

*In Loving Memory of*



*Elouise Harris*

*Sunrise*

May 19, 1941

*Sunset*

May 25, 2012

Service

Friday, June 1, 2012 - 12:00 noon

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## Obituary

**Elouise Harris** was no ordinary woman. Born Elouise Riddle in Centerville, Alabama and affectionately referred to as Mommy Elouise, was the creator of what has come to be a powerful masterpiece, all of us here today; her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are her legacy.

She was loving, kind, vivacious, devoted and strong. Mommy Elouise was a spitfire Taurus woman who could lovingly put you in your place and make you a better person for it. She could never see anyone in need without providing a solution to their dilemma. She was the neighborhood mother who took in any child in need yet your only requirement was to be an honest good person. Now we all know she loved her children and family hard.

Elouise instilled in all of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren love, respect and pride. Her heart was so great we remember a Christmas night when she brought home a family of six, because their home caught fire. She didn't bat an eye and she brought them straight home in their pajamas and tucked them in bed. There were many more she provided shelter to and treated them like family instead of guests. Music was a great friend of hers always, from BB King to Al Green to Aretha Franklin she would sway and wave her hand in the air to the beat and clean the front room aka the room children could only sit in with her permission. Her smile and laugh were infectious and a gentle rub across the face with a tight hug of hers would make us know everything would always be alright.

On Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> she was called to heaven to join her beloved son, Glen Harris.

Elouise Harris is survived by: her son, Glen; daughters, Brenda, Linda, Darlene and Nicole; husband, Willie Burgess; sister, Sadie May; brother, Joe Riddle; niece, Linda Martin the daughter of her beloved late sister, Emma; grandchildren, Erica, Cecile, Joselle, Danielle, John, Kent and Tyler; great grandsons Glen, Jr, Aaron, Raddell, Travis and Baby Tyler.

# *Order of Service*

Processional

Selection

Scripture

Prayer

Selection

Acknowledgements

Remarks

Obituary

Selection

Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

## **Interment**

Rosedale Cemetery  
Linden, New Jersey

## *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God laid for me  
I took his hand when I heard Him call  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day.  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I found that peace at the close of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it up with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

*-author unknown*

### *Acknowledgement*

The family wishes to thank everyone for their condolences and best wishes during our time of bereavement.

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