

Patricia Arlene McDowell was born in Philadelphia, PA on June 7, 1940, to the late Roland Jessie Dade Sr. and Elizabeth Armanda Dade-McNealy. Patricia was the third of nine children. Her siblings include Roland Jessie Jr., Delores Barnett, Carmella Dade, Suzette Dade and Francha Brown preceded her in death.

Patricia was affectionately known to her family and friends as Patty or Pat. Her nephew Antonio gave her the nickname "Peppermint Patty".

Patricia was educated in the Philadelphia School System.

As an adult at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital as well as Bryn Mawr Hospital in their dietary department. For many years she worked joyfully at Hush-a-Bye Service Agency and Stork's Diaper Service until she retired. After spending many years in Philadelphia, Patricia moved to Cleveland Clinic's Hospital of Philadelphia after a courtship with her dear friend Penny McDonald. She worked at CHOP from 1992 until that time of her death in 2003. Her love both jobs and all she did with children is what made Patricia happy! Patricia loved children so much that she helped families love during Patty's smiling face behind each register on behalf of their loved ones! Patricia grandmother would help out for all kinds of things including making sure that children especially had food on their table every night before they went to bed! She would do anything for anyone or any person that needed it!

Patty always attributed her ability to help others because she accepted Jesus Christ into her life. She became a member of New Jerusalem Baptist Church later Church in North Philadelphia where she served faithfully under Pastor Johnnie Sample Sr.! In addition to being a member there also served as Sunday School boy until May 1998 when he passed away suddenly from heart attack while attending church service one morning! In addition to these ministries, she also sang as a soloist for the Junior Choir many years ago; The Senior Mum Mum's Choir; The Women's Day Committee; The Deaconess Board; Missionary Society; And other auxiliaries within church such as Vacation Bible School teacher during summer months when school wasn't session yet still wanted teach kids about God through fun activities like arts crafts projects etc...

In addition to these ministries, she was also a monitor for the Junior Choir for many years. She became MumMum and Grandmom not just to her grandchildren, but to many of the children in the

choir. She loved the youth of Christian Stronghold and always had a loving and encouraging word for them.

Though she was never a deaconess, she performed many of those duties along with her best friend Deaconess Beatrice Collins, and the other deaconesses of the church. She would visit the sick, help with cleaning dishes after Communion and called and prayed for as many people on the Sick and Shut-In list as she could, even if she didn't know the person on the other end of the line.

Patty volunteered at the church for years. Though she received numerous awards for her service as a volunteer, she genuinely loved the fellowship with her friends who became family and serving her church in any way that she thought was pleasing to the Lord. She did not want to bring attention to herself and was thankful for the time that she spent volunteering.

Many people came to know the Lord because of Patty's personal salvation testimony. From family and friends to strangers on the bus, Patty was never ashamed to share how good God had been in blessing her. She would bring children from the neighborhood to Vacation Bible School in the summer and many of them came to know the goodness of Christ through her ministry.

On January 19, 1963, Patty married the love of her life, Burrell F. McDowell Jr. From this union two children were born, Tynia Marie and Lamont Frank McDowell. Burrell gained a daughter when he raised, Denise Y. Dade-Sample; and Patricia gained a son, Maurice Revell. They spent 52 years together raising children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and providing love to their family and friends. Patty invited people into their home throughout the years, giving them food and shelter with lots of love until they were able to get on their feet.

Patty was determined to be who she was independent and had no problems getting on SEPTA to take her where she needed to go. People always saw her at WalMart, Springfield Mall, Value City in Springfield and shopping downtown. Patty didn't drive but that did not stop her from being in the area using public transportation. As the matriarch of her family; Patty's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren along with Crossroads Hospice Care took great care of her before the Lord called her home.

Her husband Burrell F. McDowell Jr., daughter Denise Y. Dade-Sample and family friend Howard Carter all preceded her in death. Patty leaves to cherish her daughter Tynia Marie (Tyrone), sons Lamont F McDowell and Maurice Revell; bonus children Bernadette Fordyce June McCants and Gail Carter; granddaughter Keri Robinson one god-daughter Patricia Greene s-in-law Willie Etta Graham Sr.and Melvin Sample siblings Deacon Ronald Sander Sr (Annette), Pastor Daryll Dade (Lynda) Karen Johnson Pastor (Jimmy), brothers-in-law Larry White Otis) and Karen Johnson Annette Graham).grandchildren Tyrone Graham Jr.(Khalia), Omar Graham (Brittney), Victor Graham Maxx Graham Amanda Hayes(Quamae), eighteen great-grandchildren best friends Deaconess Beatrice Jenkins nieces nephews cousins friends