



## Patricia Ann Greene Wise

October 4, 1943 - January 5, 2020

For this day, for our mother Patricia Ann “Cookie” Greene Wise, we are truly thankful. On October 4, 1943, in the historic Upper Waverly Community of Columbia, South Carolina, a long-awaited baby girl was born to the late William Bennett and Bernice Raiford Greene. Her parents named her Patricia Ann but she was most fondly known as “Cookie,” a nickname given her by cousin Edith Hammond and friend Gloria Leevy because Patricia’s father was a chef. Cookie was reared with three brothers: William Bennett III, Milton Bernard and Paris Wendell and was the first-born granddaughter of Milton and Mamie Coleman Raiford of Columbia, South Carolina and William Bennett and Sallie White Greene of Abbeville, South Carolina.

Patricia attended Waverly Elementary and C. A. Johnson High, graduating in the Class of 1961. She married her high school sweetheart James Albert Wise who died young, leaving Patricia a single mother with five young children to rear. She was a devoted mother who instilled in her children the love of learning and community service.

She attended Benedict and Columbia colleges where she gained the knowledge and skills to become a Field Supervisor with Green Thumb, successfully placing senior citizens in the workforce for more than 30 years. She was well-known for her work throughout South Carolina and Georgia and was awarded an honorary doctorate degree by Central Christian University of

South Carolina (Honorary Doctor of Christian Humanitarian Service).

She was baptized as a child at First Calvary Baptist Church where her maternal grandfather was a deacon and trustee. Upon her retirement, Patricia was able to devote more of her time and talent, becoming a dedicated member of the Senior Missionary Society, Fruit of the Spirit Senior Ministry, The Madrigals Choir, the Jubilee Choir and the church's anniversary committee. Whenever she visited her brother Paris in Baltimore, she sang with the New All Saints Catholic Church Gospel Choir. Her leisure time was filled with traveling, playing bridge, reading, fellowshiping with friends and being a member of Les Chapeaux Rouges (The Red Hat Society).

Her abiding faith, her children and her grands were the center of her joy. Patricia's life journey was one of perseverance, reverence and a merry heart. "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

Patricia Ann "Cookie" Greene Wise was predeceased by daughter Pier Pleshette Wise and is survived by one daughter Meredith Keisha Liane Wise; four sons: Leon Paris Greene of Denver, Colorado, the Reverend Ryan Albert (Reverend Adriane) Wise of Upper Marlboro, Maryland, Shaun Roderick (Sonja) Wise and Warren Wendell Wise, both of Columbia; eleven grandchildren: Paris Michael (Keneria) Gainey, Adam-Leon Patrick Greene, Justin Emmanuel Metze, Nicholas Pierre Wise, Bryana Nicole Atkinson Wise, Dallas Coleman Bennett Wise, Logan James Wise, Carrington Pierre Wise, Ethan Alexander Wise, Chase Fitzgerald Wise, London Pierre Thomas; two great-grandchildren: Juwon Russin Gainey and Kalina Joelle Metze; one brother: Paris (Janice) Greene of Baltimore, Maryland; one aunt: Doris Raiford Tarleton of Las Vegas, Nevada; three nephews: Aaron Raiford Greene, Milton Bernard Greene, and Samuel Burton Wise; five nieces: Kimberly Greene, Wendy Greene, Michelle Simmons-Wilson, Renee Wise, and Tera Wise; three sisters-in-law Doris Glymph (Milton) Greene, Willie Mae Wise and Irma

(Warren) Wise; seven first cousins; and a host of other relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorial contributions be made to the First Calvary Baptist Church Legacy Fund.

# Previous Events

## Family Visitation

JAN 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palmer Memorial Chapel - Columbia  
1200 Fontaine Place  
Columbia, SC 29223  
(803) 786-6300  
palmermemorialchapel@gmail.com  
<https://www.palmermemorialchapel.com>

## Family Visitation

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
1401 Pine Street  
Columbia, SC

## Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church  
1401 Pine Street  
Columbia, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Patricia Ann Greene Wise*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to read of the passing of Patricia. She was a lovely person with a great sense of humor. I had the honor of assisting with her medical care with Dr. B. Studnicka. Continued prayers and peace for her family during this difficult time. Holly Meetze*

Harriett L Meetze(Holly) - April 05, 2020 at 07:56 PM



“ *Albert Gary lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Greene Wise*



Albert Gary - February 14, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ *May God comfort this family and give you peace during this difficult time.*

Marsha Brown - January 11, 2020 at 08:37 AM

TM

“ Condolences to the Greene and Wise family. God needed another angel to give eternal life. Cookie and I were childhood friends, often walking to W.A. Perry middle school from our homes on Green and Heidt Street. Keep the Faith, stay strong and lean on God, He will bring you through.



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**Thel Murray-Atterbury** - January 11, 2020 at 02:55 AM

WB

“ Sincere condolences and prayers for the family, as God is ever present,

*Willie F. Boyd  
CAJ Class of 61  
Durham, NC*

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**Willie F. Boyd** - January 10, 2020 at 11:52 PM

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“ Troy Denise Herbert lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Greene Wise



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**Troy Denise Herbert** - January 10, 2020 at 11:33 AM

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“ To the Wise Family ❤️, God don't make any mistakes, He bought an Beautiful Angel home. My condolences to you and your family. Stay strong and God will strengthen you all.

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**Troy Denise Herbert** - January 10, 2020 at 11:32 AM

DJ

“ *DON JENNINGS lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Greene Wise*



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**DON JENNINGS** - January 10, 2020 at 05:07 AM

MF

“ *To the Wise my. So sorry for your lost of your mother.. My deepest condolences to you and your family.*



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**Monica Jones and Family** - January 09, 2020 at 10:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Greene Wise.*



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January 09, 2020 at 10:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Patricia Ann Greene Wise.*



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January 09, 2020 at 07:12 PM

VT

“ *Valda Thomas lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Greene Wise*



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**Valda Thomas** - January 09, 2020 at 02:57 PM

JF

“ *James & Doris Ruff & Family lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Greene Wise*



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**James & Doris Ruff & Family** - January 09, 2020 at 03:10 AM

JF

“ *Childhood friends share a bond like no other connection. "Cookie and Jimmie were very close childhood friends and often exchanged reflections of the many days spent together with her brothers as Heidt Street neighbors. She was always that sweet person who drew you close to have a laugh or share a word of encouragement. I treasure our friendship as church members in the choir. We wish to let the family know YOU are in our hearts, thoughts and prayers as you celebrate her homegoing. God be with you.*

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**James & Doris Ruff & Family** - January 09, 2020 at 03:07 AM

PT

“ Pamela TolliverJeffreys purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Patricia Ann Greene Wise.



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**Pamela TolliverJeffreys** - January 08, 2020 at 10:42 PM

MJ

“ 27 plus years ago we met through your daughter, Meredith and my son, Chris. Lo and behold we gained a grandson, Justin. We have been friends and family ever since. You have gained your wings and now it's time for you to rest. I will miss you and the talks about our gr8granddaughter, Kalina, but you wll always have a place in my heart . Marietta

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**Marietta Jenkins** - January 08, 2020 at 06:51 PM

MJ

“ Marietta Jenkins lit a candle in memory of Patricia Ann Greene Wise



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**Marietta Jenkins** - January 08, 2020 at 06:39 PM