

## WHEN IT'S TIME TO FLY AWAY HOME

I once knew someone who was as kind as anyone could be  
And that's why our lord gave her wings to fly away free  
There are so many things we forgot to do and so many  
things we wish we could say  
We sometimes take tomorrow for granted when the thing  
that's for certain was our yesterday  
Often wondering where all the time went  
and how it went so fast,  
Before our today is over, our tomorrow  
becomes our past  
Our Sister was blessed with wings  
so she could fly away home  
Where she was called to rest beside  
our King's mighty thrown  
She rarely complained and rarely asked for much and she  
continued to believe The lord would surely guide her safely  
home when it was her time to leave  
"She is in a better place", that's what most people say  
We can't help but wish she could have stayed another day  
Sometimes our Lord's way can seem hard,  
but he is always fair  
Because He gave her wings to fly away home  
from all the pain she had to bare  
So there's no need to weep for our loss,  
because we will remember when  
She was a sister, a mother, an auntie and  
a wonderful friend  
Rest a while our dear sister in God's warm  
and Holy embrace  
For one day I know I'll see you again and  
we will rejoice face to face  
So fly away sweet sister. While you are in  
heaven thinking of songs to sing  
I will be here on earth trying to earn my wings.

Your Loving Sister,  
Patricia Boston

## PALLBEARERS

Anthony Pate                      Randall Pate  
Rodney Pate                      Rayshawn Pate  
Dwayne McNeal                 Ralph Lowe

## HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Cazaray Bell                      Dwayne McNeal  
Terrell Johnson                 Antonio Pate  
Gerald Yisreal                 Jay Crosby

## INTERMENT

Vine Street Hill Cemetery



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

The family wish 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 Pate Family



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## IN LOVING MEMORY OF



## JEANETTE DARLENE PATE

May 7, 1956 – November 14, 2018

## SERVICE

Saturday, December 1, 2018 – 11:00am  
Metropolitan CME Church  
2815 Melrose Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45206  
Pastor Todd O'Neal, Officiating

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude ..... Musician  
Processional ..... Clergy  
Parting View ..... Immediate Family Only  
Prayer .....  
Scripture .....  
Selection ..... Prodicat Sons  
*“Nobody Knows the Trouble I See”*  
Acknowledgement of  
Cards & Condolences .....  
Poem from her Sister ..... Patricia Boston  
Selections ..... Prodicat Sons  
*“I’ll Fly Away”*  
*“Ring Those Golden Bells”* ..... Anthony Pate  
Remarks ..... 2 Minutes Please  
Obituary ..... Read Silently  
Selection .....  
*“Never Been to Heaven”*  
Eulogy ..... Pastor Todd O’Neal  
Parting View ..... Sister and Brothers  
Benediction .....  
Recessional ..... Clergy and Family

## OBITUARY

On May 7, 1956 our Heavenly Father blessed James and Patricia Pate with a beautiful daughter, who they named Jeanette Darlene Pate. Most called her Darlene, she was the third born of seven children.

Darlene was preceded in death by her parents and one sibling, Michelle Anderson. Darlene departed this life on November 14, 2018. There is limited understanding as to why our Lord called her home at such an early age, but we know that she lived her life full of love and kindness. She touched everyone she knew with an unconditional love. Darlene was a trusting soul. She saw the best in everyone who came into her life.

Receiving her education in the Cincinnati Public School District, she graduated in 1974 from Hughes High School. Darlene accepted our Lord as her Savior at an early age. After high school, Darlene held positions at The Regal Cinemas, Clifton Care Nursing Facility, and Spaces Architect in Cincinnati. She always had a desire to be successful and climbed the ladder to management at most places she worked.

Darlene had many hobbies, which included gardening, cooking, decorating and attending her grandson's sporting events. She loved listening to soul music and sitting on her porch. She was a staple in her neighborhood, often holding conversations with the area children reminding them to love and respect one another and to take pride in keeping the neighborhood clean.

She was called the “Candy Lady” because during the summer months she sold candy and frozen treats, however, she could not say no to those smiling faces and often gave the candy away for free. She was loved and embraced by all who knew her.

Jeanette Darlene Pate leaves to cherish her memory: her only child, Jeffrey B. Johnson Jr.; grandson, Cody Johnson; her Partner of many years, Jeffrey B. Johnson Sr., his daughter, Toshia Spikes and her 3 children, Takilha, Ty'Rek and T'Ashya; her sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and John Boston; her 4 brothers, Anthony, Rodney, Randall and Rayshawn Pate; her nieces and nephews, Terri and Harold Dunlap, Dwayne and Tawanna McNeal, Antoine, Antonio and Ashley Pate, Kendall Pate, Latoya, Gary and Damon Anderson; and a host of great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Darlene will be deeply missed by all those that knew her. Today we will celebrate her life; she will be greatly missed and will always be in our hearts and minds.

