

Pallbearers

Charles Godfrey Jr.
Don Godfrey Jr.
Tracy Martin

David Runnels
Jeffrey Tompkins
Marcus Rowe

Honorary Pallbearers

Don Godfrey
Chales Godfrey
James Brown

Jesse Akins
Prentice Barnes

Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Final Internment

Woodlawn Cemetery
19975 Woodward Ave
Detroit, MI 48203

Arrangements Entrusted to



Haley's Funeral Directors
24525 Northwestern Hwy
Southfield, MI 48075

Acknowledgement of Appreciation

The family of **Amanda Patricia Tompkins** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation, the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. May God bless each of you.

-The Family



Obituary by
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Celebrating the life of

Sunrise: February 14, 1924

Sunset: March 15, 2025



Amanda Patricia Tompkins "Pat"

Service to be held:

Monday, March 24, 2025

Family Hour 10:00 am | Funeral Time 11:00 am

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church

2080 W Grand Boulevard Detroit, MI 48208

Officiant-Dr. Nathan Johnson, Senior Pastor



The Obituary of

Amanda Patricia Tompkins

“She was lovingly called Pat.”

Amanda Patricia (Thomas) Tompkins was born Thursday, February 14, 1924 in Whigham, Georgia on a warm sunny day.

Amanda was the eighth child of eleven children born to William and Mattie (Martha) Walden Thomas. Seeking a better living for his family, William and Mattie Thomas decided to move their family to Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Pat was educated in the Sapulpa Oklahoma Public School system, and graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1942. After graduation, she moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for one year and lived with her Aunt Bea and family. She later relocated to Detroit, Michigan 1943.

Pat studied at the Detroit Business College for two years. After graduation, she was employed by the Michigan Employment Security Commission as a clerk and eventually retired after 38 years as a supervisor. Pat was a dedicated worker who believed in doing a good job effectively and efficiently.

Pat accepted Christ early in life. She believed in the Lord and lived a life according to God’s will. She was baptized at Olentine Baptist Church in Sapulpa, Oklahoma. After moving to Detroit, she joined Tabernacle Baptist Church and was a faithful member for over 70 years. Pat faithfully served the church was a member of Group 24. She was also a member of Women and Girls Ministry and the Sorosis Guild. Pat continued to attend services and participate in Group 24 and weekly Bible Study until her health began to fail.

Pat met the love of her life living next door to her on Englewood Street in Detroit, Michigan. She married Robert “Buddy” Tompkins on April 15, 1953. To this marriage, she was blessed with a bonus daughter “Toni”. They traveled extensively throughout their marriage. Whenever they stepped out of their home, they were “impeccably dressed.” Pat moved into senior housing in 2018 and later moved into assisted living in 2020.

Pat loved and enjoyed being around family. She was always caring, strong, but sensitive to the needs of others.

She was loyal, faithful, and believed in taking care of business. One of her many joys was entertaining during the holidays and on special occasions with family and friends, especially Thanksgiving was her specialty, where she would begin cooking in September for the many guests that came for dinner.

Pat was always loved. She loved to dance and exercise. She broke her hip in November 2011 and was back dancing in February 2012. When the doctors saw the video of her dancing three months later, he stated that he had never had a patient break her hip and return to dancing.

Pat’s husband, Robert, parents and her siblings preceded her in death: Estella, Morrison, Mildred Tiger, Albert Thomas, Walter Thomas, James E. Thomas, William Thomas, Frank Thomas, Franklin Thomas, Joshaway, Kato Thomas, Early Thomas, Simuel Yates, and Rufus Thomas.

She leaves to mourn and cherish her daughter, Toni Martin of Charlotte, NC; one grandson, Tracy Martin, Boca Raton, FL; a special friend, Zetherine Burns, Mary Joseph, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Pat was a “phenomenal” woman who exemplified a life well lived.

Messages of Love

Aunt Pat was always someone I Looked up to admired and had much respect for. When I first moved to Detroit, I was a diamond in the rough. I hated it here but she and Uncle Buddy made being here a little more bearable, especially with their good cooking and humor. Uncle Buddy was a comedian and when he got out of line, I would hear Aunt Pat say "Buddy, Buddy". Their union was so perfect (comedic and natural) I know when Aunt Pat went to the other side of life her Beloved Buddy was the first one to greet her and I imagine her reaching out to hug him with a Loving "Buddy, Buddy".

