

Obituary

Patricia Ann Ellis of Columbia, South Carolina passed away peacefully on Friday, February 20, 2026. Born February 21, 1962, in Newark, New Jersey to the late Howard Ellis and Pearl Kelly, Patricia was the youngest child.

She was raised in a loving Christian home and was affectionately known by “Pat” or “Patsy”. Patricia had many skills but the one that her family and friends cherished the most was her infamous “fried chicken”. She had a sense of humor and infectious smile that all will remember. Her strength and resilience were cherished by all who knew her. She gave her life to Christ at an early age being baptized at St. Paul Baptist Church, Newark, NJ and transitioned her praise for the Lord at Agape Worship Center & Life Transformation Ministry Church in Columbia, SC.

In her early years, Patricia received her High School Diploma at Irvington High School and later completed some college credits at Essex County College, then received her certification as a Nurse Technician at Irvington Technical School. She loved taking care of people and being of service to others, whereby working at Spring Grove Nursing Home for 15 years in New Jersey. Pat loved to dress and presented herself well amongst her peers.

In the 1980’, she birthed two treasured children Pearl A. Ellis and Rikkii Ellis. She was a devoted mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, and friend to many. Deeply rooted in her faith and Bible scriptures she upheld those values, spiritual discipline, integrity, and generosity to others. She loved visiting you but in a matter of minutes of her arrival she was ready to return home. She began to find comfort in her solitude with her love “Buttons” and watering her flowers. Patricia was preceded in death by her beloved mother, Pearl Kelly Ellis, her father Howard Ellis, and her baby brother Anthony Kelly.

She is survived by her daughter Pearl Ellis Johnson (Columbia, SC), her son Rikkii Ellis (Miami, FL), her grandchildren: Ayanna Edwards, Ethan Charles Ellis, & Kilek Ellis (all of Columbia, SC); two sisters Linda Kelly-Hannah (Tommy) Cola, SC & Barbara Allen (Bear, Delaware); nieces Lakecha, Shannon, Whakeela, Tamika, & Erica; nephews Anthony, Corey, Antwan, Jarrett (Lakeisha), a host aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Memories



Order of Service

- Prelude
- Processional
- Musical Selection.....“I’m Free”
By Reverend Milton Brunson
- Old Testament.....Elder LaKecha McRae
- New Testament.....Deaconess Erica Williams
- Prayer.....Pastor Patricia Brown
- Reading of Obituary.....Ms. Tamika McLaughlin
- SelectionMr. Kyle Baxter
- Remarks.....Mrs. Barbara Allen
Ms. Linda Kelly-Hannah
Ms. Whakeela Williams
- SelectionMr. Kyle Baxter
- Words of Comfort.....Pastor Shannon McRae
- Viewing.....Funeral Directors
- Recessional
- Postlude



Committal, Benediction & Interment
Woodlawn Cemetery
10216 Farrow Road
Blythewood, South Carolina

At Her Best

God saw you were getting tired

When a cure was not to be.

He closed his arms around you and whispered,

“Come to Me”

In tears we saw you sinking,

We watched you fade away.

Our Hearts were almost broken,

You fought so hard to stay.

But when we saw you sleeping

So peacefully, free from pain,

We should not wish you back to suffer that
again.

So treasure her, Lord, in your garden of rest.

For here on earth,

She was the best.

Pallbearers

Chris Johnson Ethan Johnson
Deontae McLaughlin Deondre Williams

Floral Bearers

Erica Williams Kiesha McRae
Whakeela James

Acknowledgement

We, the family of Ms. Patricia Ann Ellis, would like to thank each of you for your prayers, loved, and support during the passing of our loved one. It is our prayer that the Lord blesses each of you in a very special way.

IN
LOVING
Memory



Ms. Patricia Ann Ellis



Monday, March 2, 2026

2:00 p.m.

Life Transformation Ministries

500 Horseshoe Circle

Columbia, South Carolina

Pastor Shannon McRae

- Officiating -

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