baptist Church, then became a member of Saint Paul's Missionary Baptist Church, where she excelled as a soloist in the Concert Choir, bringing joy to all who heard her sing. Later, Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church became her church home, and she, their Church Mother.

Vera June was preceded in death by her daughter, Joanne Brown Bunch; her parents, Josephine Browning and Spencer Lee Tolbert, Sr.; and her siblings, Spencer Lee, Jr., Harold, George, Doris, Calvin, Frank, and Donald. She is lovingly remembered by her "adopted daughters", Gwen-Renee Williams-Landau and Dr. Marian Landau; grandsons, Anthony Burch, Sr., Donald Burch, and Samuel Williams III; granddaughters, Renee Ann Burch and Jasmine Burch; and her favorite" great-grandson, Za'Vion Williams. She is also survived by siblings, Betty Jean Bartlett of Detroit, Michigan, and Clarence Tolbert of Greensboro, North Carolina; nieces, Doris Williams and Rhonda Leach of Monroeville, PA; and a host of other nieces and nephews.

Vera June Patterson's life was a tribute to her faith in her God, and her love for her fellow humankind. She will be missed by all who knew her well. She is now resting in Eternal Peace, in the loving arms of her Christ Jesus.

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