



Mrs. Patricia Elaine May

February 1, 1951 - August 9, 2024

The sunrise for Patricia Elaine Hunter-May was on February 1, 1951. She was born in Atlanta, Georgia, to the late Mr. John Henry Hunter and Ruby Lee Wilson-Hunter. The sunset for Patricia was on August 9, 2024.

Mrs. May accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of St. James Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Upon moving to Decatur, Georgia, she united with Green Forest Baptist Church. She later joined House of Hope in Decatur, Georgia.

She attended English Avenue Elementary School, Samuel Howard Archer High School, and Tennessee State University and was coached by legendary coach Edward S. Temple. She received her master's degree from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois. In 1969, she became a well-known Tigerbelle.

Patricia was married to Joseph Scott May in June of 1974 and moved to East St. Louis, Illinois, where she became a high school teacher and the girls' head track coach. She moved back to Atlanta in 1985.

Patricia was an active member and president of her class at Archer High School, and she was also an active member and vice-president of her Lithonia Neighborhood Association.

Patricia was a teacher and track coach at Lithonia High School in DeKalb County and won six county championships. She was also an assistant principal at the high school and later became the principal of Lithonia Middle School.

Mrs. May participated in many charitable organizations such as the United Negro College Fund, Mayor's Masked Ball, and the Diamond Awards.

Mrs. May leaves to cherish her precious memories of her life to her husband, Joseph Scott May; sons, Joey May (Sonya), Scott Mikel May, Charles "Chico" May, and Derico Cooper; three siblings, Dr. Shirley Hunter-Murphy, Ms. Loretta Hunter-Browning, and Mr. Vincent Hunter; grandchildren, Jordan May, Xavier May, Natalie Crum, Nathan May, Micah May, Amari May, Derico Cooper, Jr., and Kayla Cooper; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.

Celebration of Life Service for Patricia May will be held on Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 11:00 AM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share, or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/4521167>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

House of Hope Atlanta
4650 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, 30034

Tribute Wall

MS

“ *What an outstanding woman. She influenced me greatly. I still quote Ms. “May-isms” after having met her 30 years ago. She was an outstanding person and leader and friend to me. I will always remember and love Pat May.*
Melany Suddith

Melany Suddith - February 12 at 05:34 AM

LB

“ *Two words come to mind whenever I think of Patricia May – enthusiasm and commitment. She set an example in leading efforts to help revitalize and maintain standards of her neighborhood subdivision.*

L. Burley - August 27, 2024 at 01:32 PM

FE

“ *Feleshia Emery (Randolph)*
Coach May was my high-school coach at East St. Louis Sr. High back in 1980-1982. She was an awesome coach and role model

Feleshia Emery(randolph) - August 25, 2024 at 08:33 PM

PW

“ *My 1st High School Coach in East St. Louis. I loved you like you were my mom. We will miss you dearly here. Following in your footsteps* 🤝💙

Phebe Washington - August 24, 2024 at 06:59 PM

TE

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Wishing you peace during this difficult time.*



T'Erica Endsley - August 24, 2024 at 05:40 PM

SS

“ *Rest in Peace Pat!*

~Sterling & Joyce Sims



Sterling Sims - August 24, 2024 at 12:45 PM

LT

“ *Ms. May served as my daughter's Lithonia Middle School's Principal. She loved her students, teachers and parents! I proudly volunteered for many events because she made us feel welcomed and appreciated.*

May she Rest In Eternal Peace.

Lydia Thomas (Formerly Williams) and Lauren Williams (Daughter)

Lydia Thomas - August 24, 2024 at 12:05 PM

SW

“ Sharon Webb-Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May



Sharon Webb-Williams - August 24, 2024 at 10:46 AM

VJ

“ Vernon L. Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May



Vernon L. Jones - August 24, 2024 at 09:31 AM

TF

“ Tito Register and Family purchased the Sincerest Sorrow Blue & White for the family of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May.



