

## *Mother To Son*

*Well, son, I'll tell you:  
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.  
It's had tacks in it,  
And splinters,  
And boards torn up,  
And places with no carpet on the floor—  
Bare.  
But all the time  
I've been a-climbin' on,  
And reachin' landin's,  
And turnin' corners,  
And sometimes goin' in the dark  
Where there ain't been no light.  
So boy, don't you turn back,  
Don't you set down on the steps  
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.  
Don't you fall now—  
For I've still goin', honey,  
I've still climbin',  
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.*

-BY LANGSTON HUGHES

## *Acknowledgments*

Our family wishes to extend our profound and sincere gratitude for the outpouring of love, support, and prayers during this difficult time. Through our cherished memories, **PATRICIA** will live on in our hearts forever. May we continue to celebrate her life by living freely and with gratitude every single day that we have the ability to take a breath.

*Arrangements Entrusted to:*

  
**BENTA'S**  
Funeral Home  
630 St. Nicholas Avenue  
New York, NY 10030  
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*In Loving Memory of*



# *Patricia Johnson*

SUNRISE: MAY 26, 1951 - SUNSET: OCTOBER 20, 2024

## *Funeral Service*

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 • 11:00 A.M.

**BENTA'S FUNERAL HOME**  
630 St. Nicholas Ave • New York, NY 10030

## *Interment*

**WOODLAWN CEMETERY**  
Bronx, New York

# Order of Service



**MUSICAL PRELUDE** ..... “AMAZING GRACE”

**INVOCATION** ..... REVEREND WILLIAM MIZELL

**MUSICAL SELECTION** ..... HARRY ROBINSON  
“AS” STEVIE WONDER

## SCRIPTURE READING

OLD TESTAMENT: PSALM 23 ..... GABRIELLA JACKSON

NEW TESTAMENT: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 ..... JULIAN JACKSON

**PRAYER OF COMFORT** ..... BISHOP WILLIAM WHITAKER

**MUSICAL SELECTION** ..... “SAY YOU LOVE ME”  
HARRY ROBINSON

**REFLECTIONS** ..... FAMILY & FRIENDS  
(TWO MINUTES PLEASE)

**OBITUARY READING** ..... LEE HODGE

**MUSICAL SELECTION** ..... “TWISTED”  
HARRY ROBINSON

**EULOGY** ..... REVEREND WILLIAM MIZELL

**COMMITTAL & BLESSING** ..... REVEREND WILLIAM MIZELL

**FINAL VIEWING** ..... FUNERAL DIRECTOR

**RECESSIONAL**

This is the story of **PATRICIA PRESSLEY JOHNSON**. Patricia was a proud, stylish, generous woman that was deeply loved. Called Pat or PJ, she possessed a unique personality. It made her a standout partner, mother, daughter, grandmother and friend. Her trend setting style made her a sought after fashion advisor, venue planner, cook, and business woman. For these reasons, Pat will be missed, remembered and always cherished.

Patricia Johnson was born, Patricia Pressley on May 26, 1951 in New York City. She was the only child of Thelma Pressley and James Pressley. She attended NYC public schools, the James Fenimore Cooper Junior High School in Harlem, Charles Evans Hughes H.S. in lower Manhattan, and graduated from Brandeis High School in mid-town Manhattan. After high school she graduated with honors from the Wilfred Academy of Hair and Beauty.

Her early years were spent in Harlem. There Patricia met Andre Jackson. A life changing event occurred, her only child, Derrick Jackson was born. He would be the central focus of her life.

After graduating, Patricia had different jobs that reflected her many skills. Her skill as a Makeup Artist led to employment at Macy’s. Later her skill as Hair Stylist led to a job in Bloomingdales Hair Salon. Pat used her organizational skills in her position at North Central Hospital Payroll Office. Here Patricia met Bill Jones. It was a love that would last for the rest of her life.

Pat was not done. She created PJ’s World. PJ’s World Fashion Show at Pegasus was a fusion of beauty, fashion and entertainment. After receiving a license from a school of Culinary Arts, Pat began PJ’s World Catering business.

Patricia was magnetic. Many people were drawn to her style, class and demeanor. She is survived by the love of her life, Bill Jones, adoring son Derrick, granddaughter Gabriella, grandson Julian, relatives, and many, many friends.