-Love Your Grand Niece, Susan Tucker Collins

My earliest memory of my stepmother is when she, my dad, and I were on our way somewhere (I was about four and a half), and I was in the front seat with them). She had her arm around the back of the seat, and I reached up and pulled her around me. That's how and when she knew that I had accepted her. She has embraced me ever since.

-Love your Daughter Toni Martin

Aunt Pat in my eyes you are a one of a kind lady. As a kid I remember the excitement of coming to spend time with you. I knew we were going to dance, and dancing, we did. Your smile was contagious, and you will be remembered for being a beautiful soul.

-Love, Felicia Tiger-Moll

A Reflection on Aunt Pat

Aunt Pat has always been a lady of class and distinction. She stood tall and proud and gave her entire family something to admire and strive to be like. As her name sake, I will wear her name proud and honor her memory, and I only hope to be all the things below that describe such a wonderful lady that God allowed to grace our lives.

- A= Amazingly Graceful
- M= Memorable Beauty and Class
- A= Animated Humor
- N= Never Negative
- D= Determined Faith
- A= Always Dancing

Rest in the Lord Aunt Pat!

**With Love and Respect,
Amanda Patrice Thornhill**

I was blessed to be born into a family where storytelling is not just an art but a rich tradition. As a child, I knew going to family gatherings meant I’d get my fill in of stories, especially from my grandma, aunts, uncles and cousins. Aunt Pat, who is my Grandma Mildred's sister, could sure Spin some tales about her youthful adventures and Thomas family lore! Often, even her humorous stories conveyed no serious life lessons. One of my favorite "Aunt Pat stories" was the time when her husband, Uncle Buddy tried to play a prank on her while they were driving on a hot summer day. You see, Uncle Buddy playfully turned the heat on and watched for Aunt Pat's reaction from the corner of his eye. Aunt Pat pretended not to notice the blowing heat. A few minutes later, he turned the heat up higher. Although Aunt Pat had grown extremely uncomfortable and began sweating, she kept on talking as if the heat didn't phase her. Not to be outdone, Uncle Buddy cranked the heat up to the highest setting. He must've thought, "I got her now!" But, ohhh no...not Aunt Pat. She stayed cool as a cucumber and resisted the urge to squirm and give into his mischief. Finally, Uncle Buddy, who was sweating profusely, looked over at Aunt Pat and said, "You're a nut!" and they both fell out laughing. Every five years or so, in honor of Aunt Pat and Uncle Buddy, my husband and I recreate the prank. Honestly, I have yet to remain as composed as Aunt Pat. Perhaps, we can all be mindful of this important lesson: When people and circumstances cause you to get heated and life makes you feel downright uncomfortable, do an

"Aunt Pat" – stay cool, calm, collected, confident, and classy.
-Aleta Runnels Grand-Niece of Amanda "Pat" Tompkins



Order of Service



Organ Prelude.....	
Processional.....	“We Shall Wear a Crown”.....Dr. Jacqueline Turner-Robinson
Old Testament Scripture.....	Rev. Dr. Rosetta O’Neal
New Testament Scripture.....	Rev. Dr. Rosetta O’Neal
Prayer.....	Rev. Dr. George Vaughn
	<i>Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church</i>
Musical Selection-I Am Living Testimony.....	Dr. Jacqueline Turner-Robinson
Acknowledgements and Condolences.....	Zetherine Burns
Obituary Reading.....	To Read Silently
Musical Selection-Payday Someday.....	Dr. Jacqueline Turner-Robinson
Remarks.....	2 minutes please.....Isaac Washington
	Sandra McDonald
	Wilma Tiger
Musical Selection-I Will Not Complain.....	Dr. Jacqueline Turner-Robinson
Eulogy.....	Dr. Nathan Johnson, Senior Pastor
	Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
Recessional.....	
Organ Postlude.....	

I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die”.

John 11:25-26



Precious Memories