



## Patricia Diane Gadson

December 31, 1945 - September 13, 2009

Chesapeake – Patricia Diane Stanfield - Gadson, 63, of the 2200 block of Georgetown Blvd. passed away on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

Patricia was born on December 31, 1945 in Walterboro, SC. She was the youngest of five siblings born to the late Melvin and Violet Stanfield. After graduation from Colleton High School in 1963, she attended Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. and Howard University in Washington, D.C. Patricia graduated from Howard in 1970 with a B.S. in Home Economics. She was a teacher for the city of Chesapeake in the Adult Education Program.

Patricia is survived by her husband of 43 years, Willie J. Gadson; her eldest son, Lt. Col. Gregory D. Gadson (Kimberly) of Ft. Belvior, VA; her daughter, Damaris V.Coles (Phillip Jr.) of San Antonio, TX; her son Patrick M. Gadson of Chesapeake, VA; and her six grandchildren, Helena, Gabriella, Jaelen, Christopher, Nia, and Sade. She is also survived by her siblings, Celia S. Price, Frances V. Young, and Esther S. Black of South Carolina.

Viewing will be held on Thursday, September 17, 2009 at J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake, VA from 5 pm. until 8pm.

A life celebration service will be held at 11 am, Friday, September 18, 2009 at First Calvary Baptist Church, 813 Henry Street, Norfolk, VA. Dr. J. L. White, Sr. is officiating. Final disposition will be private. The family has entrusted J. T. Fisher Funeral Services to handle the final care arrangements.

Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com](http://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
813 Henry Street  
Norfolk, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Patricia Diane Gadson



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - September 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Celia, Esther, and Family,  
May the fond memories of your love one sustain you in these difficult times. Remember, in the days ahead, continue to lean and depend on Jesus, family and friends. Our prayers, sympathy, and love are with you.  
Sisterly, Maxine and Family##imported-begin##Maxine Frasier Riley##imported-end##

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October 26, 2009 at 10:23 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I thought immediately of my grandmother's quilting bees that Diane's mother, aunties, and other majestic and righteous women of the community attended. I remembered, too, Diane's physical and inner beauty as well as her high intelligence. Family and friends, I'm sure you have much to reflect upon and pleasant memories to sustain you. Member, Colleton High School (Walterboro, SC), Class of 1964##imported-begin##Dr. Margaret Gethers Scott##imported-end##

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October 13, 2009 at 01:33 PM



“ Dear Willie,  
I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I was deeply saddened to hear about Diane. Please look me up when you come to Walterboro.  
A Classmate  
Kathleen McClenon Whay###imported-begin##Kathleen McClenion###imported-end##

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September 21, 2009 at 11:13 AM



“ Dear, Damarius, Greg, Patrick

I am so sorry to hear about your loss, I want to extend my condolences to you and your family. May god bless you all during this very difficult time. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Sincerely,  
Tanya Satchell###imported-begin##Ms. Tanya Satchell###imported-end##

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September 18, 2009 at 05:59 PM



“ Chesapeake has lost a nurturer, mentor and motivator for hundreds of unemployed Food Stamp recipients.  
For 10 years she pampered, pushed and praised Chesapeake Department of Human Services Food Stamp customers.... they got jobs ,GED, and self esteem because she reached out...even when there were no funds to pay her to continue, she still volunteered...Pat Gadson was a Special Angel.  
Thank you for sharing her with us###imported-begin##Mr.Biggs###imported-end##

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September 18, 2009 at 04:17 PM



“ On behalf of the Bennett College Alumnae, Tidewater Virginia Chapter, I would like to extend our most sincere sympathy to the family of our sister and Bennett Belle, Patricia Stanfield-Gadson.

*May God be with you and give you peace.*

*Sincerely,*

*Carolyn McKie, President  
Tidewater Virginia Chapter##imported-begin##Carolyn  
McKie##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2009 at 11:20 AM



“ Mr. Gadson I was so sorry to hear about Pat. I work with Lenny and he told me about it. I work the graveyard shift and take care of my father during the day. Unfortunately I won't be able to attend the funeral. I hope you and your family will see this day as a day of rest and peace for her. God bless you all.##imported-begin##Cheryl Rainey##imported-end##

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September 18, 2009 at 03:12 AM



“ I am sadden by the recent passing of Dianne whom I've known since childhood. She was a wonderful person who enjoyed life and loved her family. I will always hold near the good times we had as classmates, family reunions and visitations. I pray God's Blessing upon the family. His Grace, Mercy and Love will see us through. Peace be with you.

