



Gina L. Patterson

November 3, 1957 - September 23, 2006

On Saturday, September 23rd, 2006, God sent an angel to lead His faithful servant, Gina L. Patterson, to her heavenly home. Gina, the first born to Theodore C. Patterson, M.D. and Sylvia Tureaud Patterson, was born on November 3, 1957, in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the eldest of three children. Her family made their home in Dundalk, Maryland where Gina, at a young age, was baptized Catholic at Christ the King Catholic Church. She attended Merritt Point Elementary School and graduated from Dundalk Senior High School in 1975. She went on to graduate from Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York with a B.A. Degree in Business/Economics in 1979. Gina then pursued a Public Relations Certificate from Goucher College in 1988. Gina was quiet and reserved as a young girl, yet firm and focused. She was sensitive, giving and very protective of her siblings. In her adult years, she was endowed with organizational and event planning skills. Gina was a natural leader with a take charge personality. With every project, she had a master plan and a checklist from A-Z. You could be certain that if Gina were in charge, things were getting done on time and the end result would be of the highest quality. She especially enjoyed planning and executing such events as weddings, anniversaries, and working with the fraternal organization, Sigma Pi Phi (Boule'). Her parent's 50th wedding anniversary celebration this past July was her final tribute. During her professional career she held such positions as Assistant Program Director, Baltimore Council for Equal Business Opportunity, Inc. (CEBO); Vice President of Business Development, Development Credit Fund, Inc.; Director of Marketing, Bettina's Bed & Breakfast, Inc., T/A Bennett Travel, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Deputy Executive Director, Maryland/District of Columbia Minority Supplier Development Council, Minority Contractors' Technical Assistance Program (MCTAP) Baltimore, Maryland; Director of Advancement, University of Maryland Baltimore County's Meyerhoff Scholars Program; and Academic Coordinator in the Office of Student and Faculty Development at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. In 2004 Gina was selected and proudly held the title of Director of Admissions, at the University Of Maryland School Of Medicine, a position which she held until her passing. Growing up in a medical family, she accepted this position with tremendous pride and pleasure. Her father, Dr. "Ted" Patterson, was among the few African Americans to graduate from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1962. Forty years later,

she found herself seated in the chair that determines educational opportunities for young African American students pursuing medicine, as her father had done. Destiny no doubt, played a hand in Gina's opportunity to open the door for future minority physicians. Gina loved young people and always sought ways to give of her time and talent in helping them become more empowered. Much of her community service was incorporated in her membership with the Harbor City Links. She was one of the Charter Members and Co-chairman of the Chartering Weekend in 1985. She served in various offices including President (1990 & 1996), Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, as well as, Chair of various committees. One of her proudest accomplishments, during her Presidency, was the organizing and planning of YPEP (Youth Protection, Empowerment and Preservation), in collaboration with the Harbor City Chapter and Baltimore City, one of the largest youth conferences in Baltimore, for over 2500 children in 1996. In 1996, she married Leutral Stepney and was blessed with the "joy" of her life, Jasmin Louise Stepney. Her life was complete with the gift of her daughter in whom she instilled much of her character and strength. Gina and her daughter joined Shrine of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mount Washington, where Jasmin also attends school. Gina enjoyed volunteering her time and talent, planning and organizing school activities. Gina had a spirit and energy for challenges and would never yield to defeat even in death. Her persevering spirit during her illness manifested itself in unbelievable strength to everyone who knew her. She empowered others to be strong and to carry on in her final days. Gina's faith in God enabled her see the positives in her life and everything she had been blessed with in her 48 years. As she peacefully stated, "Although my years here may not be as long as I had anticipated, I am grateful for the gift of my daughter, and the love of family and friends that I have shared. In spite of it all, God has been good and I gave it my best. I did it my way." Because of her leadership qualities Gina had many civic affiliations such as: Member, District of Columbia Chamber of Commerce-Women in Business Policy Committee; Member Professional Convention Management Association; Board Member of Northwest Baltimore Youth Services, Inc.; Member of the Baltimore Marketing Association, Inc.; Former Board Member and Publicity Chair, "A Better Chance" (Wellesley, MA); Former Member of the Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce; Mayor's Task Force on Community Improvement (Friday's Group); National Coalition of 100 Black Women; the Jack & Jill of America Inc., Baltimore Chapter; and the Past President of the Harbor City Chapter, Links, Inc. Gina lovingly leaves to cherish her memory, her daughter, Jasmin Louise Stepney, her parents, Dr. Theodore and Mrs. Sylvia T. Patterson, one sister, Mrs. Tina Patterson Ricker, and brother-in-law, Mr. John Andrew Ricker, Sr., one brother, Dr. Chavis A. Patterson, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Hayden, former husband, Mr. Leutral Stepney, and mother-in-law, Mrs. Patricia Stepney, two nieces, two nephews, and a host of relatives and devoted friends.

