

*Home Going Service  
Celebrating The Life of*



*Mother Estella Perry*

*Verily, Verily I say unto you, He that believeth in  
me has everlasting life. - John 6:47*

*Sunrise*  
**August 26, 1924**

*Sunset*  
**June 30, 2011**

*Service*

*Wednesday, July 6, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.*

**DEWITT REFORMED CHURCH**  
280 Rivington Street • New York, NY 10002  
*Senior Pastor*  
**Rev. Dr. Micheal Edwards, Officiating Pastor**

# *Order of Service*

**Musical Selection** ..... Bro. Raymond Pierpont

**Votum**

**Processional** ..... Silent Processional

**Salutation**

**Congregational Hymn** ..... No. 317 “Blessed Assurance”

**Prayer for Comfort and Encouragement** ..... Minister Leatha Johnson

**Psalter Readings - Psalm 23** ..... Elder Selena Turner

**Scriptural Lesson - John 14: 1-5** ..... Deacon Vivian Campbell Mack

**The Reading of the Obituary** ..... Elder Irma Williams

**Poem** ..... LaToya Russell

**Musical Selection** ..... The Combined Choir

**Acknowledgements** ..... Elder Patricia Troche

**Church Resolution** ..... Elder Cora Gammons

**Musical Selection** ..... Deacon Ella Hammond

**Eulogy** ..... Rev. Dr. Micheal Edwards

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Musical Selection** ..... Elder Inez Blount

**Presentation**

Unity Funeral Home

**Viewing**

**Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Recessional**

**The Order for Committal Service and Interment**

*Saturday, July 9, 2011*

Gatling Family Cemetery  
Rich Square, North Carolina

## *The Obituary*

**Mrs. Estella Perry** was born to the late Ms. Mary Sue Wiggins and Mr. William Henry Harris on August 26, 1924 in Woodland, North Carolina. She passed peacefully on June 30, 2011 at Beth Israel Hospital in New York surrounded by family and friends.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother who truly enjoyed being with her family and friends. Taking care of and feeding the family was her pride and joy.....we mean each and every one of them, no matter who/no matter when. Estella was a great cook! Everybody loved her food, especially her lemon pound cake, potato salad, yams, and chicken pot pie.....just to name a few.

At an early age she joined Zion Grove Baptist Church in North Carolina where she was a faithful member until she moved to New York in 1956. She then transferred her membership to Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn, New York. She later moved to Manhattan, New York and became a faithful member of DeWitt Reformed Church where she was a member of the Women's Guild, sang in the Summer Choir, was a Mother of the Church, and was a member of the afternoon bible study. Her favorite bible verse was Psalm 23.

Estella married the late Roosevelt Perry on March 22, 1947. Their union was strong. They lived happily together until his death in 1987. From that union they had one daughter, Rosemary Perry.

She leaves to mourn: one daughter, Rosemary Perry (New Jersey); three granddaughters, Shakena, Ayanna and Lakita all of New Jersey; five great grandchildren, Jamiel, Jamari, Janaya, Élan and Elijah; one brother, Lloyd Harris (Philadelphia, PA); three sisters-in-law, Cleo Wiggins (Washington, DC), Mary Harris (Philadelphia, PA) and Dorothy Harris (Suffolk, VA); one "sister cousin", Henrietta Harris (Ahoskie, NC); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Estella's final words to her daughter was that she loved her, that she was her beautiful daughter, and that she was taking very good care of her. Estella will be missed by all but will forever remain in our hearts.

***Proverbs 31:28** Her children rise up and call her blessed.*

Our treasured memories of her  
will live within our hearts;  
and even though she is away  
we are really not apart.

God knew that she was suffering;  
the hills were hard to climb;  
so He closed her weary eyes  
and whispered, "peace be thine".

We watched you slowly fade away;  
we tried hard to make you stay;  
but God was watching from above,  
and took you home to share His love.

### The Family

Flower Girls - Family & Friends  
Pall Bearers- Family & Friends

### *Acknowledgements*

*The family of the late Mrs. Estella Perry acknowledges with sincere appreciation the many cards of sympathy, floral arrangements, calls, visits, and all other acts of kindness rendered during this time of bereavement.*



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