

*Miss Me But Let Me Go*



*When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free?*

*Miss me a little - but not too long  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take  
And each must go alone.  
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,  
A step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick at heart,  
Go to the friends we know  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds  
Miss Me - But Let Me Go.*

Author: Anonymous

*Pallbearers*

Sons

*Floral Bearers*

Family and Friends

*Acknowledgement*

We, the family of Mrs. R. Deborah Cherry Patterson, wish to thank each of you for the many loving and wonderful acts of love and kindness rendered during the passing of our loved one. May God bless each of you with His grace and mercy, we pray.

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*Home Going Service  
In Loving Memory  
of*

MRS. R. DEBORAH CHERRY PATTERSON



MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022  
12:00 NOON

FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
1401 PINE STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

REVEREND DR. SAMUEL K. LEWIS  
-PASTOR-

*Life Reflections*  
*of*  
*Mrs. R. Deborah Cherry Patterson*

On Tuesday, May 17, 2022, R. Deborah Cherry Patterson, a loving wife, mother, sister, friend, and affectionately called *DeDe*, transitioned from this life to be with her Heavenly Father. *Debbie* transitioned in the comfort of her home with her family and a very dear sister-friend by her side.

Born in Columbia, South Carolina on August 15, 1950, Debbie was the bouncing baby girl that Reverend Charles, Sr. and Dr. Verna Cherry had been anticipating. Instantly, they knew that Debbie had that “gleam” in her eyes that would always signify her lifelong brilliance.

Educated in the public schools of Columbia, South Carolina, Debbie attended Carver Elementary, W. A. Perry Middle, and C. A. Johnson High School. At C. A. Johnson High School, Debbie was a member of the marching band and the choir. Always a fashion icon, she ventured off to Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina, where she earned a degree in Home Economics with a specialty in Nutrition and Clothing. She was a “Bennett Belle” from 1968 – 1972. While at Bennett College, Debbie was a member of the Future Homemakers of America. Her reputation at Bennett was the girl who could put outfits together!

Following in the footsteps of her mother, Dr. Verna Cherry, Debbie was a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Those big beautiful curious eyes always were inquisitive for excitement, so it was only natural that Debbie became a flight attendant for Delta Airlines in 1973. She flew the “friendly skies” for 45 years, before retiring in 2018. Her career afforded Debbie and her devoted and loving husband of 37 years, Donald, the opportunity to travel to over 30 countries and every state within the United States. It gave her tremendous joy to bring souvenirs to everyone from her many travels around the world. Debbie’s infectious smile and her big bright beautiful eyes will truly be missed but always remembered.

Mrs. R. Deborah Cherry Patterson leaves to cherish her precious memory: her devoted husband, Donald Patterson; two brothers, Reverend Charles (Jackie) Cherry, Jr., of Columbia, SC and Mark Anthony (Stephanie) King, of Philadelphia, PA; five sons, Vernell (Mia) Cherry, of Frederick MD, Denell (Tameka) Patterson, of Chambersburg, PA, DJ (Fidelia) Patterson, of Woodbridge, VA; Jason Rolland, of Columbia, SC, and Adam (Sarah) Patterson, of Seattle, VA; seventeen (17) grandchildren; one great-grandchild; a host of nieces, nephews, many other loving relatives, and caring friends, all of whom will miss her dearly.

*Memories*



*A Service of Remembrance*

- Prelude
- Processional
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Opening Selection ..... “I Will Trust In The Lord”
- Old Testament ..... Reverend Jeryl Salmond
- New Testament ..... Reverend Jeryl Salmond
- Prayer of Comfort ..... Reverend Clarence Cross, Jr.
- Selection.....”I Surrender All”
- Remarks..... Reverend Charles Cherry, Jr.  
 Ms. Sandra McKie  
 A Representative of The Auntie Karen Foundation  
 Ms. Oveta Glover
- Selection ..... “Total Praise”
- Words of Comfort..... Reverend Dr. Samuel K. Lewis
- Selection ..... “Let The Church Say Amen”
- Recessional
- Postlude



*Committal, Benediction and Interment*

**Lincoln Cemetery**  
**4900 Farrow Road**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**