*Herman G. Bright##imported-begin##Herman G. Bright##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2009 at 12:09 AM



“ *May God bless your family. She was a wonderful woman. Stay together and support one another. Take care...##imported-begin##The Edmonds Family##imported-end##*

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September 18, 2009 at 12:07 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Stay strong and take one day at a time.##imported-begin##Dr. Natalie Tillman Halloran##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 11:09 PM



“ *There are no words at this moment to ease the pain of your loss; may you find peace in Mrs. Gadson's memories and legacy. ". . .earth has no sorrow, that heaven cannot heal." Our prayers are with you--God bless you!##imported-begin##The Kinnon Family##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 10:15 PM



“ *May God grant your family strength and understanding. When I think of her impact on me, she is one of the villagers who helped raised this child.*

*Joe##imported-begin##Joe Williams##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 07:48 PM



“ All,

*We send our condolences to you. We pray that God keeps you strong through this time of grieving and know that we are thinking and praying for you.*

*Jason, Bill, William, Victoria and Family...##imported-begin##Davidson Family##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 05:58 PM



“ *I only knew Mrs. Gadson for a short time. I was one of her students. I was so sorry to hear of her passing. She was such a kind lady and went out of her way to be helpful. I will miss her greatly. Going to school will not be the same without her presence. My deepest sympathy to her family.##imported-begin##Cecil Foreman##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 04:44 PM



“ *When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Memories are the legacy of love. If I can help you at this time of sadness, I'm here.##imported-begin##Carolista Eady##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 03:56 PM



“ Willie our condolences go out to you and your family.

*Classmates of 1963*

*Christine B Radclif*

*Deloris K Parks*

*Annie Ruth Gethers*

*Anna M Ponds*

*Herman Bright*

*Jim Bodison*

*Euric Millen*

*Lavern P Glover*

*Virginia Walker*

*Eartha Green*

*Sam Willimas*

*Johnny Holmes*

*all other not named###imported-begin##Class of 1963 Colleton High  
###imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 03:36 PM



“ Damaris and family I was so saddened by the news of your mother's passing. I pray that God will sustain you in your time of sorrow. He will not leave you along, right now He is holding you close to Him and rocking you in His warm, loving embrace. My love to the entire family and I will keep you all in my prayers.###imported-begin##Sue Wilkerson###imported-end##

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September 17, 2009 at 09:40 AM



“ *Damaris and Pat,*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family in your time of grief. May your memories bring you comfort.*

*Lindera Dozier Owens##imported-begin##Lindera Dozier Owens##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 09:19 AM



“ *Damaris and family... You are in our hearts and prayers. Your Mom's life was a gift to us all, for she gave those of us who never knew her the opportunity to be blessed with knowing her children. It is easy to see where your beauty and grace came from.##imported-begin##Randy and Jackie Melin##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 08:47 AM



“ *To the Gadson Family,*

*I pray God's strength and comfort to you Greg and Damaris as well as to the Gadson Family. Always know that God knows the burden and heaviness you are feeling, but HE is ABLE to lift every burden and care. His strength is made perfect in your weakness.##imported-begin##Julie Cruz (Hammond)##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 08:37 AM



“ Gadson Family,

*You are in our prayers. We are very sorry for your loss. Your mom always had a way of lighting up a room; and she was always concerned about everyone else before her own needs. She was an incredible Mom. The Schretzman family will miss her dearly and Greg and Kim know we are very sad that we can not be with you today. We love you so much!##imported-begin##Schretzman Family##imported-end##*

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September 17, 2009 at 07:25 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. Please find comfort in knowing that she is no longer in pain; no longer has to have doctor's poking and probing.

*May you find peace and comfort in God's love.*

*Pat will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Napoleon and Sylvia Howard##imported-end##*

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September 16, 2009 at 11:43 PM



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*May you find peace and comfort in God's love.*

*Pat will always be in our hearts.##imported-begin##Napoleon and Sylvia Howard##imported-end##*

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September 16, 2009 at 11:37 PM



“ *Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. On behalf of the Duncan family, our prayers are with you as you find the strength, courage, and ultimately peace to help you through the pain. As you celebrate the life and memories of Mrs. Gadson, also know we are there, in spirit, celebrating with you.*

*The day which we fear as our last is but the birthday of eternity.  
-Seneca*

*Our Deepest Sympathy to the Gadson and Cole Family.##imported-begin##La Rhonda Duncan and Family##imported-end##*

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September 16, 2009 at 11:58 AM



“ *On behalf of the IWP family, our condolences and caring best wishes to the entire Gadson family. We've only known Greg a short while, but we know he personifies all of you - especially Patricia - who is and always will be, proud of the family she nurtured over the years.*

*May God's gracious, generous hand provide safe havens of peace for each and all of you.*

*Linda##imported-begin##Linda Strating##imported-end##*

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September 16, 2009 at 10:49 AM



“ *To the family of Mrs. Gadson,  
You are in our thought and prayers during this time of sadness and loss. We hope you can find comfort in knowing that she is and always will be with you.##imported-begin##LTC Richard & Debi Creed##imported-end##*

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September 16, 2009 at 10:04 AM



“ Greg...Our condolences go out to you and your family from me and my family. God Bless and stay strong. Coach McGaughey (NYG)##imported-begin##Thomas McGaughey Jr.##imported-end##

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September 16, 2009 at 09:48 AM