

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Purtis Eugene Harry

Sunrise
August 18, 1928

Sunset
March 18, 2016



Service

Wednesday, March 30, 2016 - 12:00 Noon

BETHEL AME CHURCH

215 Beach 77th Street • Arverne, New York 11692

Rev. Kelvin Jones, Officiating

Gary Smith, Organist

Obituary

Curtis Eugene Harry was born August 18, 1928 to Odessa Glover and Arthur Harry in Phoenix, Arizona.

He attended the schools in Phoenix and California. Upon graduating, he enlisted in the Army and fought in World War II from March of 1946 to March of 1948, receiving a honorable discharge and was decorated with victory medals. He also served in the

Korean War as a medic in the Seventh

Cavalry Regiment from 1950 until 1952. He was dedicated to the U.S Armed Forces and loved attending the reunions. He loved telling stories about the war and how his position as a medic was far and few for black soldiers. He remained in contact with his war buddies over the years and received updates and pictures especially from reunions that he was unable to attend. He was an avid contributor to Veteran organizations.

Curtis also had a passion for the Arts. As a young man, he studied acting and performed plays with various ensembles including the American Negro Theater. He enjoyed the early days being mentored by the great ones like Ruby Dee. These were memorable times that put a sparkle in his eyes. In later years, he joined the H.A.D.L.E.Y Players and performed many plays throughout Harlem under the leadership of a phenomenal woman, Gertrude Jeannette. He was so grateful that although he was unable to attend her 101st birthday celebration in November of 2015, he delighted in having been able to attend the 100th birthday party in 2014. He was also ecstatic to be able to attend a performance three years ago that he had acted in the original cast thirty-five years ago.

Although acting was rewarding and fun, Curtis married Doris Warner affectionately known as "Bootsie" in June of 1963 and he provided for his family by working at the US Post Office for thirty-five years. He and Bootsie traveled to St. Marteen every year with close friends right up until her home going in October of 2008.

He enjoyed visits and phone calls from his Bethel Church family and attended service whenever as he would say "his legs were feeling like taking up the steps". Curtis fought a good fight over the past five months. Despite his struggle, he was able to find humor during his condition. Unfortunately, the illness spread rapidly and his body was in too much pain to keep up the battle. He is at rest now because God knows best.

Curtis leaves to mourn: his son, Michael Harry (Yvonne); daughter, Doreen Mitchell; a son, Richard Harry who preceded him in passing giving him a bonus daughter-in-law, Joyce Green (Joseph); grandsons, Kalik, Sebastian, Marshall and John; granddaughters, Erica, Caroline and Stacey; cousins, Betty Jackson, Alvin Owens and Geraldine; and many other relatives and life long friends.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Clergy and Family

Officiating.....Rev. Kelvin Jones

Scripture Readings.....Sis. Anne Warden

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: Timothy 14:1-6

Prayer of Comfort.....Sis. Mary Champion

Solo.....(Choice of family)

Words of Expression.....(2 minutes)

Musical Selection: *“May The Works I’ve Done Speak”*
(choice of family)

Acknowledgement and Obituary.....Sis. Hattie Ford

Eulogy.....Rev. Kelvin Jones

Final Respects

Benediction

Recessional



Interment

Trinity St. Johns Cemetery
1142 Broadway • Hewlett, NY 11557

Please join the family for a repast in the church fellowship hall.

In Memoriam

*Our lives go on without you,
But nothing is the same.*

*We have to hide our
heartache when someone
speaks your name. Sad are
the hearts that love you, silent
are the tears that fall, living
without you is the hardest
part of all. You did so many
things for us, your heart was
so kind and true and when we
needed someone we could
always count on you, the
special years will not return,
When we are all together,
But with the love in our hearts
you walk with us forever.*

Acknowledgements

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation
every thought and act of kindness extended towards
them during this time. May God bless you all.*

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