Celebration of Life

for

Patricia Ann Alsobrooks

May 15, 1947 ***October 9, 2026***



Wednesday, October 28, 2026

Viewing: 9:30am | Services: 11:00am

Ebenezer A.M.E. Church

Reverend Dr. Grainger Browning, Jr. ~ Senior Pastor

Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Browning ~ Co-Pastor

7707 Allentown Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744


Patricia

Order of Service

Patricia Ann Alsobrooks

Reverend Dr. Jo Ann Browning Co-Pastor ~ Officiating

Prelude **Processional**	
Musical Selection	Ebenezer Comfort Ensemble
Prayer of Comfort	Reverend Barbara Ridley Ebenezer A.M.E. Church
Scripture Readings	**Old Testament: Proverbs 31:10-31** Adrienne Datcher **New Testament: 2nd Timothy 4:6-8** David Burton
Musical Selection	Anthony Brown, Group TherAPy
Tributes/Expressions	John Stokes Joan Crowder, Fairmont Heights Alumni Association Carol Milligan Tina Smith Lester James Jr. Angela Alsobrooks, Alexandra Alsobrooks-Laney, Kimberly Seymour
Musical Selection	Miriamm Wright McKinney
Acknowledgements	Barbara Holt Streeter
Reading of the Obituary	Read Silently
Musical Selection	Shelley Greene, Harpist
Eulogy	Reverend Dr. Grainger Browning Jr., Senior Pastor
Closing Prayer	Pastor John K. Jenkins, Sr. First Baptist Church of Glenarden
Recessional	



OBITUARY

Patricia Ann (Thompson) Alsobrooks

Patricia Ann Thompson Alsobrooks was born on May 15, 1947, to Lelia May Bright and Lonnie Thompson. Affectionately known as Pat to family and friends, she was raised as an only child, having lost her younger brother in infancy. From an early age, Patricia possessed a quiet strength and a natural ability to lead. Mild-mannered and gracious by nature, she was also fiercely protective of those she loved. She rarely sought the spotlight, but when it came to defending her family, especially her children, Patricia never hesitated to make her voice heard.

As a young child Patricia moved with her mother from Seneca, South Carolina, to the Washington, DC area, following a family tragedy. Patricia's mother, Lelia, married James Bright in 1958 and the family moved to Deanwood.

Patricia attended Carver Elementary School in Deanwood, John Philip Sousa Junior High School in Washington, D.C., and graduated from Fairmont Heights High School in Prince George's County. She developed an early appreciation for fashion, beauty, and style, interests that would remain with her throughout her life. After graduating from high school, she attended cosmetology school, never imagining that her love of making others beautiful would lead her to the love of her life.

When Patricia was about 20 years old, she met James McArthur "Mack" Alsobrooks by chance while doing the hair of one of his neighbors. What began as a simple introduction quickly blossomed into a lifelong love story. The two discovered a shared love of reading and began exchanging books, spending hours in conversation and developing a friendship that would become the foundation of their marriage. On December 6, 1969, Pat and Mack married and remained together for the next 56 years. The couple built a life rooted in love, faith, friendship, and an unwavering commitment to one another.

Together, they welcomed two daughters, Kimberly Patrice and Angela DeNeece, who became the center of Patricia's world. She was a devoted and deeply involved mother who poured herself into raising her girls. Pat believed in exposing her daughters to culture, education, faith, and the world around them.

While Patricia was gentle in spirit, there was nothing timid about her love for her children. She was their greatest advocate, fiercest defender, and most dependable source of encouragement. Her daughters knew that whatever challenges they faced, their mother would always be in their corner. She instilled in them the importance of family, faith, independence, and standing up for what was right. She led not simply through words, but through the quiet and powerful example of how she lived her life.

Patricia's appreciation for beauty extended far beyond fashion and personal style. She had a creative spirit and a gift for making ordinary things extraordinary. She attended Michaels Floral Arranging School, developing her talent for floral design, and in the 1980s established a small floral business called The Creative Silkworm. Her love of flowers and beautiful surroundings reflected the care and attention she brought to everything she did.

