



Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP"

March 27, 1949 - June 27, 2025

Ms. Geneva Rosetta Patterson, 75, of Columbia, South Carolina has entered into eternal rest on June 28, 2025 at Prisma Health Richland Hospital.

Geneva "Nee of "GP" Patterson, as she was affectionately known, was born on March 27, 1949, in Lynchburg, South Carolina to the late Edmond and Virginia Woods. She was the third oldest of 16 children. She grew up in Columbia, South Carolina where she attended public schools and was a proud 1968 graduate of C. A. Johnson High School where she was an amazing trombone player in the marching band.

Geneva graduated from Rutledge College with honors and retired from state government after 28 years where she was a known and admired by colleagues, elected officials, community leaders, and everybody that came into her presence. She loved people and people loved her.

Geneva was a faithful member of Friendship Baptist Church in Columbia, South Carolina, where she made sure her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were introduced to the Lord. She loved her pastor, The Reverend A. A. Dicks, Sr. and her entire church family.

Her giving heart and gift to the world was demonstrated with love in the form of feeding people. Baking and cooking were both her love language and ministry

to the world. As an entrepreneur, Geneva catered hundreds of weddings, parties, and community events for elected officials, churches, family and friends. She loved to be in the kitchen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James "Pat" Patterson whom she loved like no other; her parents, and siblings, Roosevelt Durant, Brookie Lee Woods, and Vickie Renea Daniels.

She is survived by four children, Alisha "Lisha" Patterson, Torijano "Tank" Patterson, Patrick "Coody (Sherani) Patterson and Jamey "Punky" Patterson; eight grandchildren, Simone Patterson, Malcolm Patterson, Jacory Patterson, Shaneka Patterson, Peyton Patterson, Lorin Patterson, Jamey Patterson, II; three great grandchildren, John Pearce, Jaleya Pearce, Juwelz Pearce; eight siblings, Phyllis Sumter, Calisteen Faust, Barbara Jean (Bishop Laverne) Mack, Calvin (Minister Evelyn) Woods, and Karen Heller and a host of other loving relatives.

Funeral service will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, July 5, 2025 at Friendship Baptist Church, 1237 House Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29204. Pastor A. A. Dicks, Sr., officiating. Interment to follow in the Promised Land Cemetery.

Mrs. Patterson will lie in-state at the church one hour prior to the service time.

Public viewing will be held from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m., Thursday, July 3, 2025 at A. A. Dicks Funeral Home.

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Cemetery Details

Promised Land Cemetery

1740 Cushman Drive
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 254-4673

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

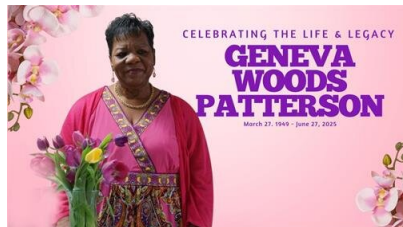
Friendship Baptist Church
1237 House Street
Columbia, SC 29204
(803) 799-8906

To view the service for Mrs. Geneva Woods Patterson, please click on the link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1HNqnpwdUF>

Tribute Wall



“ A. A. Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel created a Celebration of Life of Mrs. Geneva Woods Patterson in memory of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP"



A A Dicks Funeral Home Sullivan Chapel - July 10, 2025 at 11:08 AM

AB

THANK YOU, to the WOODS/ PATTERSON FAMILY and all at A.A. DICKS FUNERAL HOME for sharing this Memorial Service of my dear friend, GENEVA, with the public. It is the very next thing to actually being there in person, which brings some measure of comfort to me and others who love her. Again, THANK YOU! May GOD continue to Bless you ALL.

A.M. Boomer - July 14, 2025 at 12:24 AM

LT

Calisten
Please know our hearts grieve with you in the home going of your sister. We are praying God give you and the family strength during this time of sorrow.
Evangelist Linda Thompson

Linda Thompson - August 02, 2025 at 02:36 AM

CA

“ Cecilia A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".

Cecilia A. - July 11, 2025 at 12:06 PM

AB

“ *MY CONDOLENCE to the family of my dear friend, Geneva Woods Patterson. We met in 7th grade at W.A. Perry Jr. HS in 1962. We met and immediately took a liking to one another in band class. Our friendship lasted through many years and events, some personal, some school relationship difficulties, home and family matters, teenage angst concerning boys and some major changes regarding our safety of being Black in a quickly changing nation.*

We both made a decision to join the School Band with her choosing the trombone and myself, the trumpet. Pretty soon, we gravitated to other girls in the band: Alzena Brooks - trombone; Rosa Brown - Clarinet and Gloria Murphy -trumpet. We five were thick and everybody knew it!

