

*Celebrating the Homegoing
Of
Ellen Ruth Reives Patterson*



Entered this Life
1925

Returned Home
2005

Gees Grove AME Zion Church
Siler City, North Carolina
Saturday, October 1, 2005
2:00PM

The Reverend Allen Moore, Pastor,
Officiating

LEONARD GREEN
PITTSBORO — Leonard
D. Green, 64, died Wednesday
(12/7/05) at UNC Hospitals.
Arrangements are incom-
plete by Knotts Funeral Home
in Pittsboro.

Order of Service

- Musical Meditation.....Mr. Johnny Price
Pianist
- Processional.....Clergy and Family
Hymn..... "It Is Well With My Soul"
Gethsemane Holiness Church Choir
- Scripture
Old Testament: Psalms 121.....The Reverend Dwight Cheek
St. Stephens AME Church, Liberty, NC
New Testament: I Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Minister Kim Richmond
Niece, Greensboro, NC
- Prayer of Comfort.....The Reverend Gloria Moore
St. Matthews AME Zion Church, Pittsboro, NC
- Selection..... "It's In Jesus"
- Tribute.....The Honorable Eileen Olds
Niece
Mrs. Vanessa Burnette
Friend and Former Co-Worker
- Musical Selection..... "Precious Lord Take My Hand"
Mr. Rodney Jones
- Acknowledgments of Condolences.....Mrs. Patty Fox
- Solo..... "I Won't Complain"
Mr. Leroy Farrar
- Eulogy.....Roman 8 ch 535.....The Reverend Allen L. Moore
- Solo.....The Love of Christ..... "When You Hear Of My Home Going"
Mr. Bobby Mitchell
- Recessional..... "This Joy That I Have"
(Favorite Song)

Obituary

God being ever faithful and merciful carried our mother home, Tuesday, September 27, 2005. Ellen Reives Patterson, the beloved daughter of the late Clem Reives, Sr. and Emma Bruce Reives entered this world on August 18, 1925. She was named Ellen in honor of her fraternal grandmother.

Ellen attended Gees Grove Church School as a child, and graduated from the Chatham County Training School in 1942. She then attended Maco Beauty College. She was married to Wayne "Pat" Patterson who predeceased her in 1998. Ellen was a wonderful wife and mother. She worked hard as a beautician and a factory worker, always helping to provide for her family and having great hopes her efforts would afford her children greater opportunities.

She leaves her children with a legacy of love, strength, compassion, generosity and kindness. Numerous individuals have shared with us who our mother was to them, things she did for them and acts of kindness shown to them. Her deeds were never limited to her children. Nieces, nephews, friends of her children and practically anyone found her door open and her table full. She was so concerned to have something to offer visitors, she frequently kept a cake in the freezer in case someone stopped by.

She was a skilled beautician, seamstress and homemaker. She seemed to always make everything special, every meal good, every dress beautiful and every holiday spectacular. We tried to give back to her the joy she brought to us. She was a mother who taught us that "if you just do what is right, you will always come out on top." The life's lessons shared with us are immeasurable and we are thankful.

Ellen loved the church and used her organizational skills for its benefit. She was a missionary in the truest sense of the word, and the secretary of the Missionary Board for numerous years. She was the Program Committee Chairperson, a Deaconess, Class Leader, Sunday School Member, and for many years, president of the Pastor's Aide. She was active in the community as well as a member of the Community Circle and Les Petite Dames Social Club. Both gave her additional opportunities to be of service to others. She was concerned about the spiritual well being of others as a natural care giver and problem solver. She would tell you to "look toward the hills, from whence cometh thy help. Thy help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth." If she were the help He chose to send, she would provide. Whether it was transportation, financial, lodging or just attention, she would accommodate.

Ellen loved her family and was predeceased by three brothers: John W. Reives, Claudie Lee Reives and Clem M. Reives, Jr.

She leaves broken hearted yet full of faith and hope, her children; Sandra Washington (Milton), Gulf, NC; Victor Rogers, Greensboro, NC; Barbara Patterson-Hatcher (Robert), Durham, NC; Belinda P. McKoy (Brinn), Siler City, NC; Morris Clem Patterson, Ramseur, NC; Tlynthia Jordan (Terry), Pittsboro, NC and Amanda Patterson-Womble (Michael), Charleston, SC; one sister, Frances Olds, Chesapeake, VA; one sister in-law, Bernice Reives, Siler City, NC; one brother in-law, Joe Patterson (Debra), Asheboro, NC; 13 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.



