



## Patricia D. Matthews

March 28, 1953 - September 25, 2021

Patricia Denise Matthews, affectionately called “Patsy” by childhood friends and family, was born in Brooklyn, New York on March 28th 1953 to parents Amelia (deceased) and Fredrick Harper.

A fun loving woman with a lot of personality and very little hesitation to speak her mind, Pat was loved by all who met her. She was a devoted wife of 34 years to Bennie Matthews and the best Mom to their daughter, Harper Matthews (and fur baby Onyx, their chihuahua beagle). Pat lived a full life that spanned across 4 states. After a 17 year career at Avon in New York City, life (and love) moved her west. Pat spent 30+ years in sunny southern California, where she was an active member of Friendship Baptist Church in Yorba Linda and a paraprofessional in Special Education at Johnson Middle school in Westminster. She loved making friends, drinking piña colada’s, singing in the choir, serving in the church women’s ministry, praying with her Sisters Circle prayer group, traveling with her hubby, managing her daughter’s very busy extra curricular activity schedule, and having a whole lot of fun while doing it all. As she stepped into retirement, Pat and Bennie relocated to Atlanta, Georgia and recently moved to Virginia to be closer to family.

Patricia went home to be with her Lord and Savior on September 25th, 2021 after a long 8 year fight with Kidney Disease. Pat was an inspiration to all as she never let her health hinder her from living her life fully or impact her deep

faith in Christ, living by the motto of “Gods Got It”

Patricia's legacy will be carried on by her Husband (and best friend), Bennie Matthews and their Daughter, Harper Matthews. Her Father, Fredrick Harper. Step Mothers , Carol Harper and Virginia Harper. Her sisters, Barbara Harper and Jencie Grissom. Step- Brother Billy Lambert. Sister-in-laws (Benita Reed, Nannette Chapman, Yvonne Brooks). Brother-in-law (Larry Chapman). Cousins (Diane Leslie, Marlene Leslie, Renee Harper, Zoie Leslie). Nieces (Shanice Plato-Talley, Tiffani Gatson, Deanni Dalrymple, Nyah Talley, Kristi Gatson, Candice Brooks). Nephews (Rodney Jones, Justin Gatson, Larry Chapman jr., Shaunessy Chapman, Rasheem Skinner). Many more great nieces and nephews and a long list of friends all around the country.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Service

OCT **1**. 2:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ *J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Patricia D. Matthews*

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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 30, 2021 at 04:29 PM

JA

“ *Rest in peace my dear sister  
Until we meet again  
So many great memories we had at friendship  
And outside of church will cherish our memories forever  
Your sister in Christ Juanita Ashford 🌸*

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**juanita ashford** - October 01, 2021 at 03:42 PM

CB

“ *I will always remember your beautiful smile and love for your family. Rest. Love Cousin. Carol*



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**Carol Burton** - October 01, 2021 at 02:36 PM

RF

*Praying for the Matthews family*

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**Rev Joyce Foster** - October 01, 2021 at 09:39 PM

CC

“ *Extended Family in San Diego CA  
Peace, Love and Blessings  
Cleaster*



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**Cleaster Cotton** - October 01, 2021 at 01:54 PM

DJ

“ *I love Pat for always speaking truth and keeping it real. She was always pleasant, caring, supportive and direct. Last year, I had a live online event. Pat was one of the online viewers. One of my guest speakers became belligerent and unprofessional during the live broadcasts. I aimed to remain calm, professional and steer the topic back on course. Well, it didn't go well and the outraged guest walked off. In 2020 more people than ever showed their true colors! Immediately following this event, numerous people called to tell me how well I handled the guest and confirmed that I was correct in my assessment. Pat was one of the persons who also called to support and encourage me. I so appreciated her reaching out, continuing to do so and glad I had the opportunity to let her know just how much she meant and encouraged me. Our time at FBC will never be forgotten. Rest well, my dear Pat. Lord, comfort and strengthen Bennie, Harper, other family members and friends. Pat's voice will be missed, but but never forgotten. - Dr. Monica Y. Jackson, Southern California*

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**Dr. Monica Y. Jackson** - September 30, 2021 at 10:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia D. Matthews.* ”



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September 30, 2021 at 05:38 PM



“ *4 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



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**Ava Campbell** - September 30, 2021 at 05:13 PM



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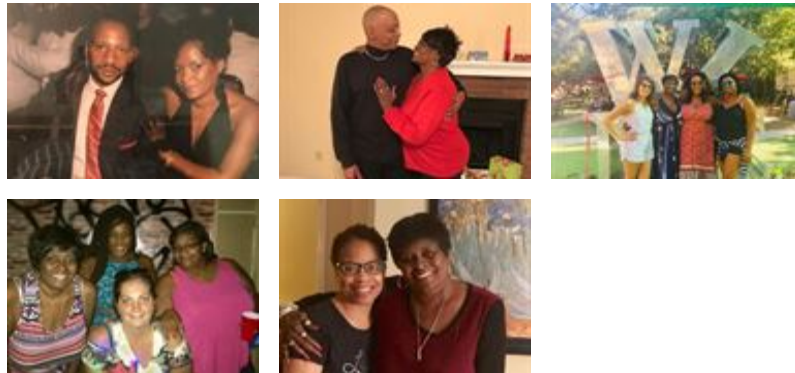


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**Ava Campbell** - September 30, 2021 at 04:37 PM



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 30, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Hi Cuz, Me and Liz remember the time you and Harper met us at Long Beach Airport, we, you, Harper and Ben) spent some time together at Palm Desert Resort. Did Harper bring a girlfriend? Also at a surprise party for your Father. To cap it off, you surprised me at my 80th Birthday party in Atlantic City, N J. We love, love you, we'll miss you. Cousin Gerald (Gerry) and Elizabeth Cogdell*

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**Gerald Johnson Cogdell** - September 29, 2021 at 11:58 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Patricia D. Matthews.*



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September 29, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Patricia D. Matthews.



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September 29, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant* was purchased for the family of Patricia D. Matthews.



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September 29, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Patricia D. Matthews.



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September 29, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray* was purchased for the family of Patricia D. Matthews.



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September 28, 2021 at 08:05 AM



“ Well friend, who am I goñna give my wigs too? Rest in Heaven my sweet friend. I'm gonna miss your smile. ❤️

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**Carolyn Wheaton** - September 28, 2021 at 03:05 AM