



## Patricia Anne Turner

October 14, 1946 - September 28, 2018

Patricia Anne Joyner Turner died on September 28, 2018, following a valiant, life-long struggle with the ravages of Type 1 diabetes. Born in Memphis on October 14, 1946 to B.C. and Ethel Joyner, Patsy grew up in Jackson with her paternal aunt, Bennye J. Bonds (Vernon) along with Patsy's sister, Emily J. Smith. Patsy was a graduate of Jackson High School and Union University, where she received a Bachelor of Arts, studying English, Religion and Social Work. As a teenager, Patsy received lessons in the art of elocution from Miss Elizabeth Ingram; her proficiency in this lost art was evident whenever she spoke publicly. Her love of people inspired her to become a dedicated social worker and many remember her from her career days at Regional Hospital and other agencies. On May 10, 1972, Patsy married Prentice Raymond Turner and they welcomed beloved daughter Anna-Carolyn Jackson Turner Rogers (Patrick) on December 4, 1982. Patsy's grandchildren were the lights of her life: Calvin Jordan Miracle (16), Carrie Ann Rogers (12), Patrick Carey Rogers, Jr. (9) and Turner Alan Rogers (2). Patsy's life passion was her service to God and to St. Mary's Catholic Church and its people. She was an eloquent lector and a minister of holy communion, and an avid participant in Bible study classes. Patsy loved the saints and could, off-the-cuff, name a saint for any cause or illness. She received a papal blessing from Pope John Paul II and was selected by Mother Teresa of Calcutta as a lay member of her order, the Missionaries of Charity. She organized the Multi-Cultural Committee, sponsored the annual Afro-Centric Mass and was instrumental in the formulation of the Academic Angel Program, benefitting Haitian children. She was involved in numerous other committees and projects at St. Mary's; however, most beloved to her was her service on the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation in Adults) team, sponsoring countless candidates seeking membership in the Catholic Church, and serving for over 30 years. Patsy was well-loved in the community for her untiring concern for others and her ever-present courage, uncomplaining nature, and infectious smile in the face of constant pain, frailty and illness. Proof of her dedication to others is indicated in her service on and involvement in numerous community committees, clubs, and boards, including: Contemporary Junior Woman's Club (founding member and past President), Jackson Area Social Services Council, FISH, WRAP, Jackson Jaycettes, Jackson Center for Enrichment and Development, Friends of Black Children, Jackson Symphony League,

Jackson Humane Society, Mutual Improvement Society, Shakespeare Circle, LANA, Downtown Dogs Group, Lambuth Jewish Project , Christian, Jewish and Muslim Discussion Group, Tennessee Citizens Against Capital Punishment, Area Relief Ministries, 100th Man Project, Mayor Farmer's Diversity Project, HANDS, and the court-appointed Bi-Racial Committee, representing the NAACP. Patsy also was recognized by many organizations and received numerous awards, including: Jackson Jaycettes Young Woman of the Year 1978, Altrusa Woman of the Year 2000, St. Mary's Mater Dei Award, Dr. William Hose Award for Evangelism in the African American Community, Woman of the Year (Jackson Business and Professional Women), NAACP Community Activism Award, and St. Mary's Multi-Cultural Award. Patsy was a voracious reader, an eloquent writer, a talented artist, an inspirational speaker, and an excellent cook. In addition, she had a secret and inexplicable fascination for reality TV and cheap tabloids, which she would admit gleefully, when cornered. She had an extensive book and cookbook collection, and also loved "redbirds", flowers (especially sunflowers). angels and cats. In addition to her husband Raymond, her daughter Carly and her family, and her sister Emily, Patsy leaves also a niece, Cara Stegall (Blake), a nephew, Andrew Smith (Bri), and great-nieces and -nephews Ryker, Zander, Stella, Lincoln, a new great-nephew due in November, and other family members.

Visitation will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Jackson on Monday, October 1, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A service will be held at the church on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. , with burial at Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the St. Mary's Academic Angels Scholarship Fund: 731-668-2596.

"And what does the Lord require of you? to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God". Micah 6:8

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Mt. Calvary**

Jackson, TN,

**OCT**   **Visitation**                      06:00PM - 08:00PM

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St Mary's Catholic Church

1665 US-45 BYP, Jackson, TN, US, 38305-4413

**OCT**   **Service**                                      11:00AM

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St Mary's Catholic Church

1665 US-45 BYP, Jackson, TN, US, 38305-4413

# Comments

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“ Laura lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



Laura - December 08, 2018 at 06:13 PM

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“ She was my godmother. Growing up her and Raymond would take me to see Santa Claus. She never forgot my birthday and always made me feel loved and special. I never saw her without a smile on her face. My prayers are with Raymond and her family.