Tito Register and Family - August 23, 2024 at 11:10 PM

NW

“ Prayers and condolences to the family. Ms. May was my high school assistant principal at Lithonia High. Many memories



Neteria Walker - August 23, 2024 at 05:15 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May.



August 22, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ Carolyn Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May



Carolyn Hunter - August 22, 2024 at 05:41 PM



“ Linda M. Strickland Spencer lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May



Linda M. Strickland Spencer - August 22, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ Flyerettes Family purchased the Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket for the family of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May.



Flyerettes Family - August 21, 2024 at 10:58 AM

MM

“ To the Hunter and May families you have my deepest sympathy. Heaven has gained another angel and we are blessed with memories of Pat. May God give you power and strength as you grieve and heal.

Mervine Martin-Jordan - August 20, 2024 at 02:13 PM

DS

“ Decatur Career Academy Faculty & Staff purchased the Heartfelt Tribute Lavender & White Floor Basket Arrangement for the family of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May.



Decatur Career Academy Faculty & Staff - August 20, 2024 at 10:32 AM

AB

“ Ann Marks Bargie sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May



Ann Marks Bargie - August 19, 2024 at 03:18 PM

PJ

“ August 16th, 2024

God has spoken and Pat May and my sister Carol May were called home by Our Lord who gave them life, and purpose in their lives on the same day. Both married two brothers; one married Joe May and the other (my sister) 'Carol' was married to Arthur May who has preceded her in death. As we mourn in the passing of these two beautiful women, we pray for God's comfort and blessings upon their children and family which they leave behind.

I PRAISE GOD FOR THE LIFE OF PAT AND CAROL; WHO LIVED AND WALKED WITH DIVINE PURPOSE; THEY WERE STRONG WOMEN COMMITTED TO THEIR CHILDREN, FAMILY AND GODLY PURPOSE. MAY WE GLORIFY GOD FOR GIVING THEM TO US AND THE WORLD FOR A SEASON. Now that their earthy season has passed may we use all the LOVE and WISDOM WHICH THEY BOTH SHARED WITH US AND THE WORLD TO CARRY THEIR LEGACY ON.

*Prays,
Pastor Isaac V. Cropp Jr. and Family (Brother-In-Law)*

Pastor, Isaac V. Cropp Jr. - August 16, 2024 at 07:12 PM

JF

“ *Ms. May is at peace and with her ancestors. Have courage and strength this time of bereavement.*

Jerome Fears - August 16, 2024 at 03:16 PM

WJ

“ I was very shy and bashful in high-school and Coach May, my gym teacher, knew it and made sure a I would open my mouth and talk in and out of her class. She encouraged and motivated me to engage. What a great teacher, coach and lady she was. Prayers and condolences to family and friends. Rest well Coach.



Will A. Turner, Jr. East St. Louis Sr. High Class of 1980.

Willie Andrew Turner, Jr. - August 16, 2024 at 03:09 AM

E-

“ Having you as a teacher was a true honor and having you as friend I remember the conversations you and my mom had when you came to drop off Joey babysitting him was definitely a pleasure and joy. Thanks for being my friend and sharing your son with us. Rest w well my friend



Elaine M. Harris -Lewis - August 15, 2024 at 11:58 PM

LS

“ With so many memories, we send our condolences with our deepest sympathy. We pray for the immediate family and all the lives she touch. May God comfort and grant you peace.



Larry,Charlotte,Chelsea,Kelley Scarlett - August 15, 2024 at 09:51 AM

BC

Condolences are extended and great memories of you at Lithonia High School: parent of LaShaye & Michael A. Chaney.

Barbara Chaney - August 24, 2024 at 11:23 AM

NJ

“ *Nakeisha Jennings lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May*



Nakeisha Jennings - August 14, 2024 at 02:02 PM

ZT

“ *Zeda Thomas lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Patricia Elaine May*



Zeda Thomas - August 14, 2024 at 11:06 AM