



Willie Lou Patterson

August 31, 1951 - April 26, 2012

Willie Lou Patterson, of Utica, NY entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 26, 2012 in St. Elizabeth Medical Center with her loving children and family at her side.

She was predeceased by her parents, the late Dan Patterson, Sr. and Willie Lue Patterson, brothers Samuel Patterson, Master Sergeant Floyd Patterson USMC (Ret.), Cleave Prince, and sister Lois Wilcox.

Raised and educated in Utica, after graduation from high school she embarked on a career of thirty-plus years in insurance. Willie Lou was a kind spirited woman with a joyful smile and lovable heart who was affectionately nicknamed "Baby Lou" by her parents and family.

Willie Lou was a dedicated, hard-working, fun loving family oriented woman who enjoyed the presence of her children, grandchildren, family and loved ones. She was the center of family time, always reliable, comforting in her presence and committed to those she loved. She gave her all in life, sincerely and completely. Those who knew her well, knew of her lifetime love of the Los Angeles Lakers.

A loving mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt, she will be greatly missed and her memories shall transcend time. She had a natural art for gifting, and to those dear to her heart, her greeting always included the endearing term of "friend". The most precious gift her family will ever cherish was her ever-loving gift of self.

Willie Lou is survived by her three sons: Bryan Patterson Sr. (Sharon),

Sergeant Shinard Patterson USMC (Jieun), Jamar Patterson; and her daughter, Rhona Patterson. Survivors also include her brothers, Daniel Patterson, Jr., Oscar Patterson, Booker Patterson, Elmer Prince, Tony Woods, Melvin Pete, and Freddie Pete; her sisters Patricia Patterson, Elizabeth Patterson-Moyer, Cynthia Patterson, Tisha Prince, Trish Pete, Clynell Gary, Tina Coleman and Joyce Pete; twelve grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; a special niece, Tawanda Stanley-Carter as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family, and many cherished friends, especially Wanda Fuller, Naomi Hill, Ernest Leftridge, Sam Evans, Jr. and Carolyn Upshaw.

The family extends sincere thanks to all the people who supported and prayed for Willie Lou with great acknowledgement to those that understood the value of family and friendship.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Willie Lou's Home Going and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday evening at 6:00 at the funeral home with Rev. George Clark officiating. Interment will take place in Forest Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

And for that Baby Lou we say "Good Night Girlfriend, we shall see you again in that great getting-up morning".

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

MAY 2. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Lou Patterson*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - April 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *Patricia Sanchious lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson*



patricia sanchious - May 04, 2012 at 12:26 PM

LM

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Willie Lou at UHC. She always had a kind and caring way about her. There were many times she brought a smile to my face. Your family was truly blessed to have such a wonderful person as part of your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of passing.*



Laurie Mayo - May 03, 2012 at 12:25 PM

JS

“ Joya Stuckman lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Joya Stuckman - May 03, 2012 at 11:19 AM

J(

“ James & Geraldine (Holliman)Regan lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



James & Geraldine (Holliman)Regan - May 02, 2012 at 01:23 PM

LM

“ Lois Murphy lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Lois Murphy - May 02, 2012 at 07:32 AM

RW

“ Rhonda M Wells lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Rhonda M Wells - May 01, 2012 at 11:23 PM

AB

“ Amanda Brown lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Amanda Brown - May 01, 2012 at 07:57 PM

MW

“ Michele Williams lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Michele Williams - May 01, 2012 at 06:26 PM

FC

“ Felicia Colosimo lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Felicia Colosimo - May 01, 2012 at 06:21 PM

CC

“ Corrine Holliman Copeland lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Corrine Holliman Copeland - May 01, 2012 at 06:10 PM



“ *Mary Landry lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson*



Mary Landry - May 01, 2012 at 02:07 PM



To the Patterson Family - Please accept my heart felt condolence in the loss of your love one.

Mary Landry - May 01, 2012 at 02:09 PM



“ *TO THE PATTERSON FAMILY PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE LOST OF YOUR LOVE ONE. 'BABY LOU WAS VERY MUCH LOVED AND RESPECTED. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL PRAYING FOR ALL OF YOU! SHE IS RESTING IN GOD'S ARMS.....SHE IS WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS THAT TRAVELLED THIS JOURNEY BEFORE HER.BE BLESSED ALWAYS!*



JUDY JOHNSON - May 01, 2012 at 02:03 PM

BF

“ *Brown Family lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson*



brown family - May 01, 2012 at 11:56 AM

BF

Shinard,

we love you and your family. Praying for you.

Uncle Isaac, Aunt Sylvia, Bethany, Lil Isaac, and Ananda

brown family - May 01, 2012 at 12:00 PM

JN

“ *To the family, we we're deeply saddened to hear about your loss and are keeping you all in our prayers. It's hard to lose a loved one, but remembering the special way that they touched our lives can help to ease the pain. God Bless You.*

Jay and Adalia Nelson

Jay Nelson - May 01, 2012 at 10:18 AM



TB

“ *Tiffany Boykin lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson*



Tiffany Boykin - May 01, 2012 at 09:48 AM

JN

“ *Bryan and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Losing a loved one is hard enough, but the loss of a Mother...Words cannot express my sympathy. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers. Just remember she is always with you. God Bless.*

Jodie Norton-Langer - May 01, 2012 at 06:43 AM

FG

“ Cynthia and the Patterson family, i 'am sorry for your loss . When i all saw her she was always smiling and happy. My condolences to your family.



