



"Master" George Bernard Patterson, Jr.

December 31, 1968 - November 17, 2023

Utica - "Master" George Bernard Patterson, Jr. embraced his Heavenly Father on Friday, November 17, 2023. He was born in Utica, NY, to the late Pastor George F. and Margaret Patterson. George was the baby of the family and was adored by all. He was a chubby little baby with a head full of curly hair and a smile that would melt any heart.

Descending from a musical family, Master George began singing in church, and by the tender age of 8, he commanded sold-out concerts in Utica and various regions throughout New York State. Although tiny in frame, when he stepped to the mic, he opened his mouth, and sang, "Angels Stood Tall" accompanied by his brother David (Pastor Patterson). Master George traveled throughout New York City to record live radio broadcasts where he was affectionately known as "The l'il boy with a man's voice."

He attended Utica Free Academy and Bryant & Stratton College (Syracuse, NY) majoring in Accounting and Business Management. George was a gifted and multifaceted artist who created one-of-a-kind sketches, murals, apparel, and accessories. Before moving back to Utica, he resided in Syracuse, NY, where he worked for Libby Corporation, Syracuse China, and later as an advocate for clients needing long-term residential services.

Master George was an ordained deacon at Free In Christ Community Church

(F. I.C.C. C.) sharing the good news with simplicity and wisdom. He ministered with the spirit of grace and humility and availed himself to various church and community projects. His hobbies included gardening, antiquing, sewing, and hosting dinner parties. George was an excellent cook, often creating recipes and sharing them with family and friends.

Aside from his dynamic singing voice, George is most remembered for his gentle nature, kindness, love for family, and uncanny sense of humor. Although he left this temporary dwelling place, family, friends, and the F.I.C.C.C. will continue to celebrate his memory.

His beloved parents, Pastor George F. (Margaret) Patterson, and siblings Janice, Melvin, and Michael (twins) precede him in rest. Master George Bernard Patterson will continue to live in the hearts of siblings, Kenneth, Michell, Georgeen, Stephen, David, Nanise, and Deborah, besides a host of cousins, nieces, and nephews. His extended family includes Sister Edwina Bowens (Bowens family), Mother Gloria Willis (Peak family), Free in Christ Ministries, and his Beagle “fur baby,” Hilton Parker. George was also guided by the love and care of his stepmother, Frankie Mae Walton.

A special thank you to the doctors and nurses at the hospitals of the Mohawk Valley Health System, especially acknowledging nurse Sharon Lavine.

Family and friends are invited to attend George’s Memorial Service, which will commence on Sunday, November 26, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at Free in Christ Community Church, 1405 Miller St. The repass will be held at Burrstone Inn Ballroom following the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to your local ASPCA at <https://www.asPCA.org>. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.

Although you are grieving for the moment, we will meet again and will rejoice,

and no one will take this joy away—John 16:22

This tribute to George's life was lovingly written by his family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Free In Christ Community Church
1405 Miller Street
Utica, NY 13501

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of "Master" George Bernard Patterson, Jr..*



November 25, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *Rachael (Archie) Davis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of "Master" George Bernard Patterson, Jr..*

Rachael (Archie) Davis - November 25, 2023 at 04:29 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy go out to the Patterson family. May God give your family comfort and peace that you seek and may the soul of George, my dearest friend, rest in peace. George you will always have a place in my heart. Until we meet again.*

Rachael (Archie) Davis - November 25, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Lonnie Brown lit a candle in memory of "Master" George Bernard Patterson, Jr.*



Lonnie Brown - November 25, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of "Master" George Bernard Patterson, Jr..



November 21, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ Sending Love & Prayers To Your Family From Our Family Prince, Jackson & Workman Families



Prince Workman & Jackson Families - November 21, 2023 at 07:59 AM



Condolence to the Patterson Family. Michell am so sorry to hear of your loss of your baby brother .May God be with your family at this sad time

Gale Scheidleman Hill - November 26, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ May God strengthen and comfort each of you during this time. Peace and Blessings



Bessie A Clayton - November 20, 2023 at 05:12 PM