



## Ms. Susie Deloris Fort Tate

September 13, 1951 - March 8, 2019

Services will be held Friday, 11:00 a.m. at Anderson Grove M.B. Church. Burial will follow at Sturdivant Cemetery. Visitation is Thursday, Noon until 6 p.m at Lee-Sykes Funeral Home of Columbus.

### A Time to Be Born

On September 13, 1951, Susie Deloris Fort Tate was born to the late Harry Bardwell and Jessie Mae Fort. At an early age, Susie was blessed and highly favored with loving parents, the late Robert and Alice Lawrence. What a blessing to have been raised with a double portion of love.

### A Time to Live

Susie accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age and joined Military United Methodist Church. During the later years of her adult life, Susie was led by the Lord and became a faithful member of United

Christian Baptist Church. To this union, she remained a faithful member with the UCBC Missionary, as an UCBC Event Announcer, and UCBC Sister to Sister Ministry.

Susie shared a beautiful marriage with the late Sam Patmon, to this union, the joy of her life – her son, Michael Patmon was born. She was a devoted mother, who loved her son beyond words and will be missed beyond measures. They shared and Michael will continue to hold in his heart the special closeness that only a mother and son can share. “Death takes the body. God takes the Soul. Our mind holds the memories. Our heart keeps the love. Our faith lets us know we will meet again.” As the years went by, Susie later married Willie Tate; who preceded her transition.

Susie was a proud 1969 graduate of R.E. Hunt High School, whereas she continued to share a friendship and personal close bond with her classmates. She was a member of the Class of 1969 Reunion Committee, Ladies Book Club, and AARP of Columbus. She advanced her education by receiving a degree in Accounting from the Mississippi University for Women. This educational advancement provided Susie valuable employment with Baldor Electric/ABB which offered her a world of administrative opportunities throughout the company. In addition, Susie was a professional entrepreneur; the owner Columbus Elite Cleaning, LLC a productive janitorial service which served numerous contracts throughout Columbus. Susie was the founder of the 100 Black Women – GTR and the Unity Investment Group. Susie’s leadership abilities, innovative and creative mindset was known throughout the community. She had the spiritual and intellectual insight to pull others together for a common cause.

## A Time to Die

In the early morning, of Friday, March 8, 2019, Susie made her transition to be with the Lord. She is preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Harry Bardwell Jr. and Tommy Lee Fort.

“We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

## A Time to Remember

To honor her memory, Susie leaves behind and will be dearly missed by her loving son Michael Patmon (Columbus, MS); her sister, Dorothy Vaughn (Grand Rapids, MI); three loving aunts, Daisy Kidd (Caledonia, MS), Martha Bishop and Hattie Bardwell Pace (Starkville, MS); one uncle, Bobby (Nancy) Bardwell (Starkville, MS); and a host of loving nephews, cousins and friends.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ms. Susie Deloris Fort Tate*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ *I worked with Susie for a long time. She was a delight to work with. She always had a smile on her face. I know she will truly be missed. She was loved by many.*

**Teresa Smith** - March 16, 2019 at 03:01 PM



“ *Robert Patmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Susie Deloris Fort Tate*



**Robert Patmon** - March 14, 2019 at 05:12 PM



“ *To The Family of Ms. Susie Deloris Fort Tate*

*Deepest and sincere sympathy  
Dianne Webber, Childhood Friend*

**Dianne Webber** - March 14, 2019 at 05:05 PM