

# *If Tomorrow Starts Without Me*

*When tomorrow starts without me,  
and I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me.*

*I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
the way you did today.  
While thinking of the many things,  
we didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you,  
and each time that you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right here, in your heart.*

## INTERMENT

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## A WORD OF THANKS

*The family of Patricia Mattox wishes to express their deepest gratitude  
for the love, prayers, and support during this time of sorrow. Your  
kindness, visits, calls, and words of encouragement have brought comfort  
and peace to our hearts.*



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IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF

# PATRICIA MATTOX

AUGUST 31, 1953 — OCTOBER 25, 2025



# OBITUARY

Patricia Yvonne Mattox was born on August 31, 1953, in Beards Fork, West Virginia, to Sam and Demetris Terry, who embraced her as a radiant light in their family of thirteen children. Raised in Man, WV, Patricia's childhood was filled with love, laughter, and the strength of family unity. Her bond with her siblings was unbreakable.

A graduate of Man High School, Patricia shined as a majorette, band member, and active participant in church and community programs that nurtured her leadership and love of dance. Her presence was magnetic—she brought joy and excellence to everything she touched.

At 18, Patricia met the love of her life, Robert "Dewitt" Mattox, and together they built a marriage rooted in faith, unity, and devotion. Their 49-year union was blessed with five children: Robert, Sherman, Marcus, Deneka, and Leslie. Patricia's love extended beyond her immediate family; she formed lasting bonds with her in-laws.

She enjoyed a fulfilling career with the State of Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, known for her professionalism, kindness, and integrity. After retiring, Patricia continued to serve through her church, leading the nursery ministry for over 30 years, nurturing generations with patience and love.

To her nieces, nephews, and cousins, Patricia was a second mother, prayer warrior, and trusted confidante. Her legacy lives on in the values she instilled and the love she gave so freely.

On Saturday, October 25th, Patricia transitioned peacefully at age 72, surrounded by love. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Mattie and James Watkins, parents Sam and Demetris Terry, brother Tony Terry, and sister-in-law Genna Terry, Mother-In-Law/Father-in-Law- Queen Esther Brooks Mattox and Thomas Hugo Mattox, sisters in law- Dorothy Mattox, Betty Reed, Francis Jones and Diane Martin, brothers in law- Thomas Mattox Jr. and Luther Mattox. We trust they are reunited in the presence of the Lord.

She is survived by her devoted husband Robert "Dewitt" Mattox, children Robert (Trina) Stevenson, Sherman (Latasha) Mattox, Marcus (Ma'Jeana) Mattox, Deneka Mattox, and Leslie (Akeem) Salau. She also leaves behind her beloved siblings: Seretha Terry, Janet Booker, Sam (Kathy) Terry, Francina (Larry) Teague, Mattie Ransom, Leroy (Francis) Terry, James (Stacie) Terry, Sandra (Darrell) Ferrell, Carl Terry, Leslie Terry, and Alex (Harriett) Terry, sisters and brother in laws, Brenda Terry, Pamela Madison, Qulonia (Thomas) Tyree, Rodney Mattox, Deborah Mattox, Kenneth Mattox, Vera (Jerold) Brown, Cynthia (Clarence) Barnett, Calvin Mattox, Monica Mattox, Karen Mattox and Corey Mattox . Grandchildren- Kwamir Owusu, Nevaeh Mattox, Mattox Salau, Armoni Salau, Malachi Salau, Malik Salau, Fawas Salau Mujib Salau, Valencia Williams, Dante Davis, Jamar Davis, Michael Stevenson, Shaquita Stevenson, ShaQuala Stevenson, Isiah Stevenson, Ashley Kinney, and Tamia Kinney.

She also leaves behind a loving circle of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and dear friends who will continue to honor her memory and carry forward the love she so freely shared

The overwhelming outpour of love following Patricia's transition stands as a testament to the depth of her impact. Ever selfless in life and even in death, she gifted others a new lease on life through organ donation. Her compassion and steadfast love endure as her living legacy; echoing in the hearts of all who were privileged to know her.

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE REMEMBERING

## Patricia Y. Mattox

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Saturday, November 8, 2025 • 10:00am  
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*Family Visitation - 9:00 A.M.*

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CONDOLENCES ..... Deaconess Deborah Williams

Special Slection ..... Natalie Gammon

SPECIAL TRIBUTES - *Two Minutes, Please* ..... Marta Newman Pat's Niece

Karen Mattox -Pat's Sister-In-love

THE OBITUARY - "A LIFE CELEBRATED" ..... *Read Silently / Dr. Garey Lewis Music Tribute*

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*The Eulogy* - DR. SHERMAN S. WATKINS, ThD

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*A Repast* will immediately follow The Celebration of Life at the church.