



Patricia Ann Broadnax

December 1, 1934 - June 11, 2023

Patricia Ann Broadnax, 88, formerly of Chattanooga, departed this life and entered in the loving arms of Jesus in the early hours of Sunday, June 11, 2023, at her residence in Jackson, Tennessee. The youngest of the eight children of Harvey and Maxie Broadnax, she was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on December 1, 1934. The death of her parents at an early age was followed by a loving “adoption” and rearing by “Aunt Pressie” and “Uncle Butler” Frazier. It was through Aunt Pressie that she gained her love of reading as well as the will to “hold her head high” despite adversity. It was also through Aunt Pressie that she received her religious values; prompting her to join the church at an early age. Throughout her formative years, she was very active in Sunday School, Choir, and the Baptist youth organization at Hawkinsville Missionary Baptist Church. Despite these activities, she also found time to pursue her love of sports in the form of basketball. Despite her small size, her speed made her a force to reckon with on the court. Always an excellent student, she received her high school diploma with honors from Booker T. Washington High school. Her love for academics led her to Paine College in Augusta, Georgia. It was there that she received her BS degree in early childhood education. In keeping with its motto “Never say farewell to thee” –she formed multiple lifelong friendships with her fellow “Paine-ites”. After a brief stint in South Carolina for her first teaching post, she returned to Chattanooga for the remainder of her teaching career. Her love of children and passion for learning combined to make her a wonderful teacher. The

enthusiasm and excellence which she gave to her duties were unsurpassed. She kept such a close eye on “her children” that it was not unusual for her to assist medical personnel, psychologists, parents, and teachers alike by reporting certain abnormalities in the children that lead to the early diagnosis of certain sometimes life-threatening medical conditions. Her excellence in the realm of education did not go unnoticed. She was chosen as one of a select group of black teachers to help integrate the Chattanooga School system. Though she retired from the school system in 1994, her influence as a teacher remains even to this day---we as her family members continue to meet persons who remember her fondly as their “first grade” teacher. She had innumerable “children of the heart”. She loved her small nieces, nephews, cousins, and godchildren as her own and served as a second mother to us all. She was the pillar of our family and served us in whatever way needed. She was an active member of First Baptist Church serving on the Usher Board, Sunday School Team Leader board, church choir, and the Ladies Guild. She had a love of the game of Bridge and was an active member of “Les Jeune Amies” Bridge Club. She loved to travel. Before failing health grounded her, she traveled all over the world and often shared stories and pictures of her travels. She loved Jazz and combined her love of travel and music by going on several Jazz Cruises. Needless to say, -- “Aunt Pat,” “Aunt Tricia,” “Pat,”---will be greatly missed. Our knowledge that she has been reunited with our family and with our God is our Solace. Patricia was preceded in death by her parents Harvey and Maxie Broadnax; seven siblings; five devoted cousins; two nephews; one niece; and one great-niece. She leaves behind to cherish her memory nephews, Frederick (Rosetta) Harden, Doran (Naomi) Porter, Alonzo (Shalita) Arnold, and J. Steven Broadnax; nieces, Jennifer Arnold Turnage, Mildred Broadnax, Terry Jean (Ed) Wherry, Wanda Faye Norris, I. Denise Clark, and P. Renee (Emmanuel) Obi; devoted cousins, Rosetta Strickland, Pressie Wasson, and Mary Frazier; as well as a host of beloved cousins; great-nieces; great-nephews; and god-children. Patricia will lie-in-state on Friday, June 23, 2023, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of E.

8th Street. Funeral service will follow at 12 noon with Reverend Dr. William Terry Ladd, III as the eulogist. Burial in Lakewood Memory Gardens, East.

Arrangements are by Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc.

Live Stream Directions: 1. Go to Your Face Book Page 2. Type:
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Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memory Gardens East

4621 Shallowford Road
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of E. 8th Street
506 E. 8th Street
Chattanooga, TN 37403

Service

JUN **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Rosa Crowley lit a candle in memory of
Patricia Ann Broadnax*



Rosa Crowley - June 23, 2023 at 11:20 AM

“ Dear Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.
Aunt Pat has left an imprint on many many lives. She was a great
tree....

When Great Trees Fall by Maya Angelou

*When great trees fall,
Rocks on distant hills shudder,
Lions hunker down
In tall grasses,
And even elephants
Lumber after safety.*

*When great trees fall
In forests,
Small things recoil into silence,
Their senses
Eroded beyond fear.*

*When great souls die,
the air around becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
See with
A hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
Gnaws on kind words
unsaid,,
promised walks
never taken.*

*Great souls die and
our reality, bounds to*

*them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our mind, formed
and informed by their
radiance, fall away.
We are not so much maddened
As reduced to the unutterable ignorance of
dark, cold
caves.*

*And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
Slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
Soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whispers to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.*

Pamela Gruduah - June 23, 2023 at 10:57 AM

HT

“Mrs. Broadnax was one of my most favorite teachers! She was my first grade teacher at Woodmore Elementary. She was an excellent teacher who loved her students. It was a joy being a student in her class as well as working with her as a teacher at Woodmore! I learned a lot from her. She was a dedicated, patient, fun-loving teacher. I will cherish the memories. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Sincerely,
Holly Toney

Holly Toney - June 22, 2023 at 06:38 PM



“Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Broadnax.



June 22, 2023 at 12:37 AM

KJ

“There are some teachers that invest so much in you that they leave footprints on your heart for a lifetime. My first-grade teacher at Woodmore Elementary School is one of those in my life!! i will never forget her. Rest Well Ms. Broadnax!! ❤️🙏



Karitsa Mosley Jones - June 21, 2023 at 08:07 PM

WC

“ *Winifred Careathers sent a virtual gift in memory of Patricia Ann Broadnax*



Winifred Careathers - June 20, 2023 at 01:59 PM

TT

“ *Mrs. Broad ax was my 1st grade teacher at Woodmore Elementary School.. RIH*



Tammie Toney - June 19, 2023 at 08:19 PM

GF

“ *Geofrey & Hazel Frazier purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Patricia Ann Broadnax.*



Geofrey & Hazel Frazier - June 19, 2023 at 06:57 PM

CV

“ *Caroline Vaught lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Broadnax*



Caroline Vaught - June 18, 2023 at 03:22 PM

MB

“ *Marilyn Bruell Brown lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Broadnax*



Marilyn Bruell Brown - June 13, 2023 at 10:06 PM

RS

Pat was truly called to be a primary teacher! She loved her job and excelled in all facets of instruction! She had control but the students knew she loved and respected them! She was an asset to the Woodmore Staff!

Ray Swoffard

Ray Swoffard - June 19, 2023 at 04:28 PM