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“ Gina L. Patterson

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“ To the family and friends: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I too have lost loved ones in death. Even though we know that death is inevitable, it is still difficult to accept. Death was not something that God intended for us. The thought of death is always distasteful and it always will be because Jehovah God has created within us the keen desire to live forever. We never get used to it. We feel deep down in our hearts that this should not happen because, “Even time indefinite he (God) has put in their heart,” says Ecclesiastes 3:11. One of the wonderful parts of his plan is the hope of the resurrection of dead loved ones. (John 5:25, 28, 29). Please be assured that Jehovah God loves us and wants the best for us. Take comfort in the promise that he has given us at Rev. 21: 3-5 of a new earth where there will be no more death.##imported-begin##Senita Swann##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but know that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 Just think there will come a time not only will death be no more but Jehovah promises that no one will have to say I'm sick according to Isaiah 33:24. I feel the need to express these words of hope because so many of us today treasure the gift of life and we do all we can to maintain it to hold on to it. That is why it hurts so badly when our loved ones die. With so many of us desiring life today no matter how good or bad it is we still want life here on earth. No one looks forward to that time of death. That is why I am under obligation by the spirit and love of God to share that hope that is in our near future that the righteous shall inherit the earth and reside upon it forever according to Psalms 37: 29 along with the above stated promises on a paradise and peaceful earth. We all can hold true to this everlasting promise because Isaiah 55:11 states all the words Jehovah have spoken WILL NOT RETURN WITHOUT RESULTS. What a wonderful prospect for our future enlight of the fact that Hebrews 6:18 States of God, it is IMPOSSIBLE for him to lie.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ My most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Patterson at this time. When we lose someone we love in death, it makes us stop and contemplate the true meaning of life, and what's important to us. And we realize it's not material things or positions that's important, but family ties, friends, and a good relationship with God is what brings true meaning to our lives. Know this that we are loved deeply by our heavenly father, he knows our sorrow; and purposes to end the scourge of sickness and death that cuts short the lives of so many wonderful people. the bible at 1st Cor.15:26 speaks of death as our enemy, and promises that this enemy will be brought to nothing. The question is, will we see our loved ones again? John 5:28,29 gives us the answer. It reads: "Donot marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out. Yes, all in Jeovah"s memory will be blessed with endless life in peaceful conditions. May those loving promises from God carry you through at this most difficult time.##imported-begin##R Johnson##imported-end##

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“ I wanted to extend my deepest sympathy to the Patterson Family for the loss of Gina. Gina and I went to school together and it was a priviledge to have her as a friend. She was always happy, friendly and a lovely person. My warmest blessing to all of you.##imported-begin##Nancy McJilton Mackin##imported-end##

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“ Tina and family, I wanted to convey my deepest sympathy to all of you during this painful time. I will pray that you will continue to have the emotional strength to hold each other up during this sad time in your lives. I am so sorry for your loss. I know how special and important a sister's presence is in someone's life. I'm sure Gina felt that for you Tina. With most sincere sympathy, Debbie Nelson (Eileen Ricker's sister.)##imported-begin##Debbie Gainey Nelson##imported-end##

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“ Condolences sent to the Patterson Family from the Sisters of the Holy Family from N.O.##imported-begin##sr.maria c. saizan##imported-end##

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“ To Ted, Sylvia, Chavis, and Tina - We just heard about the passing of Gina. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time.##imported-begin##Bill and Judy Opfer##imported-end##

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“ I shall always be reminded of Gina's perseverance in guiding the YPEP project to fruition on behalf of the Harbor City Links.##imported-begin##Walter E. Dennis##imported-end##

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“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Gina's passing. My condolence to the family. I will remember Gina as the thoughtful and caring person that she was. Please know that you are in my prayers. God Bless. Peggie Butler-Watson##imported-begin##Peggie Butler-Watson##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy to the Patterson and Stepney families. Gina was a dear friend of mine for the past five years. We shared some very fun times together, and I will miss her very much. May God give you strength to get through this difficult time.##imported-begin##Sandy Williams##imported-end##

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“ Gina was a beautiful person with great organizational skills. I admired her greatly when she served as president of the Harbor City Links, even though I was not in her chapter.##imported-begin##Dr. A. Lois De Laine##imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you through this difficult time. Our memories of Gina are of a kindhearted and fun person who could always light up any room that she entered.##imported-begin##The Vesper Family##imported-end##

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“ We just learned of Gina's passing and wanted to express our deepest sympathy to the Patterson family. All of us have the fondest memories of Gina. Please know you are in our prayers.##imported-begin##The Hammen Family##imported-end##

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Gina at CEBO years ago. I remember her smile and kindness most of all. I wish the Patterson family God's comfort as you celebrate her life and remember her wonderful spirit at this difficult time.##imported-begin##David E. McDaniels##imported-end##

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