

### *A Letter from Heaven*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
and I'm not there to see;  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
all filled with tears for me.  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
the way you did today;  
While thinking of the many things  
we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you loved me,  
as much as I love you;  
And each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.  
When tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right here in your heart.*

*-Alena Hakala Meadows-*

### *Acknowledgements*

*The Patterson family and relatives would like to extend their deepest appreciation to everyone for their words of kindness, loving expressions, prayer and thoughtfulness during their time of bereavement*

To send the family personal messages of condolence, please visit Ricky's online webpage guestbook at [www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.terryfamilyfuneralhome.com)

Arrangements by  
Terry Family Funeral Home

## *Richard Joe Patterson, Sr.*



Sunrise  
January 21, 1960

Sunset  
December 27, 2019

### *Celebration of Life*

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 1:00 pm  
Maranatha Church  
4222 NE 12th Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97211



Richard Joe Patterson Sr AKA Big Ricky was born on January 21, 1960, to Joe Henry and Ruby Lee Patterson on Fort Lewis Army base in Tacoma, Washington. They later moved to Portland, Oregon in the late 60's. Ricky attended Ockley Green, Woodlawn, and later graduated from Adams High School in 1978. In 1982, Ricky had his first son with Kim Woods; Ricky Joe Patterson, Jr.

He enjoyed Jazz music, cooking and was well known for his fashion; Ricky did not play about his suits matching his Stacy Adams. Ricky began to work for Swiss Cleaners and worked there for over 15 years before he became very ill. In 2000, Ricky had his second son with Kim Vernon. They named him Joe'Von Patterson

Ricky was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Henry and Ruby Lee Patterson; brother, Randy Joe Patterson Sr; and Nieces, Michelle & Au'Brianna Harper & Cierra Lynn Patterson.

He is survived by Matriarch aunt, Tommy Wilson and the Wilson family; sons, Ricky Joe Patterson Jr, Joe'Von Patterson and step son Duprie Smith of Portland, Oregon; Grandchildren, Jaden and Mariana; Sisters, Brenda Lynn, Debra, & Pamela Patterson; Nephews, Nathan, Randy Jr, Lawon, and Randy 3rd; Nieces, Shauntia, Rawshetta, Nacole and Soroya.

## Order of Service

Processional		Clergy & Family
Opening Prayer		Pastor Bethel
Reading of Old /New Testament		Bro. Abraham Reid Jr.
Reading of Obituary		Nacole Patterson
Musical Selection		"Let's Groove" Earth, Wind and Fire
Memorial Slideshow		
Remarks	(3 mins please)	Family & Friends
Words of Comfort		Pastor Bethel
Prayer		Pastor Bethel
Recessional		

