

CELEBRATING THE
LIFE AND LEGACY OF
Mrs. Patricia Joyce Saul Rochon



Sunrise
March 13, 1946

Sunset
March 13, 2023

**Celebrant: Fr. Victor Laroche, OP
Xavier University Chaplain
St. Katherine Drexel Chapel**

Family Tribute



On Tuesday, March 21, 2023, Patricia Joyce Saul Rochon and Gilbert Leonard Rochon III would have celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. It is with deep sadness that we are now ineluctably tasked with accepting the fact that she transitioned from this earthly life on her birthday, March 13.

Her legacy as a devoted and loving daughter, sister, niece, cousin and later as remarkable wife, spectacular mother and aunt will be lovingly remembered for all eternity. She somehow managed to maintain the centrality of focus on her family, notwithstanding her demanding professional engagements.

After graduating from St. Mary's Academy, Xavier University and Yale University School of Drama and further graduate studies at LSU and Penn State University, she served for sixteen years as Chair of the Mass Communications Department at Dillard University and held a faculty appointment at Purdue University, before becoming First Lady of Tuskegee University.

Patricia still found time to become a world traveler, visiting Jamaica, Senegal, Liberia, Egypt, India, Bangladesh, China and Russia. She also was a Producer for multiple television news shows and twice won New England Regional Emmy Awards for Best Target Audience Series "Black News" and "Urban Update".

Patricia will always be in our hearts. She excelled in career development for her students. She shared her love of antiques, theatre, classical music, fine cuisine, and gleeful interaction with children and grandchildren.

She maintained her faith in the Catholic Church, receiving in her final days, Holy Communion, Ashes, Healing Blessing and the Last Rites of the Church. May she rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon her.



Memorial Service

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Viewing at 9:00 AM

Requiem Mass and Memorial Service at 11:00 AM

St. Katharine Drexel Chapel | Xavier University - New Orleans, LA

1 Drexel Drive - New Orleans, LA

Program, Remembrance Ribbon.....Rachel Maria Rochon Griebert, Laura Camille Rochon,
and Prayer Card Distribution Ursula Theresa Rochon, Brynn Alexandria Warner

VISITATION | 9:00 AM

Rosary.....Velva Flot
Obituary.....Gregory Paul Rochon
Tributes.....Gilbert L. Rochon III PhD MPH
Emile Rochon and Jalelah Ahmed
Hildred Rochon and Lillard Lewis Jr.
Anna Harrison and Margaret Bordenave
Claudia Joplin and Michelle Pointer
Yvette Martin
Pamela Sparks Smith

ORDER OF SERVICES

Entrance Hymn.....Amazing Grace
Placing of Pall.....Gilbert Leonard Rochon III PhD, MPH
Emile Saul Rochon MD
Hildred Sarah Rochon MD MPH MS MBA
Lillard Royal Lewis Jr. MBA
Jalelah Sophia Ahmed MIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Wisdom 3:1-9.....Olivia Janet Rochon Artigues
Responsorial - Psalm.....Psalm 23
Second Reading - Romans 8:14-23.....Selina P. Vainuku
Gospel - John 14:1-6.....Fr. Victor Laroche, OP
Xavier University Chaplain
Prayers of the Faithful.....Janet Oliver Rochon
Kristen Bordenave
Maxine O. Christy

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Gifts.....Yvette Martin
Margaret Helen (Maggie) Schwartz
Pamela Sparks Smith
Offertory Hymn.....His Eye Is on The Sparrow
Eucharistic Prayer
Communion.....Hymn Taste and See
Meditation - Precious Lord.....Emile Rochon
Eulogy.....Lezli Baskerville Esq., President
*National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher
Education (NAFEO)*

FINAL COMMENDATION

Prayers of Commendation
Recessional.....The Lord Will Make a Way Somehow

Obituary

Mrs. Patricia Joyce Saul Rochon departed this earth in the loving arms of her devoted family after a courageous and determined fight against metastatic cancer. She died on March 13, 2023, her 77th birthday, at Yale's Smilow Cancer Center in New Haven, Connecticut.

On March 21, 2023, Mrs. Rochon would have celebrated her 53rd wedding anniversary with her loving husband, Dr. Gilbert Rochon III, the 6th President of Tuskegee University; where Mrs. Rochon proudly served as Tuskegee University's First Lady.



Mrs. Rochon completed her early education in 1963 at St. Mary's Academy in New Orleans, LA. Four years later she graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana. Upon graduation she was accepted into and later graduated from Yale University's School of Drama, where she received her MFA in 1975. She also studied Communications at the Pennsylvania State University's College of Communications.

