

Celebrating The Life of
Mary Elizabeth Harris

Sunrise
February 13, 1931

Sunset
August 13, 2015



Friday, August 21, 2015 - 12:00 Noon

WOODY "HOME FOR SERVICES"

163 Oakwood Avenue
Orange, New Jersey 07050

Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, Officiating
Myron Smith, Organist

Obituary

Mary Elizabeth Harris (Jackson) departed her life on August 13, 2015 at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, after a long illness.

She was one of ten siblings born to Thomas Sr. and Annie Mae Jackson on February 13, 1931 in Morristown, NJ. Mary grew up in Morristown, attending the Morris school district where she graduated. During her early years, she worked at Piccatiny Arsenal, and Greystone Psychiatric Hospital before becoming a domestic worker and nanny for many years. She later moved to East Orange, NJ where she retired.

Mary better known to most as Mrs. Harris enjoyed cooking and gardening. She also loved her dogs, flea markets and garage sales. Bold but gracious. When she wanted to get a point across; she would in fact do that. She enjoyed and loved the company of family, friends and neighbors whether in her presence or over the phone. Mrs. Harris raised fourteen children and many grandchildren.

She was a devoted wife to her husband, Sam who she adored; mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend to those who knew her.

Mary was an icon to many. A kind person who came to the aid of anyone in need. She was hospitable, passionate, loving, caring, wise, intelligent, devoted but most of all worthy of God.

A strong woman whose words of wisdom shall never be forgotten.

Mary Harris is predeceased by her husband, Samuel Harris, sons, Robert Jackson and Leon Harris, daughters, Judith Jones and Priscilla Harris, brothers, Thomas, Arthur and Richard Jackson, sisters, Erma Antoine, Dorothy Delaney and Rachel Hunton.

To cherish Mary Harris legacy: are her children, Rev. William Jones (Mary Helen) of W. Norristown, PA, John Jones of Parsippany, Leroy Gordon of Morristown, Samuel Harris (Shirley) of Greenville, NC, Glen Gordon, Bernard Gordon (Deneen), Harry Harris, Mary Gordon Thomas, Carol Gordon and Lisa Harris Allen (James) all of East Orange; one aunt, Josie Guthrie of York, South Carolina; sisters, Frances Jackson and Emeline Purvis both of Morristown, NJ and Shirley Hicks (Bill) of Montville, NJ; sisters-in-law, Luvenia Hunter of East Orange and Mary Mercer of Charolette, North Carolina; thirty-five grandchildren, sixty great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

My Journey's Just Begun

Don't think of me as gone away -
My journey's just begun.

Life holds so many facets -
This earth is only one.

Just think of me as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years

Think of how I'm wishing
That you could know today
How nothing but your sadness
can really pass away.

And think of me as living
in the hearts of those I touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost
Because I was LOVED so much



Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me.

(Chorus)

Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!

Though like the wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me,
My rest a stone,
Yet in my dreams I'd be

(Chorus)

Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!

There let the way appear,
Steps unto heav'n;
All that thou sendest me,
In mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me

(Chorus)

Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!

Then with my waking thoughts
Bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be

(Chorus)

Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!

Or if, on joyful wing
Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot,
Upward I fly,
Still all my song shall be

(Chorus)

Still all my song shall be
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer, my God, to thee,
Nearer to thee!



Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....Myron Smith
Seating of the Family.....The Funeral Director
Hymn of Comfort“Nearer My God To Thee”
Prayer of Comfort
Scripture Readings
 Old Testament - Psalm 23.....Vera Berry
 New Testament - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.....Marshall Berry, Sr.
Solo.....“The Wind Beneath My Wings”.....Tyrone Dunlap
Remarks.....Family and Friends.....Two Minutes Please
Acknowledgements and Resolutions.....Vera Berry
Obituary.....Marshall Berry, Sr.
Solo“Walk Around Heaven”.....Tyrone Dunlap
Eulogy.....Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell
 Franklin - St. John’s United Methodist Church
 Newark, New Jersey
Final Viewing
Committal
Recessional.....Clergy and Family

Cremation (Private)
Rosedale Crematory
408 Orange Road
Montclair, New Jersey

Repast

*Immediately following the Service family and friends
are invited for a repast at
Child Development Building
682 Park Ave. • East Orange, New Jersey 07017*

A Letter....

To Our Loving Mother

*It takes us years to realize how much our mother
have sacrificed for us and then we find that she
didn't feel it was a sacrifice at all.*

*When we think of how hard you worked to give us
a home and a good life;*

*The sacrifices you made for our family;
And all the acts of unselfishness you performed.*

*We know that we will never be able to fully express
our gratitude.*

*But we do want to thank you for the gift of yourself — as inspiration and a
role model, as comforter and guide and we thank God for giving you to us
As the best mother anyone could ever want.*

Rest Peacefully in God's Kingdom

We will miss you and always love you

Your Family

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Mary Elizabeth Harris** would like to express our
deepest appreciation for the many prayers, expressions of love
and kindness extended to us during our time of bereavement. Also
a special thank you to Robert Gordon, for your assistance.*

May God bless you.

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