Talitha Snyder - October 18, 2018 at 10:01 AM

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“ Patsy and I were childhood friends and we had a great time growing up in Jackson . We went to the movies, to the Dairy Queen and had had sleep overs at our houses! I remember how smart she was in school. She could read a poem and know what the poet was saying when others couldn't figure out the meaning! She had such a gift for this and often helped the teacher with the hidden meanings of poetry! I remember when she became a mother and how excited she was! I never met Carly but I do remember she loved her dearly. She was a trooper dealing with her diabetes, never complaining , always such a positive person? I loved her and her family--Bibby and Papa! I know Heaven has embraced her and is a better place with her there!

Mary M Neighbors - October 10, 2018 at 09:47 PM

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“ Prayers for Raymon, Carley and her precious grandchildren. There will be hard days. Remember the blessings and sweet times. They will give you strength. You are loved.

Mickie Whitaker - October 04, 2018 at 08:22 PM

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“ I was so sadden to hear of sweet Patsy's passing but know definately she is with her Lord and Savior. I grew up with she and Raymond at West Jackson Baptist Church in the 1970s. Many memories of innocent days and as a young girl, the impact she and Raymond had on me. Prayers for the family and strength in the coming days.

**Alison Winston** - October 03, 2018 at 10:43 PM

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“ What a great example to follow ,peace with you.I hope God keeps u in his loving arms.



**Wojtas Family** - October 03, 2018 at 05:52 PM

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“ Eileen Brittingham lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



**eileen brittingham** - October 02, 2018 at 02:38 PM

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“ I am so very sorry to hear the news of Patsy's passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. She was one of the finest women I have ever had the privilege to know.

**Betty Menees** - October 02, 2018 at 11:43 AM

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“ Cindy Deaton lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



**Cindy Deaton** - October 02, 2018 at 11:20 AM

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“ Even in her death, through her final wishes, she is still teaching us. What an amazing woman, PatsyTurner, a Saint in our church and a pillar and testament in my personal faith journey. How I long for one more deep conversation with you. You will never be forgotten, you were anointed, walked among us, and changed us all. I was blessed that my path crossed yours, a divinely orchestrated encounter, I have no doubt. And while I don't know your family personally, may they be comforted knowing this and that Your name is written in my bible as a VIP. You were a Very Important Person in my life, imparting wisdom with so much authority, for which I'll remain eternally grateful. Rest In Peace our precious anointed friend and reap from the treasures stored for you in heaven. We know they are abundant and overflowing. Our Heavenly Father has spoken, "This is my Daughter, Patsy, with whom I am well pleased".

**Darla Moore** - October 02, 2018 at 11:05 AM

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“ One of the kindest person I have ever met. She helped many and was loved by many. She will be missed. Her loss is Heaven's gain for sure.

**Gene Dearmitt** - October 02, 2018 at 08:15 AM

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“ Patsy was such a wonderful lady! She will be missed by so many. I am so sorry for your loss Raymond, Carly, Emily, and family.



**Susie Dungan Elvington** - October 02, 2018 at 04:24 AM

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“ My dear friend, Patsy, welcomed my family to St. Mary's, Jackson, and the LANA district. Her energy and love was contagious. Despite her frequent illness, she just continued living her life fully in service to others. She was my daughter's confirmation sponsor. I will always feel blessed to have been in her presence.



**JO ANN ESTRADA-YOUNG** - October 01, 2018 at 11:55 PM



“ My dear Patsy. From the very moment I met you for the first time I knew you were a very special person. I will never forget the Multicultural Committee that you helped organize. I hope we meet again.

**Laura** - December 08, 2018 at 06:11 PM

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“ Ms. Patsy was a joy and a ray of sunshine. She will be missed by all who knew her  
Lorraine Price

**Lorraine A Price** - October 01, 2018 at 11:09 PM

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“ Peace Be with You - Love Ian & Angela McFadden purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Patricia Anne Turner.



Peace Be with You - Love Ian & Angela McFadden - October 01, 2018 at 07:07 PM

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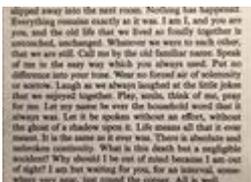
“ I worked with Patsy in the RCIA program at St. Mary's. She was the person who could put anyone at ease. No matter how she was feeling, she would come to the meetings. She even checked herself out of the hospital, came to the meeting, and then when back the hospital. She was a joy to be round. My prayers are with Raymond, Carly and all the members of her family. Eternal rest grant to her O Lord. Kathleen Hicks

Kathleen Hicks - October 01, 2018 at 11:56 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Mickie Whitaker - October 01, 2018 at 07:26 AM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Turner.

