



Patty Howard

September 7, 2005

Dateline...Aynor Patty Jean Floyd Howard, age 51 of Bald Eagle Dr. died Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at Conway Medical Center after an illness. Born February 2, 1954 in Mullins, SC , she was the daughter of the late Thurman and Geneva Long. Mrs. Howard was predeceased by a sister, Margie Stevens and a brother, Willard Long. Survivors include a son, Jordan Howard of Aynor; companion, Isaac Cannon also of Aynor; six sisters, Hope Long, Robin Foglesonger and Cindy Martin all of Conway, Janet Blalock of Myrtle Beach, Marie Staton of Lexington, NC, Jackie Long of Fort Mill, SC; five brothers, Wayne Long of Rock Hill, SC, Lavern Long of Conway, Bunk Long of Thomasville, NC and Elvin and James Long of Loris. Funeral services will be held 12:00PM Saturday, September 10, 2005 at Cedar Grove Baptist Church with the Rev. Tom Swilley, Rev. Lamar Boulware and Ernest Martin officiating. Burial will follow at Hardee Cemetery directed by Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel. The family will receive friends from 7:00-9:00PM Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer, 950 48th Avenue North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

Tribute Wall



“ I recently read about the passing of Patty Howard. I would like to extend my sincerest condolences to her son, Jordan, her companion Isaac and her family. When someone dies in the prime of her life one may wonder why? What happened to her when she died? Where is she? Will I see her again? This is a time to turn to God's word for comfort and hope for the future. God's word answers these questions and many more that we may have regarding our lost loved ones. Jesus Christ, our Savior taught us through the pages of the Bible and his own life what death is like for humankind. He referred to death as a sleep like state or prolonged rest. At Ecclesiastes 9:5 states: "As for the dead, they are conscious of nothing at all." At John 11:11-14 Jesus spoke about the condition of the dead when he learned that his dear friend Lazarus had died. He told his disciples that "Lazarus our friend has gone to rest." The disciples didn't fully understand what Jesus meant, he said, "Lazarus has died." Jesus traveled to Bethany where Lazarus lived and met his mourning sisters Martha and Mary. He himself felt the pain of death for the scriptures tell us, "Jesus gave way to tears." John 11:35 So it is natural to cry and mourn the loss of those we love. Jesus then prayed to his heavenly Father for the power to resurrect Lazarus. John 11:41 Lazarus was resurrected and given back to his loving family and friends. Imagine being next to Martha and Mary when Jesus said, "Lazarus come on out!" The joy is beyond words to describe. The day is coming when Jesus will say, "Patty, come on out!" There are other examples in the Bible referring to death as a sleep. Acts 7:60 So Patty is asleep awaiting her resurrection. The word resurrection means literally, "a standing up again". This is a promise from God recorded for us in the Bible that tells us that He will resurrect all those sleeping in death. John 5:28,29 This scripture reads, "Do not marvel at this because the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who did good things to a resurrection of life those who did vile things to a resurrection of judgment." I hope these few scriptures will give you comfort in knowing Patty is in God's memory, awaiting her resurrection. She is feeling no more pain or suffering. You have friends and family to

support you but never underestimate the power of prayer. At James 4:8 Jesus said, ?Draw close to God and He will draw close to you.? My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Suzanne Lombardo##imported-end##

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