During her sixteen years at Dillard University, Mrs. Rochon chaired the Department of Mass Communications. She later held a faculty appointment at the College of Communications at Purdue University.

Mrs. Rochon was also an Emmy Award winning television news producer. She produced an array of television shows, which included, Fast Track, Fast Track Te Informa, Primetime and the New England Regional Emmy Award winning "Best Target Audience Series" Urban Update and Black News.

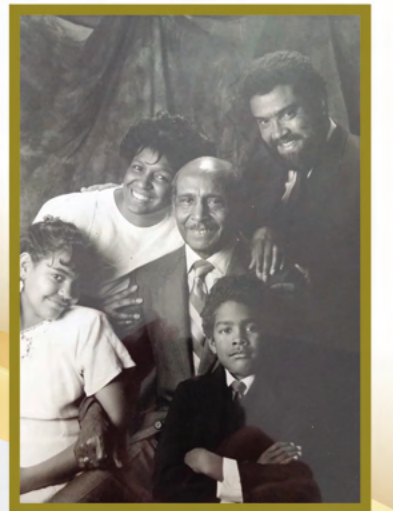
Mrs. Rochon is survived by her husband, Gilbert Rochon III, PhD, MPH; their daughter, Hildred Sarah Rochon, MD, MPH, MS, MBA; their son, Emile Saul Rochon, MD; daughter-in-law, Jalelah Sophia Ahmed, MIA; son-in-law, Lillard Royal Lewis, Jr., MBA; grandson's Jayden Royal Lewis and Jameson Ramon Lewis; sisters, Anna Lois Saul Harrison and Margaret Ethel Saul Bordenave; brother, Herman James Saul, Jr.; brothers-in-law, Richard David Harrison; RADM Stephen Wayne Rochon, (ret.), Gregory Paul Rochon, Brandon Pierre

Rochon; sisters-in-law, Janet Oliver Rochon, Sheryl Saul, and Shirley Rochon; cousins Dr. Claudia Phillips Joplin, Dr. Michele Louise Phillips Pointer, Myra E. Phillips, JD and a host of beloved nephews, nieces and cousins!

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman James Saul, Sr. and Louise Phillips Saul; Aunts, Magnettie Saul Perrault, Beulah Saul, Malcolm Saul, Florence Saul, Edith Saul; Uncles, Wallace Saul, Godfrey Saul, Dr. George Martin Phillips, Aunt Ruth Wimberly Philips; Cousins George Martin Phillips Jr., Dr. Deborah Phillips Theado; sisters-in-law, Alexis Rochon, Dr. Melanie Rochon Bush; brothers-in-law Christopher Joseph Bordenave, III, Evan Ashley Rochon; grandmothers, Sarah Anna Merritt, Claudia Ethel Gates Phillips Tunnage and Marguerite Toye Saul; grandfathers, Joseph Saul and Thomas Phillips.

Patricia will forever be remembered as a devoted and loving wife and mother; a strong champion for the societal benefits of higher education; an advocate who served to advance the opportunities of students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities; and a fighter who believed in equitable health care access and equal opportunities for ethnic minorities and women. May she rest in peace and may God's perpetual light shine upon her.













Prayers for the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Collect for the Annunciation:

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts: that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an Angel; so by his Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Prayer to Our Lady on the Annunciation:

O Virgin Mother of God, whence the Light Eternal hath deigned to dawn upon us: regard, we pray thee, the pleading of thy humble servants, that by thy holy intercessions we may merit to obtain the mansions eternal. Amen.

Pallbearers

Richard D. Harrison

Gregory Paul Rochon

Noah J. Schwartz-Rochon

RADM Stephen Wayne Rochon (ret.)

Herman J. Saul, Jr.

Herman J. Saul III

Honorary Pallbearers

Omar Ibrahim Ahmed

Jace Gregory Aguilar

David Harrison Barth

John Karl Barth

Eric Bordenave

Christopher Bordenave IV

Issaiah Bordenave

Trendon Bordenave

Edgar Carrere Jr.

Christopher Bordenave V

Alonzo Michael Douglas

Vincent Joplin

Jameson Ramon Lewis

Jayden Royal Lewis

Kevin McLin Sr.

Florian Oubre Jr.

Harry Oubre

Wayne Anthony Revels

Pauliasi Vainuku

Music

John Ware, Cantor

Dwight Franklin, Accompanist

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