

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I took His
hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and
left it all. If my parting has left a void; then fill it
with remembered joy. My life's been full, I savored
much; good friends, good times, a loved one's
touch. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss; ah yes,
these things, I too, will miss. Perhaps my time
seemed all too brief; don't lengthen it now with
undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me;
God wanted me now, He set me free.

Pallbearers

Greg Patton
Rico Carter
Raekwon Sanders
Edward "Butch" Jones
Trevon Stinson
Gregory Patton Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers

De'Andre Smith
Keevin Burton
Eric Freeman
Ronald Jones
Robert Gaines

Flower Bearers

Keimara Srinson
Kala Sanders
Genelle Patton
Lo'veya Diaz-Sanders

Acknowledgements

The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement. May God bless and Keep You! (The Patton Family)
A special thank you to a true friend/brother, Eric Freeman, for his compassion, dedication, and support while helping care for our father. We are deeply grateful.



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In Loving Remembrance of



Edward Lee Patton Jr.

January 18, 1954 - December 26, 2025

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Visitation: 9:00 AM - Funeral Service: 10:00 AM

True Holiness Copa Walnut Hills

3025 Walter Ave. | Cincinnati, OH 45206

Elder Norman Stokes, Officiating

Obituary

Edward Lee Patton Jr., affectionately known as Butch Patton, was born on January 18, 1954, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Edward Lee Patton Sr. and Willetta (Olverson) Zellars. He peacefully passed away on December 26, 2025, at home, surrounded by his loving family, and entered the presence of the Lord.

Butch was a hardworking man, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and faithful servant of God. His love for the Lord was evident in his everyday walk, and giving God praise was simply who he was. He was well known for his joyful "Praise the Lord!" greeting; no matter who you were or where you met him, you were sure to receive it.

He attended and graduated from Lockland High School in 1971. From a young age, Butch had a vision of owning his own janitorial business, and he fulfilled that dream. He was dedicated to his work and left a remarkable impression on all his clients through his professionalism, integrity, and strong work ethic.

In 1993, Butch gave his life to the Lord. He faithfully served under the leadership of the late Pastor Houston Ray and later under Presiding Bishop Dr. Pamela Smith. He loved serving the Lord and was a devoted member of True Holiness COPA. His service to the church included the choir, the Deacon Board, the Usher Board, the Missionary Circle, and his Independent International Outreach Ministry, known as I Am My Brother's Keeper Outreach Ministries. Wherever there was a need, Butch was always willing to serve.

Butch was cherished for his kind heart, warm sense of humor, and the love he shared with everyone around him. He touched countless lives through his generosity, wisdom, and unwavering faith. He had a deep passion for music, dancing, and boxing, and he treasured every moment spent with his wife, children, and grandchildren. Butch never met a stranger and had a remarkable way of making everyone feel like the only person in the room. He poured wisdom and love into the lives of others, always leaving hearts full and spirits lifted. A giving, God-fearing man, he will be remembered for his compassion, his joy for life, and the profound impact he had on all who knew him. He will forever be missed.

He was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Edward Lee Patton Sr. and Willetta (Olverson) Zellars; his grandson, Keshon Sanders; his sister, Vanessa Patton; and his beloved son, Shawntaze Reid.

He leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Carolyn Patton; his children: Teinisha Lewis; Edward L. Jones (Butch) (Hadewych V. Jones); Melinda Mansfield; April Carlisle (Ismael Oumarou); Mary Patton; and Greg Patton; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of siblings, other relatives, and many friends whose lives he touched.



Order of Service

- Musical Prelude Earth Wind & Fire
Keep Your Head to the Sky
- Parting View Immediate Family
- Prayer Suffragan Brent Norman
- Scripture Elder Michael Fisher
- Selection True Holiness COPA
- Acknowledgements Evangelist Theresa Schooler
- Remarks 2 minutes please
- Obituary Read Silently
- Selection True Holiness COPA
- Eulogy Presiding Bishop Pamela Smith
- Benediction Presiding Bishop Pamela Smith
- Recessional Clergy, Family & Friends



Interment

Landmark Memorial Gardens
1600 Glendale Milford Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215

Repast

A private repast for family and close friends will follow.

*Life is not measured
by the number of breaths
we take, but by the
moments that
take our breath away.*

- Unknown