Geneva was the funny, easy-going peacemaker, and actually the glue that held us together through our trials and tribulations. She always acted as if nothing really bothered her and her attitude helped us to hide our reality by imitating her way of dealing with our own problems at school, at home and within our communities. Being with each other, we were able to be carefree, joyful, loving and without a care in the world. We were full of silliness and fun with each other and any other person around us.

Some of my best times were spent with Geneva and myself spilling our heartache, dreams, our personal thoughts and our dos and don'ts. Her family loved me as if I were one of them and she got the same love from my family. I thank God for allowing them into my life because there were really hard times for me when my Mom died and Mr. & Mrs. Woods comforted me and became even more loving toward me. They all did.

We lost touch after marrying our spouses and starting our own families. I have been trying to find her for a few years and made inquiries and appeals on fb and classmates.com to no avail. I found out from my cousin, Minnie Robinson who knew her, about our God calling her to back to Himself on July 4, (no time to get there).\ I

*would have come had I known. I will miss my dear friend but I can tell you that she was a friend in deed, loving, giving, helping and a CheerGiver! Thank you, God for putting us together with love as our glue. I will always love you, Geneva, Rest in God's Peace for now. Hope to see you, again, MY FRIEND, MY SISTER IN THE LORD!
Addis Marie Wise Boomer, Somerset, NJ (732) 310-9329*

Addis M. Wise Boomer - July 05, 2025 at 10:24 PM



“ *May Our Triune God bless your family during this time of bereavement. Mrs.Patterson, you were a Remarkable lady and my mommy 's best friend. Please know that your Beautiful Spirit will Live throughout your children and grandchildren's lives.*

LaSonia Hunter - July 05, 2025 at 11:23 AM

CW

“ *Condolences to the Woods and Patterson families.*

Cliff White - July 05, 2025 at 10:37 AM

WF

“ *With love, DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".*



With love, DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation - July 04, 2025 at 03:40 PM

WF

“ With love, DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".

With love, DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation - July 04, 2025 at 03:40 PM



“ My wife and I got married August 13, 2005. Ms Geneva made a butter cream cake for our wedding reception. People still talk about that cake to this day. Ms Geneva was most kind and sweet person I ever had the pleasure of knowing. Tonya and I loved her dearly. When Tonya passed away in 2022 Ms Geneva gave me a big hug and told me "God got you, baby. He love you and I love you, too". My most sincere love, prayer, and condolences goes out to the Patterson family and everyone who has been touched by Ms Geneva.

Aaron Evans - July 04, 2025 at 01:11 PM

DA

“ My sincerest condolences to the Patterson family. I can remember her at each and every football and basketball game @ C.A. Johnson back in the 1990s. Such a humble and sweet spirit.

Dana Amaker - July 03, 2025 at 10:04 PM

HB

“ Heyward Brown purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".



Heyward Brown - July 03, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".

July 03, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".



July 03, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ My condolences to the Patterson Family. Love Yolanda Benson

Yolanda Benson - July 03, 2025 at 06:48 AM



“ The Lewis and Mckie Family would like to extend our sincere condolences to Mrs. Geneva's family. We have so many fond memories with Geneva, and our mother, Maggie Mckie spending so much time together at Friendship Baptist Church. Geneva was just like a daughter to our mother. They shared many laughs, delicious dishes, and so much time enjoying each other's company.

May you remember her sweet smile and embrace all of those wonderful family memories.

Blessings,

The Lewis and Mckie Family

Theandrea Burgess - July 02, 2025 at 05:01 PM

BS

“ Barbara Smith lit a candle in memory of Geneva Patterson



Barbara Smith - July 02, 2025 at 12:42 PM

HP

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Geneva. She was a sweet person who touched many lives with her kindness and her beautiful spirit

Hattie Patterson - July 02, 2025 at 08:59 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".



July 01, 2025 at 07:37 PM

TE

“ The Jones- Louisa, AJ, Emrys and Euan purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".



The Jones- Louisa, AJ, Emrys and Euan - July 01, 2025 at 12:06 PM

AP

“ A Father's Place purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".



