



Patricia Ann Whitters

March 17, 1952 - October 23, 2018

Patricia Ann Whitters (Roberts) 66-Went to be with her Heavenly Father on October 23, 2018. She is now at peace and will be missed.

Born in the Southern Carolina area on March 17, 1952 as the only Child of Willie & Catherine Roberts who both preceded her in death.

She was raised in the Alexandria Virginia area where she married her first husband James Sykes and had her first daughter, Katrina Sykes. Later she married Timothy Whitters, and had her second daughter, Christine Gardner (Whitters). They then moved to Kansas City, Kansas in search of their own farm.

Patricia was the First African American woman to become a Switchman for Roc Island Railroad. Which later was purchased by Union Pacific. Patricia was lover of people made a difference. She worked at KCK Health Extension for several years educating women and children in health and nutrition. She went on to Work for the YWCA and formed Girls Inc. She mentored at-risk young ladies in the Wyandotte KS area. Her work earned her a full front page in the Kansas City Kansan. She Believed in using her life experiences to help others to avoid the same pitfalls. She later worked for the KC Free Health Clinic- where she helped change behaviors that would lead to HIV/AIDS, affectionately known as the "Condom Lady". Prior to a life changing stroke,

she continued to work in the same field on the administrative side in the DC area.

As an avid walker she enjoyed outdoor activities, reading, music, the arts, good conversation, mixing well in all social circles.

She will be missed by her daughters, Katrina Sykes, Christine Gardner (Quentin), her grandchildren, Catherine Spivey, Joshua Gardner, Jasmin Gardner. Her friends, Terry Edmonds, Arnold Henry, Darrow Akins, and so many family and friends throughout the Midwest and South.

Tribute Wall

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“ Pat, I have wondered how to reach you all these years. Since our time at the YWCA in Kansas. I have missed you. I should have felt that your energy was no longer earth bound because you were so vibrant and full of love. You called me Smiley. I have never forgotten your personality, your spirit, your energy or the love you had for the clients of the YW. Thank you for the time we shared working together my Dear SisterFriend.
Paulette

Paulette Riley - August 27, 2024 at 03:45 PM

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“ So sorry for you guy lost but heaven has gained prayer for you and your family love Virgie and family 💕💕💕

virgie mitchell - November 26, 2018 at 02:16 PM

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“ Pat....so very many memories we shared and happy times together at Aunt Cat and Uncle Willie house in Alexandria. You always made us laugh and that's a great talent to be able to create laughter. We love and miss you but thank God for loving you more. You are missed. Florine and Family

Florine Mooring - November 25, 2018 at 07:13 AM



“ Deanna Wardlow lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Whifers



Deanna Wardlow - November 14, 2018 at 07:26 AM