



## The Link

*They say memories are golden,  
well maybe that is true.*

*I never wanted memories,  
I only wanted you.*

*A million times I needed you.*

*A million times I cried.*

*If love alone could have saved you,  
you never would have died.*

*In life I loved you dearly.*

*In death I love you still.*

*In my heart you hold a place  
no one could ever fill.*

*If tears could build a stairway  
and heartache make a lane,*

*I'd walk the path to Heaven  
and bring you back again.*

*Our family chain is broken,  
and nothing seems the same,  
but as God calls us one by one,  
the chain will link again.*



## PALLBEARERS

Family and Friends

## FLOWER BEARERS

Family and Friends

## INTERMENT

*Private with Military Honors*

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery

Wrightstown, New Jersey

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family of Charles Patterson would like to thank everyone  
for their kind expressions. Your phone calls, visits, flowers,  
thoughts, and prayers have all helped greatly during our time of  
bereavement. May God continue to bless  
each of you, is our prayer.*

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## IN LOVING MEMORY



*Sunrise*  
December 28, 1950

*Sunset*  
September 14, 2020

Saturday, September 19, 2020  
11:00 a.m.

LEDFORD FUNERAL HOME  
929 S. Clinton Avenue  
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*Officiant's Name*

# Obituary

CHARLES PATTERSON was born December 28, 1950, to Austin Patterson, Sr., and Ellen Prater Patterson in Pineville, Louisiana. He received Christ at an early age and was baptized by Reverend R. T. Berry at the Saint Paul Baptist church in Bay Hills, Louisiana. Charles was a proud member in recovery for 30 years.

He graduated from Carver High School in 1968. He was a member of the baseball team, the marching band, concert band, choir, and National Honors Society. He attended Southern University and graduated with honors in 1972.

He then entered the US Army as a second lieutenant and came out as a first lieutenant in 1976. He then went to work for General Motors in Ewing, New Jersey, starting as a Recruiter traveling all over the country and enlisting engineering majors from various universities. He proceeded in his career as a Supervisor at General Motors and retired at the Linden plant.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Austin Patterson, Sr., and Ellen Prater Patterson; and siblings, Harold, Samuel, Clarence, Austin Patterson, Jr., and Geraldine P. Bazile. He is survived by: his loving wife, Cleopatra E. Stockton-Patterson of Willingboro New Jersey; one daughter, Dominique Charlae Patterson of Willingboro, New Jersey; siblings, Johnnie P. Alexander of High Point, North Carolina, Warren (Cherry) Patterson, Sr., of Bunkie, Louisiana, Evelyn Patterson of Los Angeles, California, and Carol P. Gallerson of Bunkie, Louisiana; stepchildren, Jacinta A. (Ian, Sr.) Smalls of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Bruce F. (Jennifer) Black of Savannah, Georgia; by a previous marriage, three children, Sherletha of Burlington, New Jersey, Derek (Jennifer) of Clearwater, Florida, and Tyeisha Patterson of Lumberton, New Jersey; 10 grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

# Precious Memories



# Order of Service

Opening Hymn.....*"Precious Lord Take My Hand"*

Scripture Reading:

Old Testament ..... Psalms 121

New Testament ..... II Corinthians 5: 1-9

Brother Rodney Washington

Prayer of Comfort ..... Pastor Deborah Flowers

Selection..... Sister Monica Koita

Obituary ..... Sister Donna Winder

Acknowledgements..... Octavia M. Stockton

Condolences..... Sister Veronica Porter

Reflections..... Brother Fred Mauldin

Words of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. James L. Betner