



### GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden and found an empty place,  
 He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.  
 He put His arms around you and lifted to rest.  
 God's garden must be beautiful,  
 He always takes the best.  
 He knew that you were suffering,  
 He knew you were in pain,  
 He knew you would never get well on earth again.  
 He saw the road was getting rough and the hills were hard to climb,  
 So He closed your weary eyelids and whispered,  
 "Peace be well with you."  
 Oh, my God, it broke our hearts to lose you.  
 But you didn't go alone, for a part of us went with you,  
 The day God called you home.

Momma and Grandma. We Love You,  
 Dominique and A'Niah Patterson

### WHAT I CAN SAY

No farewell words were spoken.  
 No time to say "Good-bye."  
 You were gone before I knew it,  
 and only God knows why.  
 My heart still aches with sadness, and secret tears still flow.  
 What it meant to love, no one can ever know.  
 Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today,  
 A hollowed place within my heart, is where you'll always stay.

I Will Always Love You,  
 Gerald

### Acknowledgment

The family of Reverend Julia M. Patterson extends our sincere gratitude for the love and kindness that you have shown to us. We are grateful for each of you. Your support, every expression of love, and your prayers mean more than words can express.  
 A special "Thank You" to our beloved Bishop Michael L. Mitchell, Presiding Elder Harvey G. Potts, Pastor Elijah Shafah, to Avery Chapel, St. Paul, Mt. Triumph, and Mr. John Temple and Temple & Sons Funeral Directors and staff.

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## To The Glory of God Celebration of Life



# Reverend Julia Murray Patterson

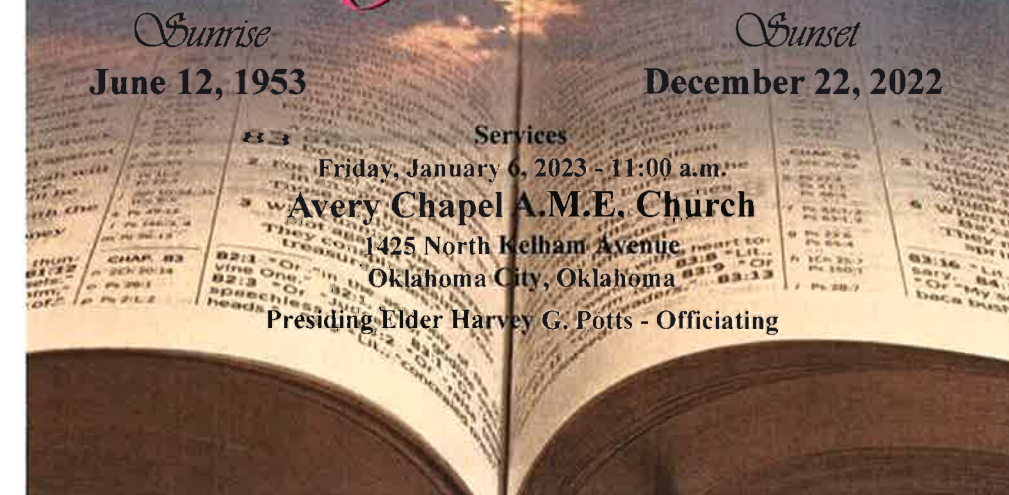
*Sunrise*  
 June 12, 1953

*Sunset*  
 December 22, 2022

Services  
 Friday, January 6, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.  
**Avery Chapel A.M.E. Church**

1425 North Kelham Avenue  
 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Presiding Elder Harvey G. Potts - Officiating





## Life Story

A requested baby sister was granted to Clyde and Florence Murray on June 12, 1953, in Richmond, Virginia. Julia E. Murray, the requested baby sister by her older brothers, was the youngest child of eleven brothers and sisters.

Julia was educated in the Richmond Public Schools. She enjoyed playing basketball and bookkeeping, and was a part of the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) which prepared her for a life in the business world. Julia had a love for fast cars; she drove a Mustang Mach 4 and enjoyed taking her nieces and nephews for rides. To them, Julia was the cool Aunt, because she would always take them to the fun places. After graduating Lee-Davis High School, she continued her education and pursued a Degree in Business Management which led her to the Banking industry, where she held various positions in all facets throughout her career.

Julia met the man of her life, Gerald Patterson, while cashing his check at a local bank. This encounter led to a 40+ year relationship, and was blessed with three children, Charles, Darla and Dominique; and six grandchildren, Tyriq, Diamond, Isaiah, Celecia, Vashti and A'Niah. There were countless family vacations and road trips and Church conventions with non-stop activities. Julia lived a well spent life enjoying family and love for adventure.

Julia accepted the call to ministry in 1996 at St. Matthew AMEC in Lorain, Ohio, where she began moving in the power of God on day-one. Julia ministered for years alongside her husband Gerald, until the Lord granted her own assignments to Mt. Triumph AMEC, Spencer, Oklahoma and St. Paul AMEC, Guthrie, Oklahoma. She taught Faith, Healing, and Hope through the Holy Ghost. She also served on various Conference Boards and Committees, in the AME Church, was a member of the NAACP, Metro Methodist Ministers Alliance, and the Council of Churches of Oklahoma City. Gaining the love and respect of many, Pastor Julia's light became a strong witness in the community.

Julia believed that all things work together for good if you give God first place in your life. On December 22, 2022, all things came together for Julia, as she took her fight to another home in the heavens, not made with hands. She fought the good fight of faith and finished her race and is now on the other side of the river.



## Order of Service

PROCESSIONAL  
Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family

SONG OF CELEBRATION  
Choir

INVOCATION  
Presiding Elder Ruth M. Holmes  
CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT  
Reverend Pandora Crawford  
Epistle

Reverend Sandra Burton  
Gospel

Reverend Elijah Shafah

MINISTRY OF MUSIC  
Choir

REFLECTIONS  
Carmen Bennett, St. Paul, Guthrie  
Gerald Jackson, Mt. Triumph, Spencer  
Regan Green, Bethel, Chandler

VIDEO OF COMFORT

RESOLUTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

WORDS OF COMFORT  
Presiding Elder Harvey G. Potts

MINISTRY IN SONG  
"When Peace, Like a River" - Choir

EULOGY  
The Rt. Reverend Micheal L. Mitchell  
Presiding Bishop, 12<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District

THE COMMITTAL

RECESSIONAL  
Ministers, Funeral Directors, Family