

Homegoing Celebration of
Ollie Mae Harley



Sunrise:
May 8, 1934

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December 18, 2017

Service

Saturday, December 22, 2017 - 8:00 a.m.

Charles A. West Funeral & Cremation Service

34 East 25th Street
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

Obituary

Ollie Mae Harley was born on May 8, 1934 in Bowman, SC. She was the oldest daughter of Ernest Stephens & Eartha Mae Ross. She is the sister of Johnnie B King and the late Ida Mae King. Ollie spent her early childhood in South Carolina and moved to Jersey City, NJ at an early age where she resided with her endeared Uncle, the late Deacon Isaac Ross. She received her education in the Jersey City Public School system.

She spent her young adult life in Jersey City where she worked a series of jobs, including Bamberger's Department Store and Breville Electronics in Newark, NJ. Ollie was civic-minded, and displayed that by serving on the Board of Directors of the Jersey City Housing Department, and working as an Election Judge during state elections.

Ollie's passion for cooking and entrepreneurial spirit led her to open her own restaurant in 1981, Ollie's Fish & Chips on Monticello Ave in Jersey City, NJ. Later in her career, Ollie moved to East Brunswick with her family and went on to become a Head Cook at Rutgers State University until her retirement in 1995. In 1997, Ollie returned to South Carolina to reside near the community where she was born, the Town of Branchville. While there, she was very active helping others in the Community, interacting with and attending Town Meetings with Officials, Planners and Lawmakers. She later returned to East Brunswick to be closer to her daughters, grandchildren and family members until her death.

Mae, as she was known as to her close friends & family, got great joy from helping others in need. Her big heart left a lasting impression on all those she touched. She shared a lifelong friendship with her late aunt Myrtis Ross, Bessie Hall, the late Laura Garvin, Carmela Madison and Jewell Merrit. She also shared a strong loving bond with her late uncle Blease Ross of South Carolina. She was often seen feeding and clothing neighborhood families. She was not only a mom to her own children, but anyone she felt she could help. She will always be remembered for her compassionate spirit, selfless acts of kindness and passion for family. She was a long-time member Monumental Baptist Church for over 40 years. Her legacy will live on through her children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren.

Mae was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Harley, and her two sons Charles Funches and Robert Harden. She is survived by her six daughters Audrey Johnson (Duane Johnson), Beverly Funches, Stacy Harden, Lynn Harden-Hemmans (Anthony Hemmans), June Levins (Micheal Levins), and Kim Sears (Kendall R. Sears).

Mae leaves behind a host of loved ones, including 12 grandchildren: Charles Levine, Alicia Mimnaugh, Channon Stafford, Kamesha Reid, Travis Levine, Darius Harden, Charles Funches, Cameron Levins, Candace Levins, Paul Shepherd, Kendal Skylar Sears and Kalum Sears; 5 great-grandchildren, Andrew Maldonado, Cheylyn Mimnaugh, Charles Levine Jr., Grace Mimnaugh, Jeremy Mimnaugh, and Godson Carl Lockett. In addition, she leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who she loved dearly.

Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....“How Great Thou Art”

Prayer.....Minister Barrett Dorsey

Scripture Reading

Old Testament-Psalms 23.....Deacon Lorenzo Richardson

New Testament- John 14:1-3.....Deacon Ferris Tune

Selection.....“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

Expressions of Love.....2 minutes each

Obituary.....Tanja Searls

Acknowledgements.....Sheree Boone

Selection.....“Never Would Have Made It”

Eulogy.....Rev. Hugh Best

Viewing

Benediction.....Rev. Hugh Best

Recessional.....“Blessed Assurance”

Interment

Private



Mother

Thank God for you dear Mother
Your tenderness and care
The hours of comfort within me
Just knowing that you're there.
Your love has made our house a home.
A place where we all gather,
Your faith has lifted up the load
And filled our hearts with laughter.
Though problems come, and problems go,
Your faith and love in me still grow.
Thank God for you dear Mother
You know I love you so.





A Mother's Love





A Grandmother's Love




A Great and Great-Great Grandmother's Love



A Sister's Love





Fill not your heart with pain and sorrow
Just remember me in every tomorrow.
Remember the joy, the laughter, and the smiles;
I've only gone to rest a little while.
Although my leaving causes pain and grief,
God's blessings has eased my hurt
And given me relief.
So dry your eyes and remember me,
Not as I am, but as I used to be.
Because I will remember all
And look on with a smile,
Understand in your hearts
I've only gone to rest a little while.
As long as I have the love of you all
I can live on in your hearts forever more.

Acknowledgement

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,

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