Mama, Daddy and Aunt Frances (Puddin')

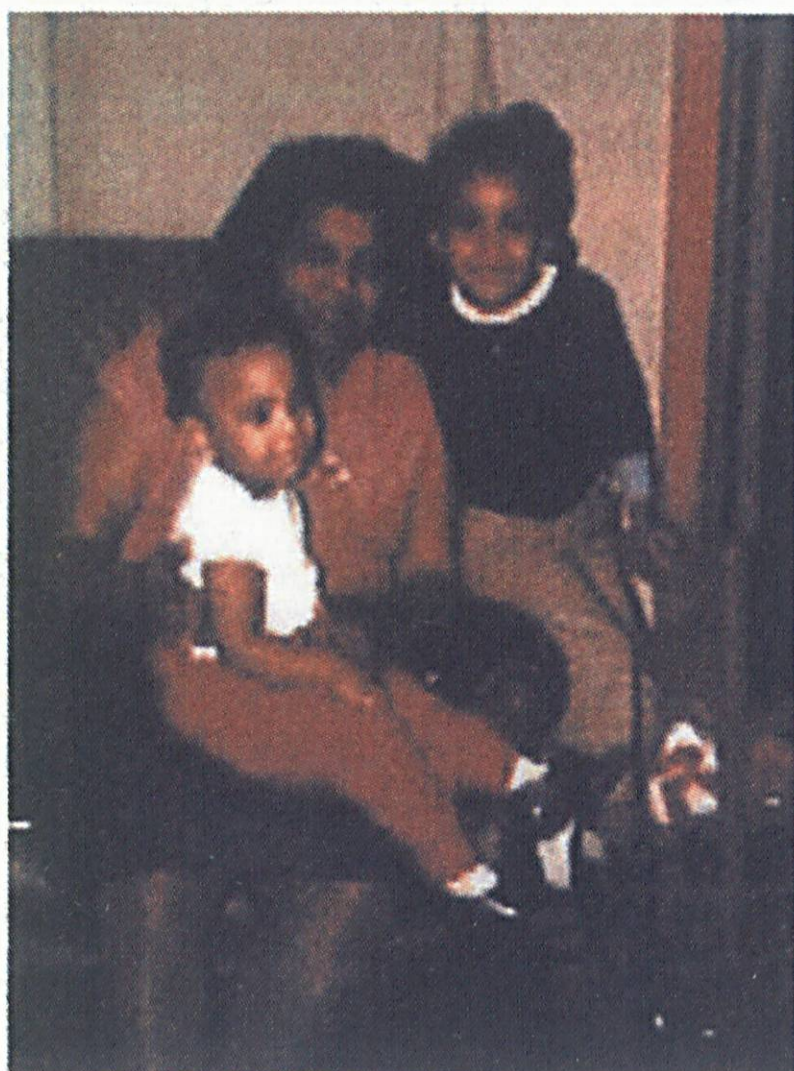
Last Christmas with Daddy



Barbara's Wedding, 1983



Amanda's Wedding, 1997



Mama with Manda and Tee



...with Manda's Baby (Azal)



...with Belinda's Twins



...with Chase



...with Barbara, Azal and Manda



...with San and Lori



...with San at Belinda's Initial Sermon 2001



....with the girls at Easter 2001

When I Must Leave You

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start our brave life with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name,
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each walking hour in useful ways.
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer,
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!*



*"Hey my Mommy,"
"Hey my Baby,"
You would always reply.
When my eyes greeted you,
Your smile could tell no lie.
It told me of your love for me,
I thank God till this day,
For giving me the greatest mother,
With such a loving way!*

"Together Forever"



Casket Bearers

Larry Cheek
Robert Emerson
Jerry Paschal
Terry Price

Richard Emerson
Phillip Gowins
Richard Paschal, Jr.
Edward Staley

Flower Bearers

Sharon Cheek
Jackie Headen
Barbara Green
Bernice Jordan
Angela Macon
Barbara Paschal

Janice Paschal
Lecia Paschal
Hope Welch
Barbara Shamburger
Cassandra White
Christine Williams

We Are Grateful...

Our cross is lighter because of you, our friends, church family, and extended family who have prayed for and comforted us in so many ways. We live in faith and hope while we wait for God's own time to ease the strife and pain.

Words cannot express our gratitude for the love shown to our family and our loved one during her illness and passing. We wish to sincerely express our deepest appreciation for all of your love and kindness. We must give special recognition to the following for their exceptional efforts and support: Cora Caviness, Patti Gales, Blondean Jordan, Pamela Martin, Bernistine Minter, Rebbecca Mitchell and Rosa Taylor.

**Services Entrusted To:
Farrar Funeral Service**

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