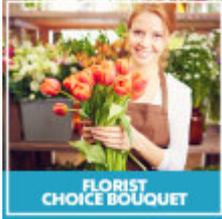


October 01, 2018 at 12:48 AM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Turner.



September 30, 2018 at 11:22 PM

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“ My name is Kathy Sewell and I went through RCIA this past year and was confirmed this past Easter. Patsy and I bonded quickly. Such a sweet holy pure spirit she had, loving and accepting. Always smiling welcoming questions and encouraging me. I care for my mother and she had a few months during my process in rcia when I didn't feel she should be left. Patsy volunteered to help me by phone in any way she could to continue my progress. Betty and my sponsor helped me also. Patsy gave me saint nicknames and led me to my patron saint choice. Her spirit seemed to instantly connect to mine in the love of the Lord. We became close quickly and I looked up to her so much for the life of holiness that she led before God. As well as her wealth of knowledge. She seemed not to have one single impure cell in her. She is probably the most Godly woman I have ever known, and I will never forget her. I have been and will continue to pray for the family and all those who are grieving her. She had a way of making every person feel loved and special. I was so blessed to come into the church when I did. I can't imagine my life without having had her influence and love in it. Rest In Peace, Patsy Turner. I love you so dearly and always will.

**Kathy Sewell** - September 30, 2018 at 08:56 PM

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“ Belinda Corlew Bangsund Murfreesboro T lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



**Belinda Corlew Bangsund Murfreesboro T** - September 30, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ Emily will be thinking of you. So sorry for you loss.

**Belinda Corlew Bangsund** - September 30, 2018 at 07:49 PM



“ Love you Patsy and you will be miss by us all. I know you will be in our hearts forever. May the family find comfort in God during this difficult time.



**Felechia Warf** - September 30, 2018 at 06:09 PM

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“ My very best friend at St. Mary's. Rest in peace. Prayers for Raymond and Carly.



**Mike Singleton** - September 30, 2018 at 02:33 PM

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“ Patsy haa always treated me with live and kindness. She will be truly missed



**Tammie Smith** - September 30, 2018 at 01:42 PM

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“ Brittney Neely  
Northbrooke Rehab Dept

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted  
Matthew 5:4



**Brittney N** - September 30, 2018 at 10:02 AM

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“ Linda Barber lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



**Linda Barber** - September 30, 2018 at 09:59 AM

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“ Ginger Bbuckley Northbrooke Healthcare lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



**ginger bbuckley northbrooke healthcare** - September 30, 2018 at 09:40 AM

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“ AMANDA BEARE-MARTIN lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



AMANDA BEARE-MARTIN - September 30, 2018 at 03:52 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Anne Turner.



September 30, 2018 at 02:33 AM

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“ I remember well when Patsy moved to Jackson. Even in her young age.,she was very well versed in the Bible and could discuss anything with great knowledge.

BEV Briley - September 29, 2018 at 11:40 PM

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“ Raymond and family,  
Patsy will surely be missed! I love y'all! Thoughts and prayers to you from your favorite hairdresser, Julie Kail

Julie Kail - September 29, 2018 at 11:19 PM

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“ My thoughts and Prayers to Patsy’s family and friends! I was honored and privileged to know Patsy when I lived in Jackson TN and I played in the Contemporary Chior from 1986-1991. I know Her Soul is at rest in Heaven and God has another Blessed Angel back home! Thank you Parsy for making my life better !  
Mr Joseph Farah (Michigan)9/29/18

Mr Joseph Farah - September 29, 2018 at 10:46 PM



“ Patsy was a wonderful person. I always enjoyed her papers and just talking to her in Shakespeare

Jane Moore - September 30, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ Patsy, one of five daughters whose mom escaped the Holocost may you reunite with Linda in heaven. Loved hearing Ethel's stories of her escape on a hay wagon from Lithuania.

Peace to all who enter here.

Betsy

Betsy - October 02, 2018 at 11:33 AM



“ Sorry, Ethel's stories of her mother's escape from Lithuania.

Betsy - October 02, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ Michael Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



Michael Buchanan - September 29, 2018 at 10:00 PM



“ Vickie Click lit a candle in memory of Patricia Anne Turner



Vickie Click - September 29, 2018 at 09:44 PM