



Doward B. Patterson Jr.

May 5, 1929 - March 27, 2017

Doward Belmont Patterson, Jr. was a pioneer, an icon, and an example of success and survival. He was an African-American male born on May 5th, 1929 in Sparrows Point, Turner's Station, Maryland during turbulent times of civil unrest, uncertainty against all odds for people of color, overcoming many hurdles and obstacles.

His father, Doward B. Patterson, Sr. of Appomattox, Virginia, (the youngest of 14) only completed 7th grade. This notwithstanding, Doward Patterson Sr.'s hard work led him to become one of a few African-American foremen at Bethlehem Steel. His grit, determination and pride instilled that same work ethic and integrity that ran strong in Doward Jr.

His mother, Louie Marshall Patterson, worked hard and was fortunate enough to have completed her high school education (a difficult accomplishment in the early 1900's). Louie was a huge proponent of higher education and knew that obtaining an education was invaluable, and the only means of advancement for persons of color. For her and the entire Patterson family, education was not a choice, it was mandatory and a necessity.

Doward Jr., was raised on "J" Street in Turner's Station, Sparrows Point---a company town for Bethlehem Steel, which at the time was fully segregated. Typical of the times, the county only provided education for the black children

up to the 7th grade. The notion of suspending one's education after the 7th grade was never even a consideration in the Patterson household. To complete his junior and senior high school education, every day Doward Jr. had to ride the street car and travel long distances to Baltimore City. Each day on his journey he would pass both Forest Park High School and Dundalk High School where because of his color, he was not allowed to attend. Through it all, however, he never complained.

He is the middle child of three siblings: older sister, Ruby Mae Kirton (deceased); and younger brother, Dr. Theodore C. Patterson, MD. of Baltimore, MD. Doward's life is a shining testament to overcoming steep hurdles and obstacles to achieve outstanding success both personally and professionally, and doing so with unwavering grace and dignity.

Doward also spent many summer Sundays as co-captain on the 83-foot yacht Fla-Joe (owned by African American Dr. Joe Thomas), sailing up and down the Chesapeake Bay. It was during one of these many summer cruises on the Fla-Joe when Doward was introduced to Helen Michael, who would later become his wife of 60 years, and the love of his life.

After graduating from Dunbar High School, Doward Jr. received his Bachelor's of Science from Morgan State University in 1951. To further his legacy, he also attended Johns Hopkins University and graduated from the Franklin School of Science and Arts in Philadelphia in 1952.

Doward Jr. started his career as a trailblazer and never looked back, despite many obstacles he had to overcome because of his race.

He was the 1st African American to be awarded the position as Chemist in the Pathology Department at Sinai Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland.

He was academically noted for his invaluable work and contribution with KIDNEY DIALYSIS in the early 1950's with the notable and world-renowned Dr. Robert Levy.

He was the co-author on multiple publications with Dr. Robert E. Wink, clinical pathologist and Jack Lustgarten at Sinai Hospital from the 1950's.

Co-authored numerous scientific papers originating for the pathology department at Sinai Hospital.

Educational coordinator for students and medical technicians at ESSEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE for the Sinai Hospital Pathology Department.

Guest lecturer at Essex Community College

Hailed and honored for his precise work ethic and techniques during the early trials of testing for Cystic Fibrosis—which involved rigging electrical currents and use of paraffin wax to catch human sweat for sodium chloride testing.

Recipient of numerous awards from ABBOTT, DUPONT, UNION CARBIDE, SMITH-KLINE, BECKMAN and KODAK for testing, quality control, and evaluation of state of the art new equipment.

As an entrepreneur and businessman, Co-owner of CARTER CLINICAL LABS (Garwyn Medical Center) Baltimore, Maryland

Expert consultant for laboratories in multiple physician offices in Baltimore City.

Member of the American Clinical Society (ACS) and American Association of Clinical Chemists (AACC)

Retired with honor and dignity in 1995, after working 43 years at Sinai Hospital

Doward Jr. (aka Pat, Brother,) married Helen Michael, December 22nd, 1956 and always resided in Baltimore.

Doward Jr enjoyed many extracurricular activities, including water skiing, boating, camping ---to name a few.

He is an Archon, Emeritus, of Gamma Boule, of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity.

Doward and Helen's first home was in NW Baltimore, where they started a family, raising 2 girls, Angela and Devy. He and Helen eventually moved to Pikesville, and they currently reside at Blakehurst Retirement Community.

Doward always acknowledged that success is measured by a person's humility, sincerity, life and work ethic, dedication, education, faith, and the need to always treat every person with respect and dignity, regardless of their station in life. In his own life, he exemplified this in every respect, which is why we honor him and are thankful for the inspiring example that he was for all of us.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Michael Patterson, his daughters Dr. Angela Patterson, MD, and The Honorable Devy Patterson Russell, son-in-laws The Honorable Walter C. Jones and The Honorable George L. Russell, III, and grandchildren Madison Russell, Alexandra Jones, George Russell IV, and Brendon Jones.

Previous Events

Wake

APR 3. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New All Saints Church
4408 Liberty Heights Ave
Gwynn Oak, MD 21207

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Doward B. Patterson Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you Judge Devy Russell and your family for the passing of a great man your dad. Praying that your family find comfort in our Father in heaven God Bless you all*



Wanda Reid - April 01, 2017 at 10:45 PM



“ *Peace and blessings to the Patterson family!!! Our thoughts and condolences are with you a this time!!! may the Lord of Life bless and keep you!!!!*

Milton A Dugger, Jr. - April 01, 2017 at 09:55 PM



Hey Milton. Long time. It's Roland Taylor. This was my grandfather John Patterson's cousin and unfortunately I never even knew about him. Hope you are well my friend.

Roland Taylor - December 05, 2022 at 09:38 PM

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“ I did not have the pleasure of knowing Dr. Patterson, however, my mom spoke of him often when he lived in Turners Station. She said he was well-liked and spoke of the color barriers he had to overcome during those early years. It saddens me to know that he is no longer here. May the fond memories and his wonderful legacy he left, along with reading 1 Peter 5:7, bring you comfort during your hour of bereavement.

Sharon Harris - April 01, 2017 at 05:32 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Doward B. Patterson Jr..



April 01, 2017 at 07:51 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to Mrs. Helen Patterson and the Family. I am of service to this family via their homestead and they are without question, a very loving, kind and caring family. May your fond and loving memories of your patriarch provide comfort during this difficult time.

Cheryl Rhames - March 29, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - March 29, 2017 at 07:24 AM