A Father's Place - July 01, 2025 at 10:57 AM

PP

“ Condolences to Geneva's family, she was such a sweet caring person. Geneva was the best cook ever. She cooked the best dressing in the world and every thanksgiving for years, she would cook a dressing for me. Family, smile big, because I know Geneva would want you to do just that. Again, Deepest sympathy to the family and may Geneva rest in God's arms.

Pat Pearson

Pat Pearson - July 01, 2025 at 08:18 AM

DB

I have been knowing Née very since I was a little living on Preston street the whole family lived on king Street my mother and her mother where best friends and we all us to play together and we consider both family as sisters and brother when people would ask us I will miss her dearly because she would call and check on me just as well as I would do for so Née get your rest now because you need and deserve it love you from the bottom of my heart which is hurting right now

delfrettia bouie - July 01, 2025 at 02:36 PM

GF

“ Our sincere sympathy and condolences and prayers to the family and relatives and friends.



Gloria Harrison Brown and Family - June 30, 2025 at 10:09 PM

C1

“ CA Johnson Class of 1968 sends condolences to the family members of our own Mrs. Geneva Woods Patterson. She was loved by all! Was known to bake the best cakes and always presented herself with a "sweet spirit" of love and kindness. Our thoughts and prayers goes out to her family.

Please let any member of the CA Johnson Class of 1968 of any assistance we can render to the family of our dear classmate and friend. Peace and Blessings to the family. We will surly mourn along with the family.

*With much Love,
CAJ Class of 1968*

C A Johnson Class of 1968 - June 30, 2025 at 04:35 PM

TW

“ Hey Beautiful, You will always be Mama to me. I love you so very much.

Tray, aka Your Efficient One. ☐

Tracye Williams - June 30, 2025 at 02:51 PM

WP

“ *Wake Forest Rolesville Kappa Alpha Psi purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".*



Wake Forest Rolesville Kappa Alpha Psi - June 30, 2025 at 10:24 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Geneva Rosetta Woods Patterson "GP".*



June 30, 2025 at 09:37 AM

PR

“ *My Sweet Nee. I'm going to miss your smile and angelic spirit. You fought a good fight and your love was so genuine. Take your rest now my Sweet Nee. You will truly be missed. We love you, Precious, Lynley and Landon*

Precious - June 30, 2025 at 07:53 AM

GH

My condolences to Ms. Geneva family. My experience meeting her she was never a stranger to anyone and definitely not a stranger to food preparation. Ms, Geneva, was loving, and never hesitated to prepare a soulful meal or lend a helping hand. she worked through her pain with grace and strength. She made peace with her master, and now she earn her reward. May she continue to be a blessings in heaven as she was here in earth. You will be missed. May God continue to uplift your family during this difficult time. Gloria Hatcher- former coworker from Vocational Rehabilitation.

Gloria Hatcher - July 01, 2025 at 11:00 PM

NJ

To the family of Geneva, I pray God will comfort and give you strength. I first met Geneva while working part-time at the Gervais St-Waverly Branch Library. It was such a pleasure working with someone so kind, genuine, and loving. She had such an upbeat happy Attitude. She taught me a few cooking tips, she was an awesome cook. Last time I saw her was at a Missionary Red Dress affair. We were so glad to see each other, she told me where she lived never got chance to visit. Lord I wish I had. Memories I have of Geneva will always remain in my heart. Gone, but never forgotten, your sweet and pleasant heart

Nadine C Jackson - July 02, 2025 at 03:51 PM

DB

In Loving Memory of Geneva Patterson

With deepest sympathy from the DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation. We will always remember Ms. Geneva's sweet spirit and her incredible gift of love through food — especially the delicious desserts she joyfully prepared for our children.

Her kindness and generosity touched many hearts, and her legacy will live on in every life she lovingly nourished.

Our hearts and prayers are with the Woods family during this time.

*With love and gratitude,
DD&J Junior Tennis Foundation
Coach Domino & Coach Jackie Boulware*

Domino & Jackie Boulware - July 04, 2025 at 03:45 PM

BT

Geneva Woods was a Friend. She treated me with love and kindness and was not afraid to say, I wouldnt do that. Rest in Peace with the Ancestors and keep your eyes every now and then on those of us still in this space.

*Peace and Love,
Barbara Eikner Thompson*

*CA Johnson Class of 1968
Harper Street and Saxon Homes Community*

Barbara Eikner Thompson - July 08, 2025 at 07:31 PM