



## Isalene (Cave) Patterson

May 9, 1935 - December 22, 2024

UTICA - On Sunday morning, December 22, 2024, there was a new name written down in glory for Isalene Patterson, 89, a virtuous woman who passed from death to eternal life to forever be with her Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Isalene was born on May 9, 1935 the first of twins, and the 8th of 19 children, to Shedrack Cave and Ivery Lee (Early) Cave in Allendale, South Carolina. She was raised, baptized, educated, wed and employed in Aiken, South Carolina before relocating to Utica, New York where she joined St. Paul's Baptist Church and continued to pursue and develop the roles set before her. With great expectation, she set out to maximize her life's vapor.

Isalene always cherished and honored her parents and often shared the fond memories she had of them. She had a genuine love for people and was a supportive sister, wife, aunt and friend, but as a mother... she was most exceptional! She so loved her children (Tarlton, Marylene, Charles, Cleveland, Dianne and Regina), grandchildren (Kala, Darnell, and Olivia) and great-grandchildren (Mark and Dana) deeply, unconditionally, with true, endearing compassion. She would be their advocate in all things whether a provider, teacher, doctor or a lawyer. She was purpose-driven and solution-focused in all of her endeavors. She created a safe, loving, immaculate home, complete with outstanding meals and fun-loving, humorous banter that will not be forgotten. She had swift wit that brought so much joy and laughter. She spent quality time with her children and grands at home, in

church, in the community and/or traveling. She was adventurous and had plenty of gifts and surprises. She took them to their favorite places and hers. Thursdays through Sundays were especially remarkable when she would take them shopping, skating, dining, to the lake, a park, or cookout complete with her own signature sauce, etc. No matter what she did, there was always something to glean from her inspirational words of wisdom and her demonstration of sincere love along the way. She taught them to be responsible in all things, kind, forgiving, ready and prepared in abundance to give to others. She listened, edified, advised and encouraged. She consistently led by example. She was honest, loyal, and generous. Isalene was naturally intentional about all aspects of her life. She wanted the best for others and if she could contribute to one's well-being, she was willing to do so. She was a hospitable, selfless servant, a caretaker prioritizing the needs of others before her own. Isalene always gave from her heart. A bold, fearless leader, Isalene was willing to speak up in truth and to take a stand for righteousness as needed. She was simply the best mother she could be. It was impossible for them to love her more than she loved them. That's exactly how Jesus loves us.

Isalene absolutely loved her sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews and cousins. She inquired about them daily and wanted to know how everyone was doing. Isalene was ambitious, self-motivated, and unstoppable in her endeavors. There was always something to do. She was strong-willed and decisive yet even keeled and fair. She was determined to overcome any obstacle with God. She knew the love and power of God as she saw him at work throughout her life. She put her trust in Jesus, the author and finisher of her faith. It was her faith in Jesus Christ that compelled her to read and listen to the KJV Bible and pray. She loved to hear the preaching of God's holy Word. She enjoyed the good gospel songs that encouraged her heart and allowed her to give the Lord praise because she found joy above all and despite all. She knew and believed that there is NOTHING too hard for God in Jeremiah

32:27 she stood steadfast upon his promises and waited patiently for his will to be done.

Isalene loved all things beautiful, fragrant, and savory. She had her own unique style and flair for fashion. She also had an impeccable memory which was manifested throughout her numerous talents. She could cook and bake anything, including candies and it was all delicious! She was a designer and seamstress, an interior decorator, a beautician, a gardener/florist and jewelry maker. She made clothes, gowns, hats, quilts, crafts, etc. She loved flowers and could grow any of them. She was very resourceful and meticulous, attending to intricate details, striving for perfection, making each task an amazing outcome.

Isalene was an unwavering believer. Born again Christians who are absent from the body are present with the Lord (KJV II Corinthians 5:8), seated in heavenly places; Isalene has now put on the incorruptible, immortal body and has opened her eyes to behold her Savior Jesus, the Christian loved ones that preceded her, and the matchless splendor of heaven where she will forever rejoice, worship, and praise God. She would implore you to look up (Luke 21:28). Look to Jesus and heed the warnings clearly stated in the Word of God. Surrender your life and submit your will to Jesus. If you have truly been born again, you are forgiven for past, present and future sins; but if not, you will surely spend eternity apart from God. The choice is yours, so choose Christ. John 3: 3-7 Accept (the fact that the blood Jesus shed on the cross cleanses you from all sin; Believe (the gospel that Jesus died on the cross, was buried and rose again three days later); Confess (your sins and repent (stop sinning against almighty God) Pray and ask him to forgive you and to save your soul). He will instantly change your life as you will then become a child of God. John 8:44-45; Galatians 4:16.

Psalm 143:5-8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.

The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. (KJV Genesis 31:49)

The family of Isalene Patterson acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the comforting messages, floral tributes and the many expressions of kindness and sympathy extended to our family during this time of bereavement. May God bless you.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 3, 2025, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., at Lighthouse Baptist Church, 701 Kossuth Ave. Isalene's Home Going Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery.

This tribute to Isalene's life was lovingly written by her family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida St  
Utica, NY 13501-6006  
(315) 735-2701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lighthouse Baptist Church  
701 Kossuth Ave  
Utica, NY

## Home Going Service

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# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *LONNIE BRO0WN lit a candle in memory of Isalene (Cave) Patterson*



**LONNIE BRO0WN** - January 05, 2025 at 07:43 PM

EP

“ *Our heartfelt condolences in the passing of Ms. Isalene.*

*Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer and Patterson Family.*



**Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer** - January 03, 2025 at 12:07 PM

DW

“ *To the Cave and Patterson families. Deepest sympathy to all. Sorry for the loss of Ms. Isalene. Sending prayers to the Cave Patterson families.*



**Dawn Winston** - December 31, 2024 at 02:48 PM

PF

“ *Praying For The Family Sending Our Love and blessings To You and your family*



**Prince Workman & Jackson Families** - December 30, 2024 at 09:51 AM

AD

“ I was saddened to hear of Mrs. Patterson’s passing. In the times that I saw her she was such a kind and Godly woman and definitely well-dressed. She left a beautiful legacy in her family and I pray you will be comforted by assurance she’s with the Lord and by all of the beautiful memories. —Andrea Duvall

Andrea Duvall - December 28, 2024 at 08:36 AM

JR

“ I would like to say I'm truly sorry for your loss my condolences to the Cave Patterson family she was a great person and will truly be missed love you all from the Reed Family 🙏💜🙏



Jackee Morgan Reed - December 27, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Isalene (Cave) Patterson.



December 26, 2024 at 04:36 PM

CF

“ Carlandra (Calanza) Wooding.. & Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Isalene (Cave) Patterson.



Carlandra (Calanza) Wooding.. & Family - December 26, 2024 at 10:31 AM