

Patricia Anderson

Class of 1958

(In fondest memory of Pat Anderson, who passed away March 23, 2013)



- Class of 1958
- A retired schoolteacher, she taught first through sixth grades at Lincoln and Hunt Elementary for 20 years.
- The first African-American to be named Teacher of the Year by Jackson Public Schools in 1982.
- Served on countless boards and committees, and has worked to mentor young community leaders.
- Volunteered for Toys for Tots, presently chairs the Friendly Visitor Program at Allegiance Health, and for 18 years has co-chaired the Blessing Shop at her church, The Church of Christ where she helps to feed and clothe those in need and helps with the free Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas Shop for the community.
- She and her husband, Charles, were named 1997 Citizens of the Year by the Jackson Citizen Patriot and were the first couple to receive this honor.
- Received the Trailblazer Award from Spring Arbor University in 2003, the JCC Martin Luther King Medal of Service Award in 2007, and most recently, a Certificate of Recognition as a 2008 Governor's Service Award nominee.
- She and Charles are the proud parents of twin daughters, Kim Watts and Kumari Anderson, both of Carrollton, Texas. The light of Pat and Charles' life are their two granddaughters Alex and Alana Watts.

"My walk in life has been truly blessed because of God and the wonderful people he's placed in my life."