



Rev. Patricia M. Whitley

January 22, 1936 - January 24, 2023

Reverend Patricia M. Whitley was born January 22, 1936, to the late Curtis Madden and Este Carmilla Harris. The sweet voice of our heavenly father called her home to commune and rejoice in his presence on January 24, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Patricia was raised in Greenville, South Carolina along with her brothers Eddie and Robert. Although times were sometimes tough growing up, she always displayed a spirit of love and care for those close to her and those she just met. This spirit would grow within her as she matured and would remain with her for the duration of her life, leading her to a life of servitude to God and of God's children.

Patricia would go on to graduate from Sterling High School and receive her nursing degree from the Good

Samaritan School of Nursing in Arizona, making her way to serve as an RN at Kaiser Foundation Hospital in California. Although she enjoyed serving as a nurse, God had a greater purpose for her life and would soon remind her of the spirit he had placed inside of her and began cultivating in her as a young child.

Through much prayer and supplication, Patricia met the man God planned for her to spend the rest of her life with, William L. Whitley of Pantego, North Carolina. During their union, the military life resulted in Patricia becoming a world traveler and seeing things in life she never imagined she would. This further enhanced her spirit of love and care for all of God's children no matter

where they were from. During this time, Patricia continued serving as a nurse in schools and eventually became a teacher. She continued teaching until God blessed her with the opportunity to become the principal at New Creation Christian School. The day soon came that she became the primary owner of a private school in Belleville, Illinois. Patricia changed the name to Hope Christian School, as she believed that all children and parents deserved to be given hope through children receiving a quality formal education. Shortly after, God called Patricia to ministry where she became first a minister and then the Pastor of the newly formed Hope Christian Church. She received blessing after blessing, and trails blazed as she worked fervently for the Lord. Pastor Reverend Patricia Whitley became the first black president of the Belleville Clergy Association and spearheaded the development of the prison ministries in the area. During her travels, she championed inclusion in ministry and growth in ministry by creating and promoting diversity in the church. She spread this message throughout her nationwide and international travels from Illinois, California, Texas, North & South Carolina, and beyond the pond to as far as Germany and Japan. When the decision was made to move to Georgia and be closer to most of her family that resided in the southeast region, Reverend Patricia tricked her children into believing that after 25 years of pastoral service, she was going to purposely slow down her activity and retire. NOT TRUE... She joined and became an active member at Christ the King Church, and worked closely with Bishop W. Ron Sailor Sr. and Pastor Marion Sailor to re-establish ministries and mentor ministers. Over the years, to support the growth of her children in life and in spirit, she became a member of each church her children had joined, including Salem Missionary Baptist Church and New Mercies Christian Church. Reverend Patricia and Reverend William Whitley would remain active members of all three churches, even during the pandemic, and remained a great source of Faith, Love, and Support, which was accompanied by a gentle yet strong spirit that was attached to a beautiful smile. Serving God and loving her family became and remained her heart's desire. Reverend Patricia was

preceded in death by her brothers Eddie Richardson and Robert Richardson. Remaining to cherish her loving memory and legacy are her husband of 50 years, William L. Whitley Sr., 4 children, Charles M. Jones, Carmilla Wilson (David - her favorite son-in-law), William L. Whitley Jr. (Annice), and Roland Whitley (Teresa). A host of beautiful grandchildren: Tricia, McKinley, Kera, Darrius, Carlos, Akia, Kirsten, and William III., great-grandchildren: Tiana, Braylon, Tyree, Jayden, Kailena and Jaxsen, loving family members: Elaine and Horace Mood, Patty Brooks, Carol Knowles, Geri & Kevin Howard, along with a host of loving nieces and nephews from Greenville, S.C. to Dallas, Texas.

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Homes & Crematory
Lawrenceville 770-338-5558

Cemetery Details

Christ the King Baptist Church Cemetery

Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Pastor and Mr. Whitley took care of my son Joseph Hampton. We were stationed at Scott AFB in Illinois. The Whitney's open their school up to our family. My son who is 34 at this time loved Pastor and Mr. Whitney. We have so many memories of the school in Bellevue Illinois. We live in Warner Robins GA. This is Joe and Donna Hampton. RIH Pastor Whitney.*

Joe & Donna Hampton - May 03, 2023 at 03:59 PM

VW

“ *Vwilaon sent a virtual gift in memory of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley*



Vwilaon - February 09, 2023 at 03:12 PM

BD

“ *Although we cannot be with you during this time, we are sending our prayers and sincere condolences. Pastor Whitley set the gold standard in pastoring, ministry, and service! Her life was a living testimony of God's goodness and grace! Rev. Whitley and her children, please take comfort in knowing that Pastor Whitley has earned her golden crown! We will all miss her and pray that we too shall meet again when we all get to heaven! May God bless you all!*
The Dukes Family (Rev Carlton Dukes, Sister B. Dukes, and Mikayla)



