



Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope

July 19, 1950 - April 5, 2021

Missionary Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope was born on July 19, 1950 to the late Eugene and Cleanthers McNeal in San Antonio, Texas at Fort Hood Army Post. She went back into the loving arms of the Lord on April 5, 2021 at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Growing up in the Church of God in Christ, she gave her life to God in her early teens and was very active in the church, including singing in the choir, participating in the Sunshine Band, and youth group. After graduating from Highlands High School in San Antonio, she and her older sister Jean went on to attend Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas, where she eventually graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree in Food and Nutrition with a minor in Chemistry. Later in life, she went on to earn a Masters in Business Administration from Webster University.

In 1972, a divinely chanced meeting of two souls, resulted in 47 years of wedded bliss to Elder Kenneth Pope. As a military family, Patricia and Kenneth, along with their three daughters traveled around the country with the United States Air Force and even had the chance to travel across the pond to England for a few years. As a civil servant for the Department of Defense, Patricia found a true calling working in Family Support and Airman Readiness Centers at each base, providing financial education and support for the women and men serving the country in the armed forces. But no matter where

in the world the Popes would call home, finding a church home for spiritual enrichment, was always a matter of priority for the family.

As a dedicated servant of God and member of various congregations including Evangelist Temple COGIC in Louisiana, St. Matthew COGIC in Arkansas and Faith Temple COGIC here in Tennessee, Patricia was a faithful church Missionary who found joy in spreading the word through preaching, teaching Sunday School classes, orchestrating Black History Month programs, and organizing multiple Vacation Bible School sessions.

In her lifetime, she was known for pouring so much into others, especially into her children and her grandchildren, whether it was asked of her or not. From proofreading book reports, serving as the high school band booster vice president, filing everyone's taxes, and remembering all of the birthdays, her family was truly one of her fondest success stories. She was tenacious, smart, giving, loving, humble, beautiful, Godly, and the best wife/mother/grandmother her family could have ever asked for.

Along with meeting her heavenly father she is now reunited with her parents, Eugene B. McNeal and Cleanthers Coffey-McNeal. From heaven she'll be watching over her beloved husband of 47 years Elder Kenneth G. Pope; Two older sisters and brothers-in-law: LaSonia & Willie Dixon, Jean and Calvin Ingram; Three daughters and a son-in-law: Kira Pope, Taressa & Charles Sanders, and Erika Pope; Five grandchildren: Matthew Blackman II, Kaija Blackman, Hannah Sanders, Mia Sanders, and Chloe Sanders; and a sleuth of church and work family members in Texas, Missouri, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Louisiana, Arkansas, Colorado, and Tennessee.

Cemetery Details

Tenn. State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads

593 Wildersville Road
Wildersville , TN 38388

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Faith Temple Church of God In Christ
519 Calhoun Street
Humboldt , TN 38343

Service

APR **13.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope*



Stephenson-Shaw Funeral Home, Inc - April 13, 2021 at 10:18 AM

CH

Love n condolences to the Pope family cousin Kay

Carelyn Hill-Plastrik - April 13, 2021 at 11:20 AM

AL

Beautiful Song. Love you all.

Ariel Lacy - April 13, 2021 at 11:23 AM

AT

Beautiful Home going service. Elder John & Sister Arzella Thrower

ARZELLA THROWER - April 13, 2021 at 12:08 PM

SJ

What a beautiful life lived for Jesus- love & care from the Greater Wayside Community Temple COGIC family.

Sister Retha Jenkins - April 13, 2021 at 12:12 PM



Sending deepest condolences, payers of comfort and Love to the Pope Family.

Teretha (Sanders) and Jorie Johnson & Family

Teretha Johnson - April 14, 2021 at 01:25 AM

LD

Thanks for giving my sister a beautiful Home Going. She deserved the best, she was a wonderful sister, so grateful and loving. God knows she loved Him, I will see her again, bye for now sis, with love. You big sister(LaSonia McNeal Dixon)

LaSonia Dixon - April 14, 2021 at 04:14 PM

SH

Praying for you all. Sis Pope was beautiful person. Love you all from Evangelist Temple COGIC. Sis Sandra Hancock aka Sis Waller aka Sis Bonnie, Mtr Mary Russell Daughter

sandra hancock - May 19, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ I'm so sorry to only post this now. I just found out about my wonderful Mrs. Pope. To her family, I want to offer condolences on the loss of this beautiful woman. 14 years ago I met her and she literally changed my life. It is because of her I became a financial counselor. Through her guidance and love, I was able to build a career in this field that continues to this day. Beyond that, she was my friend. I will miss seeing her every November at the financial symposium.



Sharon Lisby - May 05, 2021 at 08:38 AM

KC

“ Our condolences to you and your family. Words cannot express how sorry we are in losing such a beautiful and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and cousin. Pat and your family will always be in our prayers, minds and hearts.

With love

The Culver cousins: George, Ronald, Karen and Beverly

Karen Culver - April 13, 2021 at 03:24 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.



April 13, 2021 at 11:43 AM

LL

“ My heartfelt condolences to the families of Mrs. Pope. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.



Lia LaFollette - April 13, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.



April 12, 2021 at 05:08 PM

WD

“ With Love, Mark & Jennifer Dixon purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.



With Love, Mark & Jennifer Dixon - April 12, 2021 at 01:35 PM

LD

“ Love Always, Your Cousin Mark and Jennifer Dixon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.



Love Always, Your Cousin Mark and Jennifer Dixon - April 12, 2021 at 01:28 PM

LD

“ Love Always, Your Cousin Mark and Jennifer Dixon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.



Love Always, Your Cousin Mark and Jennifer Dixon - April 12, 2021 at 01:25 PM

LD

“ Love Always, Your Cousin Mark and Jennifer Dixon purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.



Love Always, Your Cousin Mark and Jennifer Dixon - April 12, 2021 at 01:22 PM

GF

“ Gerald and Linda Flowers purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.



Gerald and Linda Flowers - April 12, 2021 at 10:55 AM

RH

“ We used to meet you and Elder Kenneth at the Walmart parking lot off Tower Rd in Aurora, to give and receive Christmas stockings for deployed troops that Patricia's ladies group would fill the stockings and we would do the shipping. It was such a pleasure to be able to get to know you both and share special times like that together. May God be with you, Elder Kenneth and your family. Blessings, Russ and Jeane Hinkle representing the Colorado group of Military Families Ministry.

Russ Hinkle - April 11, 2021 at 05:45 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.



April 10, 2021 at 10:54 PM

AS

“ *Anneesah & Ngozi Nnununukwe & Sunday School purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.*



Anneesah & Ngozi Nnununukwe & Sunday School - April 10, 2021 at 03:02 PM

SS

“ *St. Matthew Church Family- Pastor Strickland purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.*



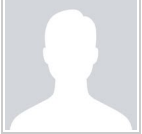
St. Matthew Church Family- Pastor Strickland - April 10, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.*



April 10, 2021 at 06:02 AM



“ *She was truly an inspiration to me and my family. She was a wonderful woman of God with the spirit of instruction and vision. Our time together with the Pope family in North Little Rock, AR at St. Matthew Temple C.O.G.I.C will always be remembered and cherished. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pope family.*
Pastor. T. Underwood

Terence Underwood - April 09, 2021 at 08:34 PM



“ *Greater Wayside Community Temple - Aurora, Colorado purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.*



Greater Wayside Community Temple - Aurora, Colorado -
April 09, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Patricia Ophelia McNeal Pope.*



April 08, 2021 at 04:02 PM