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Jeanne Earline Patterson Epps

AAFA #1077

Charter Member

March 8, 1931 – July 28, 2020



Obituary

Epps, Jeanne E. nee: Patterson into the arms of the Lord on Tuesday July 28, 2020.

Jeanne Earline Patterson was born March 5, 1931 in St. Louis at the old Christian Hospital. She was the only child of John and Ola Patterson. Her family moved to Cleveland when she just a baby but returned to St. Louis when she was about five. She was educated in the St. Louis public school system, graduating from Beaumont High School. Jeanne then attended Southwest Baptist College, from which she graduated with an Associate in Arts degree In 1951. It was at Southwest that she met the love of her life, Paul Epps, a ministerial student from Poplar Bluff. Jeanne genuinely felt called to be a preacher's wife, so this was the natural progression of the plan of God for her life.

Jeanne and Paul were married on May 29, 1952. They then moved to Liberty, MO. to attend William Jewel College. It was there that she decided that she had had enough of school and took a job as a clerk typist at Lake City Arsenal in Independence.

When they moved to Louisville, KY. to complete seminary, Jeanne continued to work as a clerk typist-secretary at Ormsby Village, the local juvenile detention center. She remained on staff there until their first child, John, was born. They had three more children – David, Kathy, and Mark.

Jeanne loved being a Pastor's wife and was much loved by the members of the churches that they served. She particularly loved working as the nursery coordinator because she loved little children

They moved to Chicago for a short period and, on their return, Jeanne was hired by Lever Brothers Company and served as the secretary for a group of six buyers. Lever's main products in St. Louis were soap and cleansers. When one of the buyers retired, Jeanne was promoted to replace him. She retired in 1995 as a buyer.

About seven years ago, Jeanne suffered a heart attack and experienced four-way bypass surgery. She recovered to live a full and satisfying life until last December. It was then that she was diagnosed with pneumonia. After a week in the hospital and 18 days of rehab it looked like she was on the way to a full recovery. Then, BOOM, a stroke [on 18 Jul 2020]!

Jeanne passed away about 9:30 pm on July 28, 2020. A memorial service in her honor will be held at the Hazelwood Baptist Church, Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Visitation two hours prior.

Information and photo were copied from the [Hutchens Funeral Homes](#) web page.

Personal Data

Birth:	5 Mar 1931 St Louis, Missouri, USA
Death:	28 Jul 2020 (aged 89) DePaul Hospital, Bridgeton, St Louis County, Missouri, USA

Family Members

- Parents
John Earl Patterson, 1900–1990
Ola Pearl Alford, 1903–1988
- Spouse
Paul Epps (m. 1952)
- Children
John Earl Epps
David Alan Epps
Kathy Jeanne Epps
Mark Edward Epps

Information copied from the [Ancestry](#) web page and AAFA files.

AAFA Notes:

1. Jeanne's mother's Alford lineage: Ola Pearl 1903 OH¹, Kinchen Warren 1871 AL², James Clay 1846 GA³, Kinchen 1812 NC⁴, Kinchen 1768 NC⁵, Lodwick 1710 VA⁶, James 1687 VA⁷, John 1645 VA⁸.

Photographs



JEANNE EARLINE PATTERSON

Roller Skating Club
Pepperettes [Cheer Leaders]

The Caduceus
1949 Senior Class

Beaumont High School
St. Louis, MO



Kathy Epps and her mother Jeanne Epps, AAFA #1107

Descendants from Kinchen Alford 1812 VA

2011 Missouri Meeting
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