

Celebrating The Life Of

Wilhelmena Harris

November 17, 1928 - February 23, 2017



Saturday, March 4, 2017 - 10:00 a.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF MORRISIANA

761 E. 166th Street • Bronx, New York 10456

Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite, Officiating

Bob Arrington, Organist

Obituary

Wilhelmena Harris of the Bronx, New York was born on November 17, 1928 in Nesmith, South Carolina to the late James and Ellen Gamble. She entered eternal rest on Thursday, February 23, 2017 in East Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Bronx, New York.

Wilhelmena attended Brown High School in Nesmith, South Carolina. She joined Friendship United Methodist Church in South Carolina at an early age. Wilhelmena moved to New York City in the early 1950's where she met and married the love of her life Paul Harris, who preceded her in death. In New York City, Wilhelmena began her career as a hat maker. Wilhelmena attended Bronx Community College where she received an Associate's Degree. In 1969, she joined the New York City Board of Education as a Paraprofessional. She retired from the Board after 35 years of dedicated services. She was loved and respected by the faculty, parents and especially her students.

Wilhelmena was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. She was always willing to help anyone in need. Wilhelmena enjoyed the finer things in life. She enjoyed taking trips to Atlantic City and playing lotto. She was always very proper and very well spoken. Wilhelmena loved to spend time with her family. She greeted everyone with a smile and kind word.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving and devoted daughter/niece, Debbie Nesmith, one grandson, Mark Nesmith, two sisters, Margaret Nesmith of Bronx, New York and Della Gamble Austin of Linden, New Jersey, one brother-in-law, Lewis Thomas of Bronx, New York, and one sister-in-law, Francis Gamble of South Carolina. Her three sisters, Leona, Mabel and Jennie and two brothers Ashley and Gary Gene preceded her in death. She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn “How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 27: 1-4, 14

John 14: 1-6

Prayer Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite

Solo “I Won’t Complain”
Linda Spellman

Obituary Tamika Vaughan

Remarks Donald Nesmith (nephew)

Solo “Precious Lord”
Linda Spellman

Eulogy Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite

Benediction

Closing Song “I Am Free”
Linda Spellman

Final Viewing Eternity Funeral Services Director

Recessional

Interment
Woodlawn Cemetery
Bronx, New York

Repat

After the burial, please join the family for repast
and fellowship in the Church’s Hall



Acknowledgment

*The family of **Wilhelmena Harris** acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.*

God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.



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