Order of Service

Apostle Carene Jones, Presiding

Processional
Invocation
Pastor Joseph L. Wade, Ir.
Musical Selection
Pastor Horace Scott & the Golden Voices
Scripture Reading
New Testament: Minister Donnell Robinson
Old Testament: Minister Shontae Cooper
Remembering our Mommie/Nana
Dac'Anara & Tu Shcema
Dakari Smith
Reflections (2 Mins. Please)
As a friend: Miss Pamela Grant
As a sister-in-law: Pastor Judy Cooper
As my aunt: Mrs. Shena Wilson
From your sister's: Mrs. Mary Patton-Hagan
As The Father Of Our Children: Minister Larry Cooper
Acknowledgments /Resolutions
Mrs. Helen Patton Moore
Solo
Miss Stephania Patton Johnson
Words of Comfort
Pastor Rodney Young
Recessional

Pallbearers

Family & Friends

Flower Attendants

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Acknowledgments

The family of the late Verna Jean Patton - Allford would like to thank everyone for their many acts of kindness and prayers during this time of bereavement. May God bless and keep you.

"A precious one from us has gone a voice we love To now still There's a place vacant in our hearts Which never, ever can be filled."

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CARLA L. PAGE, LFDIC

Celebrating
THE LIFE OF

Verna Jean PATTON-ALLFORD

August 2, 1962 – March 30, 2026

Saturday, April 11, 2026
1:00 pm
New Life Community Church
113 West 17th Street, Jacksonville, FL 32206
Pastor Rodney Young, Officiating

The Life & Legacy of

Verna Jean Patton-Alford

Mrs. Verna Jean Patton Alford born on August 2nd, 1962, was the 6th child of 11, born to John Ennis and Wilma Ruth Rogers Patton, who both preceded her in death. To their union she had 7 sisters and 3brothers John Ennis, Stephen, and Alexander who preceded her in death. Verna gained her wings at 2:34 P.M. on March 30th, 2026, at U.F. Shands Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. A native of Starkville, MS, she spent her early years growing up in the Needmore and Long Street Communities.

As a child, Verna was reared in a loving family environment. She was taught to be respectful of others and to reverence God in her everyday living. Born fourth generation into the Peter's Rock Church of God in Christ, she accepted Christ at an early age. As a youngster, she enjoyed singing in the Sunshine Band, then later joining the Sanctuary Choir. Verna had a beautiful singing voice and often sang songs around the house using a broom or mop for her microphone.Our Mother was the choir pianist and loved to have Verna and the other siblings sing with her around the house. Our Dad gave each of us nicknames, and Verna soon became known as "Bug". A name, her immediate family still use fondly today.

Verna was a person who never met a stranger. She loved her family and friends. And she would often call them just to check up on them. She also enjoyed her formative years in school and life in herneighborhood. She attended the Starkville Public School System and really enjoyed going to school and had remained close to her classmates down through the years. She enjoyed growing up with her sisters and cousins and they often got into some interesting situations that they would laugh and talk about whenever they got together. They talked about going pecan, plum, and blackberry picking. In the familyshe was always known as the fact-finder. She never forgot anyone's birthday or an event. She could always remember the date it happened, where it happened and who was involved. She also enjoyed playing practical jokes and prank phone calls on family and would laugh the hardest once it was revealed. She also believed in cooking large meals and inviting others to join her and her family. This continued into her adulthood.

At the young age of only 15, Verna experienced her first tragedy in loosing her beloved Mother to cancer. She and her sister Zena then decided to enlist in Job Corps in Knoxville, TN. She was successful in completing her program and made some great friends while there. One friend invited her to visit Jacksonville, FL. Once she visited, she decided to make it home for over the past 40 years. It was here that she met and married her 2 daughters' father, Mr. Larry Cooper on June 30th, 1994, and they were married for 17 years. During that time, she attended community college. Some of her occupations were Office clerk at Duval County Courthouse, Office Administration at Eugene J.Bulter Middle School and Secretary for the family business. Later she went to work as an insurance agent before retiring. Later on in life , she met Mr. Kevin Alford and was married on March 28th, 2020, after spending 16 years together he also precedes her in death in December of 2025.

Verna leaves the following people to cherish her memories: 2 daughters: Dae'Anara Cooper and Tu'Shcema Cooper (Rico Salters), and 1-grandchild: DaKari Smith, 2-Godchildren: Tony Collins and Raven Smith; all of Jacksonville, FL; 7 sisters from her parents: Helen (Lawrence) Moore, Clara (Willie E.) Ware, Jacqueline Rice, and Mary (David) Hogan all of Starkville, MS; and Kitrina P. Wade of Jacksonville, FL; Zena (Rodney) Young of Atlanta, GA; and Stephanie Johnson of Albany, GA; Sisters: Pamela O'Bryant, Matilda Davis, Vernita Wynn, and Clara Christine Mobley of Starkville, MS; Kimberly Baskin (Andy) of Atlanta, GA; and Jannie Roberts of Waterloo, IO; brothers: Darren Gibson, Melvin Gibson, and Darren Robinson of Starkville, MS; and 1-uncle-Billy Patton (Mary) of Jackson, MS; nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of relatives and friends. She will be greatly missed in her community and by her family and friends.