

A Celebration of Life A Life

In Loving Memory Of

Sunrise
February 1, 1944

Sunset
October 27, 2015



Betty "Peachy" Helen Harris-Hall

Friday, October 30, 2015

Seven O'clock in the evening

Franklin—St. John's United Methodist Church

142 Maple Avenue • Newark, NJ 07112

Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, Pastor

The Obituary

Betty Helen Hall (nee Harris), departed this life and entered her eternal rest on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, NJ, following an extended period of illness.

Born in Hackensack, NJ on February 1, 1944 to the late Hattie Mae and James Michael Harris, **Betty** and her 4 siblings were raised in Newark, NJ, where she graduated from Central High School. For a period in young-adulthood, **Betty** was married to Charlie N. Hall, Sr. From this union came her only child and the love of her life, Charles N. Hall, Jr. She was also “Mom” to Deborah and Diane, (Step-Children from her partnership with Charlie Gibbs), as well as her late niece Doreen, great-nephew Joseph and great-niece Joseph and DelShonia. ALL of her children comprised her world, and were raised to be nothing less than their best. She was stern, yet affectionate and above all supportive of each and every one.

Betty accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age. Though she did not attend regularly, she was a member at John Wesley A.M.E. Church in E. Rutherford, and clearly understood the source of her strength. One could often hear her proclaim, “There, but for the grace of God, go I”. Or humming her favorite hymn, “Lead Me, Guide Me”. Like everyone, **Betty** made some mistakes and poor choices along the way. The good thing is that she owned her choices, good or bad, never blaming others for her circumstances. She believed in the truth that “every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future. As a result, she would pick herself up, dust herself off, hold her head high and get back on her path to a better future.

Betty’s professional career began at the Western Electric Company. Later, she would go on to earn her Associates Degree in Social Work from Essex County College to pursue her real passion of loving, studying and helping people....ALL people, regardless of race, color or creed. She would apply those passions in her positions as Director for the City of Newark Multi-Phase Methadone Clinic, Program Coordinator for the New Well and International Youth Organizations in Newark, and ultimately, as a Case Manager for the NJ State Department of Labor. **Betty** was well known and respected as a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Professional throughout the Newark community.

“**Peachy**”, (as she was affectionately called by close family and friends) was known for her effervescent personality and exotic features. Her beautiful, contagious smile would light up the room. **Betty** was affectionate, and not afraid to show it. She loved a good laugh and was a wealth of witty, and often sarcastic one-liners and comebacks. You could never guess what she might say next. She was an impeccable dresser, always “dressed to the nines” no matter where she went. Although she loved life and humor, **Betty** kept herself abreast and was well versed on current events. She genuinely cared about what was going on in her city and state and the world. And she would do all she could to make things better, if it meant giving the clothes off her back. When it came to things that she knew, or THOUGHT she knew, **Betty** would not back down. Using her hands, and with pointer finger pressed to thumb to emphasize her pointed, **Betty** would ALWAYS stand her ground.

Betty took her role as “**Mom**” quite seriously. Her children were her world. Their only competition were the 6 beautiful grandchildren that would become the real lights of her life in later years. It’s safe to say that her most fulfilling days were those spent as the doting “**Nana**” in the presence of “her babies”. Her 1st born grandson, Nate, stole her heart the day he was born and held his special place in her heart until the end. She was extremely proud, and often in awe, as she watched the older girls blossom into beautiful young ladies. It sometimes appeared that her whole world revolved around the baby girl, Maya, her own secret “mini-me”. Yet, somehow, she managed to make each one of them feel that they were her most favorite. She was an avid animal lover, including her “grand-dog”, Taejo.

Betty’s soul is now at rest with the loved ones gone before her. Her parents, Hattie Mae & James Michael Harris; Sister, Edith “Edy” Marie Harris-Miles, Brothers, James Michael Harris, Jr. and Reynold “Reyno” Hodge Harris; and a very special Niece, Doreen Miles

Left to cherish the precious memories of **Betty Helen Harris Hall** are: her one and only beloved son, Charles, N. Hall, Jr. & Daughter-in-law, Grissel Nieves-Hall,; her loving brother, William “Midge” Harris; her adoring Grandchildren, Charles “Nate” Hall, 3rd, Alexandria “Maya” Hall, Amanda, & Gabriela Carillo; Dear Stepdaughters, Diane Gibbs & son, Malachi & Deborah Gibbs & daughter, ChaRaine; special Great-Nephew Joseph Balkum & Great-Niece DelShonia Miles.; and dearest Sister/ Friend Delores (Dee) Jackson and their “crew of close girlfriends. The presence of “**Peachy**” will also be sorely missed by a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends.

The Order of Service

Prelude.....“Come Ye, Disconsolate”

Family & Clergy Procession/Parting Glance

Opening Hymn.....“Blessed Assurance”

Prayer of Comfort

Musical Tribute.....*Brother Emory Lee, Minister of Music*

The Holy Scriptures

Acknowledgements

Musical Tribute.....*Brother Emory Lee*

Reflections *(Please be brief)*

The Obituary.....Read Silently

Song of Solace.....*Brother Emory Lee*

The Eulogy.....*Rev. Dr. Lloyd Preston Terrell, Pastor*

Call To Salvation.....“Going Up Yonder”

Benediction

Recessional.....“Soon And Very Soon”

“Our Loss is Heaven's Gain”

Interment

*Saturday, October 31, 2015
East Ridgelawn Cemetery
Clifton, New Jersey*



Thank You

It is with an attitude of gratitude that we express our appreciation for the abundance of love, prayers, and kindnesses shown to us during this most difficult season. Please know that we are comforted by every thought, word and deed. There is joy in knowing that our Mom, Nana, Sister, Auntie, and Cousin is smiling down from her place in Paradise to see how much you care. Mere words are not enough to convey our heart-felt thanks.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers, and our "Peachy" in your hearts. We pray that God will bless you in a mighty way, just as you have been a blessing to us.

**Sincerely,
Charles N. Hall, Jr.**

**On behalf of
The Family of Betty "Peachy" Helen Harris-Hall**



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 his call, I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work, to play. Tasks left
undone must stay that way, I've found that peace at the close of the day.
If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship
shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah 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 savoured 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.*

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