B. Dukes - February 04, 2023 at 11:30 AM

MS

“ GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!!!
WHITLEY FAMILY,
WE PRAY YOUR PEACE IN THIS TIME OF SORROW... IN THE
PASSING AWAY OF PASTOR P. M. WHITLEY...
SHE WAS A GREAT WOMAN OF GOD AND A TREASURE TO
THIS WORLD!!!
MY FAMILY AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, THANK YOU, FOR
SHARING WITH US YOUR GREAT TREASURE, PASTOR P.M.
WHITLEY!!!
YOUR SACRIFICE, ALLOWED MANY OF US, IN THE SOUTHERN
ILLINOIS REGION TO GET TO KNOW HER, NOT ONLY AS
PASTOR, BUT ALSO TO KNOW HER AS MOM!!!
IN MY MEMORIES OF PASTOR P.M. WHITLEY / MOM... I'M
REMINDED OF THE BIBLE VERSE ROMANS 1:17
THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH...
I RECALL WHENEVER I WAS IN PASTOR WHITLEY COMPANY
ALWAYS FEELING MY FAITH RECHARGED, RENEWED, AND
STRENGTHENED BY THIS FAITHFUL, GREAT
WOMAN OF GOD!!!
FAITH IS THE ONE WORD THAT I WOULD SAY EPITOMIZED
PASTOR WHITLEY... SHE ALWAYS LIFTED SPIRITS AND HAD A
WAY ABOUT ENCOURAGING
OTHERS... BY LEADING BY EXAMPLE, AND OFTEN TIMES IN
SONG, AND ONE SONG SHE OFTEN SANG WAS,
WE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH!!!
THE WORD FAITH HOLDS MANY GODLY ATTRIBUTES, AND
ONE OF THOSE ATTRIBUTES IS GODLY LOVE!!!
GODLY FAITH ENABLES YOU TO SHOW GODLY LOVE!!!
PASTOR WHITLEY'S GODLY FAITH, MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR
HER TO EXEMPLIFY THE GODLY LOVE THAT SHE SHOWED
SO MANY US!!!
WHITLEY FAMILY,
WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR PEACE & CONTENTMENT
THROUGH GODLY FAITH...
LOVE & BLESSINGS ...
ELDER MAURICE THOMAS & FAMILY

** THE THOMAS FAMILY **

Maurice Thomas Sr - February 04, 2023 at 05:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.*



February 03, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Domo Engineering Plastics purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.*

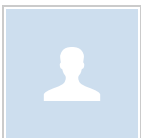


Domo Engineering Plastics - February 03, 2023 at 07:50 AM



“ *Sending my prayers and condolences to the family of our dear Rev. Whitley. I will always be grateful for her love and support of my ministry. Rev. Cheryl McCarver, Dallas Texas*

Cheryl McCarver - February 02, 2023 at 09:09 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.*



February 02, 2023 at 08:57 PM

ML

“ THE CHERRY STREET COMMUNITY CHURCH OF GOD
EXTEND OUR PRAYERS AND SINCERE LOVE TO THE
WHITLEY FAMILY. YOU ARE LOVED AND WE WANT YOU TO
KNOW HOW MUCH WE CARE AND ARE PRAYING FOR YOU.
REV MARGARET LEE, SISTER IN THE LORD

MARGARET V. LEE - February 02, 2023 at 08:53 PM

CW

*Sorry for the delay, but I am sure you understand. Our Mom, Wife,
Grandma, Great Grandma, Auntie, Cousin, Pastor and the list goes on
was great lost for our family. She was the ROCK of our family! We
thank you from the bottom of our heart for the love you have shown to
my family. Please try to stay in touch with my dad, because if you saw
her you saw him!
God Bless you and your family!*

Carmilla Wilson - March 29, 2024 at 01:17 PM

TF

“ The Liddell Family purchased the Arrive in Style
for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.



The Liddell Family - February 01, 2023 at 04:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.



January 31, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.



January 31, 2023 at 09:42 AM



“ *Bishop CM and Elder Sandra Bowen Davis* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.



Bishop CM and Elder Sandra Bowen Davis - January 31, 2023 at 09:00 AM



“ *Rays of Light Spray* was purchased for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.



January 30, 2023 at 05:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.



January 30, 2023 at 01:42 PM

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“ -Your idX NC Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.



-Your idX NC Family - January 30, 2023 at 12:42 PM

AB

“ *Alvester & Cynthia Baker purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rev. Patricia M. Whitley.*



Alvester & Cynthia Baker - January 27, 2023 at 05:01 PM

AB

“ *Grief never ends, but it changes. It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor lack of faith. It's the price of LOVE.*
Love you all, Alvester & Cynthia Baker

Alvester & Cynthia Baker - January 27, 2023 at 04:49 PM

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