



Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch

December 22, 1951 - May 9, 2023

Reverend Sylvestine "Pat" Branch was born December 22, 1951, to Sylvester Powell and Dorothy Grant in Richmond, VA. She attended Richmond Public Schools and was a proud graduate of Armstrong High School.

Pat accepted Christ at a young age and served as an avid member of Cedar Street Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Benjamin Robertson, Sr. Pat was active in several ministries at Cedar Street; most notably, she served as a faithful member of the B.W. Robertson, Jr. Memorial Choir. On most Sundays, you could spot Pat singing and playing her tambourine to the glory of God.

In the early 2000's, Pat accepted the call to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pat began her studies and enrolled at the Richmond Virginia Seminary, where she obtained a Bachelor of Theological Studies. Pat's love for education continued as she furthered her studies at Virginia Commonwealth University, earning a degree in Patient Counseling and Religious Studies. She culminated her learning by earning a Master of Divinity degree from Virginia Union University.

Pat worked for Virginia Power for thirteen years before transitioning to work for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Pat worked at Virginia Commonwealth University for eighteen years before retiring.

Pat faithfully served the Lord, traveling around Richmond and beyond to minister. She loved to preach and teach the gospel of Jesus Christ. For several years, she was an associate minister at Cedar Street Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Anthony Michael Chandler, Sr., where she was ordained in ministry. Pat also loved being of service to others and outreach. Eventually, Pat joined New Light Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Vernon Hurte, and began serving as Minister of Evangelism.

In addition to her work in ministry, Pat had numerous hobbies. She was an avid crafter, often making holiday wreaths for friends and family. She also loved to crochet and could usually be found making a blanket for her loved ones. Pat also loved to bowl. She was a member of several bowling leagues throughout the years and participated in tournaments across the country. Pat's love, legacy, and life will be forever remembered and cherished by her family, friends, and all who encountered her presence.

Pat is preceded in death by her parents, Sylvester Powell and Dorothy Grant and her brother, Wayne Powell.

Pat is survived by her husband of 28 years, Carl A. Branch. She will be genuinely missed by her sons, Lewis, Troy, Jr., and Torren "TJ" (April), all of Richmond, Virginia. Her daughters, Carolyn (Jimmy) of Hinesville, Georgia and Courtney (Melvin) of Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Grandchildren: Shakiema, Lewis, Jr., Laniyah, Jne', Adejia, Troy III, Tory, Jaliyah, Shawn, Aaron, Torren II, Lauren, Khaleed, Jakarion, Rayna, and Anderson; six great-grandchildren; siblings Walter Powell, Jr. (Loretta), Sylvester "Skee" Powell, Jr., Stephanie Davis, and Sonja Glover; Godchildren, Damont Brooks and Chea Brown; devoted friends, Rita Russell and Ernestine Brooks; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Celebration of Life with livestreaming available

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Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch*



March Funeral Homes - May 11, 2023 at 09:53 AM

WB

Our heartfelt condolences to the family. May God bring you comfort and peace in knowing that your love one is resting in his arms.

The Botts Family

Wanda Botts - May 16, 2023 at 07:53 PM

AR

“ *We were so sorry to learn of Sylvestine’s passing. Sending prayers of comfort to Sonja, Stephanie, and Skee, and the entire Powell family. Such great neighbors and friends in Church Hill back in the day. God’s care be among you in the days and months ahead. Love, Angela Rowe & Family*

Angela Rowe - May 17, 2023 at 01:48 PM

RF

“ *My deepest Condolences to Torren and your enire family on the passing of your mother.*



Rhonda and Talayia Fox - May 16, 2023 at 11:25 AM

BB

“ *We went to school together and its been ages since I have seen her, but still sending condolences to her family.*

Brenda Brooks - May 16, 2023 at 10:37 AM

LH

“ *May God continue to bless and watch over in your time of sorry.*
Lillian Hicks

Lillian Hicks - May 16, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch.*



May 15, 2023 at 09:35 PM

EH

“ I will surely miss this beautiful lady. She was my praise dance partner. Thinking of you with deepest sympathy and sending healing love, strength and comfort. Eileen Hopson



Eileen L Hopson - May 15, 2023 at 09:13 PM

BA

“ Condolences to Pat's family, she was a beautiful person inside and out. I loved her sweet personality, the love she shared with my family. Barbara and Robert, Dorcas, Melody and Floyd.

Barbara - May 15, 2023 at 08:13 PM

RF

“ We, Reverend & Mrs. Ronzo B. Lee & Family, extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Family of Rev. S. Pat Branch. Rev. Pat was a wonderful, kind, and caring person who truly loved the Lord. She has been a part of our family for several years and, she watched all of our 3 children: Brianna, Ronzo II and Naija grow from children to adults. She will be deeply missed. We know that Rev. Pat is in the presence of the Lord and she will wear her crown singing in the heavenly choir. We will continue to pray for the strength and endurance of Brother Carl and your entire family during this difficult time. Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

*Reverend Ronzo & Mrs. Velva Lee & Family
North Chesterfield, Virginia*

Rev. & Mrs. Ronzo B. Lee & Family - May 15, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch.



May 14, 2023 at 02:06 PM



“ *LaNette Jones lit a candle in memory of Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch*



LaNette Jones - May 13, 2023 at 03:01 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch.

May 13, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch.



May 13, 2023 at 01:01 PM

DA

“ *Donna Anderson lit a candle in memory of Rev. Sylvestine P. Branch*



Donna Anderson - May 13, 2023 at 12:09 PM

JA

“ *To the Branch family from the Armstead family we are so sorry for your loss. Pat was a friendly, fun and loving person. We have know her most of our lives and shared fun memories. From Church Hill on East Marshall street, from Armstrong High school til her passing. She will be missed but do know she is in GOD'S hand.*

janet armstead - May 13, 2023 at 05:28 AM



“ *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 - May 11, 2023 at 09:53 AM

RR

*My condolences to family of Rev.Sylvestine Branch
Praying for you 🙏*

Rhonda Robinson-Abernathy - May 19, 2023 at 11:30 AM