Felicia Greene - May 01, 2012 at 12:37 AM

LD

“ There are some people that light up the room just by thier presence. Her spirit her heart her love was there and she did share it with everyone. I will miss her smile, her warmth and her counsel. She helped to guide my steps when I needed it most. My sincere condolences to her family.
Rich Davis



L. Richard Davis - April 30, 2012 at 09:35 PM

LM

“ Ive known this lady since i was a baby and its so hard to believe that she gone. She was always a pleasure to be around. she was like a family member to me.
R.I.P Baby lou you are truly missed



Lovette morrison - April 30, 2012 at 04:06 PM

TJ

“ Patterson Family,
"Baby-Lou" was a light that I will always
remember shining in our community and our
lives ever since I first meeting her as a
teenager. Her smile and her hearty laugh are
things I will never forget...she was truly a blessing and is sorely
missed. Bryan, Rhona,Liz, everyone...please do not hesistate to call
if there is anything I can do. I feel richer for having known her &
know you will will keep her spirit alive. Be encouraged.



Tracy Bowens

Tracy J.Bowens - April 30, 2012 at 02:33 PM

JB

“ To My Patterson Family

Perhaps they are not the stars,... but rather, openings in heaven
where the love of our Baby Lou shines down upon us...
And that we should always know, wherever we may go, no matter
where we are, Baby lou will never be far ...

Love

Jenny Patterson-Brown

Jenny Patterson Brown - April 30, 2012 at 02:27 PM

MR

“ Bryan, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this
sad time.

Mike Roche

Michael J Roche - April 30, 2012 at 10:58 AM

PB

“ *PATRICIA BOYD-JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson*



PATRICIA BOYD-JACKSON - April 30, 2012 at 09:07 AM

RW

“ *Brian,
You and your family are in my prayers and thoughts. I am so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful women. While I did not have the priviledge to know her, she certainly sounds like a great person with a loving family..
Rick Wilson*

Rick Wilson - April 30, 2012 at 08:50 AM

DL

“ *Diane Lacy lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson*



Diane Lacy - April 30, 2012 at 08:17 AM

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Diane Lacy - April 30, 2012 at 08:17 AM

PB

“ *To The Family,
I will keep you in my prayers and may God
comfort you in your time of sorrow. Your loss
is one of a magnitude that the whole
community will feel as she was loved by so
many. Anything you should need dont hesitate to call.*



Sincerely,

Paulette Brown-Haithcox

Paulette Brown-Haithcox - April 30, 2012 at 08:03 AM

JW

“ *Brian, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers
are with you and your family. Jeanne Waldron*

Jeanne Waldron - April 30, 2012 at 07:30 AM

MF

“ *Moronda Facyson lit a candle in memory of
Willie Lou Patterson*



Moronda Facyson - April 30, 2012 at 12:51 AM

S(

“ *BabyLou, you will truly be missed. I will always remember the
goodtimes and the laughs that I had around you. There was never a
dull moment when you were around. Thank you for being a good
grandmother to my son. He will always love you. Girlfriend, you will
never be forgotten.*

Sabrina Bryant (McBride) - April 29, 2012 at 11:07 PM

CM

“ Councilman Jerome McKinsey lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Councilman Jerome McKinsey - April 29, 2012 at 11:03 PM

TM

“ Tyra K. McKinsey lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Tyra K. McKinsey - April 29, 2012 at 11:01 PM

TM

So sorry to hear of your great loss. Our prayers are with you all at this time and always. To my lifetime friend Cynthia, please let me know if i can assist in anyway. Your friends always, Jerome & Tyra McKinsey and family

Tyra McKinsey - April 29, 2012 at 11:12 PM

SB

“ Sabrina Bryant(McBride) lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Sabrina Bryant(McBride) - April 29, 2012 at 10:41 PM

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SC

“ Sis. Pamela Clark lit a candle in memory of Willie Lou Patterson



Sis. Pamela Clark - April 29, 2012 at 07:32 PM

JK

“ Brian and family,

We are very sorry for the loss of your mother. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time in your life. Please find comfort in all the wonderful memories that you have. May God bless you all.



Jackie, Scott, Kaitlyn, and Kaileigh - April 28, 2012 at 08:24 PM

DL

*To the Patterson Family,
Please know that not only do you have the gift from God of a wonderful family, but you have the gift of "true friends" out there who appreciate to have been included in the Patterson family's lives. You are a wonderful loving family, and with the prayers of your family and friends you will get through this time of sorrow. You need anything you just call, that's what friends are for. Baby Lou is a beautiful person and she is with God now up in heaven above smiling down upon us all...she will be truly truly missed.
Love you all,
Diane Lacy & family*

Diane Lacy - April 30, 2012 at 07:53 AM

AH

Bryan and family, no words can express our sincere sadness for you. We are praying for your hearts, that God gives you the comfort needed to get through this time.

Ree and Harold

Aretha Hutchins - May 01, 2012 at 11:44 AM