Professionally, Patricia dedicated her career to serving others as a receptionist, a role she approached with exceptional grace, dignity, and professionalism. She worked at Yater Medical Group in Dupont Circle, spent 23 years at Capitol Hill Hospital, and later worked at American Therapeutic Services and the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation, where she ultimately retired. Patricia took great pride in being the first person people encountered when they entered an office or called seeking assistance. She understood that a kind word, a welcoming smile, and a willingness to listen could make an enormous difference in someone's day.

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Whether greeting patients, helping families, or assisting members of the public, she treated everyone with kindness, patience, and respect. In 2008, Patricia faced one of the greatest challenges of her life when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She endured chemotherapy and the difficult journey of treatment with courage, determination, and faith. Her experience deepened her compassion for others facing similar struggles, and she became a source of encouragement, guidance, and support to many navigating their own cancer journeys.

Of all the roles Patricia cherished, being "BaBa" to her beloved granddaughter, Alexandra Alsobrooks-Laney, was among her greatest joys. She was a constant and loving presence in Alexandra's life, from school pickups, doctor's appointments, and track meets to proms and countless milestones along the way. She delighted in watching her granddaughter grow and took enormous pride in the young woman she became. The bond between BaBa and Alexandra was one of extraordinary love and devotion.

At the center of Patricia's life was her abiding faith in God. Her spiritual foundation was formed at New Mount Olive Baptist Church in Deanwood, Washington, D.C. She later attended Potomac Baptist Church on Minnesota Avenue in Southeast, where she continued to deepen her personal relationship with God. In 1985, she and Mack joined Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, Maryland, which would remain their spiritual home for more than four decades.

Patricia's faith was not simply something she practiced on Sundays; it guided how she lived, loved, and treated others. She was a woman of deep conviction who found strength and comfort in the Word of God. She committed scripture to memory and carried it in her heart throughout her life. Even in her final days, she continued to recite scripture, chapter and verse, drawing upon the faith that had sustained her for nearly eight decades.

Patricia was a woman of remarkable grace, quiet determination, and extraordinary love. She appreciated beautiful things, but the true beauty of her life was reflected in the family she nurtured, the people she encouraged, and the countless acts of kindness she extended to others. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a proud grandmother, a loyal friend, and above all, a faithful servant of God.

In April 2026, Patricia lost her beloved Mack, her husband and best friend of 56 years. Their love story, which began with a chance encounter and a shared love of books, had endured for more than half a century. On October 9, 2026, less than six months after his passing, Patricia departed this life at the age of 79, determined to be reunited with her husband, and leaving behind a legacy of faith, love, strength, and devotion that will continue through the generations.

Patricia Ann Alsobrooks was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James McArthur "Mack" Alsobrooks; her mother Lelia May Bright and Stepfather James Bright; her younger brother, and sister-cousins Pastor Debra James and Ann Murphy. She leaves to cherish her memory her daughters, Kimberly Alsobrooks Seymour (Steve) and Angela Alsobrooks; her granddaughter, Alexandra Alsobrooks-Laney; sisters-in-law Carol Milligan (John) and Barbara Cheeks; sister-cousins Tina Smith (Larry) and Caroline James, cousin Lester James Jr. (Brigette), nephew Aaron Cheeks; one godson Avery James, two bonus godsons Lloyd Irvin Jr. and Kelvin Davall, and a host of beloved cousins, extended family members, and dear friends whose lives were enriched by her love and presence.


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Thank You

From the Alsobrooks Family

We, the Alsobrooks family express our sincere and grateful appreciation for all your love and support during our time of loss. We thank you for the many calls, cards and expressions of sympathy and love extended by family and friends.



We would like to give a special thanks to The Ebenezer A.M.E. Church Family and Pastors Grainger and JoAnn Browning and their continued support as well as Pastor John Jenkins, First Lady Trina Jenkins and First Baptist Church of Glenarden. Also special thanks to caregivers Gail Elliot, Angela Mullins and Madeline Harris, Reverend Barbara and Ghia Ridley, Dr. Deborah Horwitz, Future Care Capital Region, Team Alsobrooks and the Sunday Dinner Angels.

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