

*A Service of Gratitude to God in Honor of Our
Mother
Kathryn Lenore Roberson Harding*



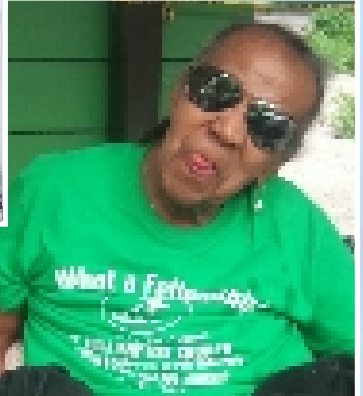
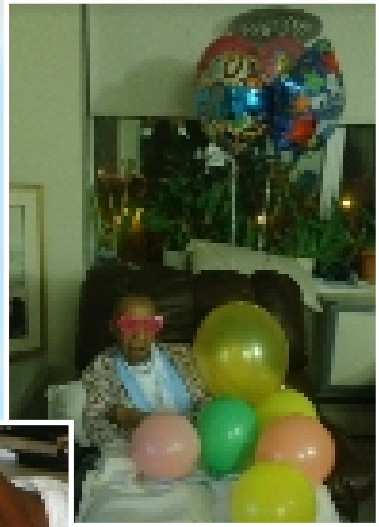
*Awake
November 18, 1921*

Friday, December 29, 2017 - 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE MASTER (PRESBYTERIAN)

81 Morningside Avenue

Harlem, New York 10027



Herstory...



the beneficiary
the Golden
of Edgar

(Roberson),
1921, the light
Roberson began to
Rayville, Louisiana.
settled in Little Rock,
moved to New York City
Mother's sisters ~Frances
Mable Hill. Following
these strong women,
baptized in St. John
NYC, completed her secondary education at Wadleigh High School, and began
a life that would change many people, including her own.



Spirituals, Anthems, Chants and Hymns, Kathryn R. Harding was one of the most notable musicians for Worship in Harlem, NY. She was loyal to a fault, sparing no pains to protect those whom she loved and trusted. In addition to her elegance, grace and sophistication, people recognized her sincerity and integrity especially when they were in her undisputable presence. Katie or "K," as she was sometimes called by those closest to her, understood that one must treat others with kindness, respect and consideration in order to be of the same. Yes! She believed in Rule..... and so from the union Roberson and Julia Collins

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After the family
Arkansas, Kathryn
to live with her
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the guidance of
Kathryn was
Baptist Church,

Highlights of Kathryn's journey include her friendship with Walter L. Harding, then an associate minister at St. John BC. The result of this special friendship manifested in September 1946, when Walter and Kathryn were united in Holy Matrimony...

Prior to the arrival of their children, Walter encouraged his wife to attend college, specifically, Shaw University. Through his support and encouragement Kathryn graduated in 1951 as the Class Valedictorian. Following the birth of her children, Mrs. Harding worked nights as a laborer (Western Electric) and days as a substitute teacher until she received a call from Columbia Presbyterian Hospital to join their staff as a Social Worker. Everyone knew the pride and joy of Kathryn's life were her children: Ouida, Vera, Imra, and Walter II. Kathryn used her experiences to help her children understand life beyond their own traditional culture. She was adamant their early life experiences would not be limited to racial, educational or in some cases, geographical boundaries. Mrs. Harding wanted the best for her children and even friends of her children. She was diligent in discipline, and was always available to assist people who were sincere about achieving meaningful goals in their life. In 1969, Kathryn became active with the Ministers Wives under the leadership of Mrs. Juanita Miner. From 1972-1973 Mrs. Harding became the 14th President of the Baptist Ministers Wives and Widows Association of Greater New York and Vicinity Inc. During her tenure, President Harding and her 1st Vice President Dr. Larnie Mobley created unprecedented administrative, social, and civic, standards to strengthen relationships within and beyond the Baptist community, (especially within the fellowship of WWA), established lifetime membership opportunities for the NAACP. Under President Harding's leadership, a sizable monetary donation was given to the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, eyeglasses were collected for "Eyes for the Needy." President Harding provided a \$1000 scholarship to a college student



to help further their education. She was the writer of "The Ministers Wives Pledge," and instituted the saying "Think, About It... Think Hard!" which became her signature sign off in the Christian Banner's "Talking About People and Things weekly publication." Mrs. Harding later became the President of the Interdenominational Widows and Wives Association and continued to build to the Glory of God.

As a Pastor's wife, Mrs. Harding dutifully served as the Minister of Music for St. Luke Baptist Church, (NY) and at minimum assisted in structuring the Liturgy for worship. Realizing the need for a support group among Women, she was instrumental in starting "The Women's Guild," and "The First Lady's Ministry." In 1975, Mrs. Harding suffered an aneurism and the first of seven strokes while in her office at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, but her faith in God remained without question. She never worried or wavered about outcomes. Doctors have baffled at Mrs. Harding's resilience even up to last Monday, December 18, when all dialogue was for certain that the decks were stacked against her and that she would not even "make it" home.

Early November 2017, Kathryn Harding shared with one of her offspring, she was "ready to go home." She maintained the words "I'm fine" until she slept her way into eternity. A survivor of the Great depression, Jim Crow and the Civil Rights Era, she never worried about how the Lord would provide...and in answer to her prayer, the Lord again was merciful and brought her home.



Challenged to continue the legacy, are her children, her relatives and a few friends.

Three Daughters: Ouida Waltryce, New York, NY,

Vera Lynette, Atlanta, GA,

Imra Vaundre, Atlanta, GA;

One Son: Walter Alvin Edgar Harding, II Lodi, NJ;

Two Sons-in-Law: Gregory Brown (Vera) and James Miller (Imra);

Five grandchildren: Elvin and Justin Kidd, H. Douglas Roy III, Atlanta, GA, Arielle O. Harding, Nyack, NY and Yo Harding, Paris, France;

Six great grandchildren, Brandon, Aubrey, Madison, Raymond, Kruz and Justin

The Cohen/Webb Family in Stroudsburg, PA and the Cohen-Webb & Wiggins Families in Little Rock, Arkansas, The Grant Family in Atlanta, Georgia and the Foster Family in Detroit, Michigan.

Legacies of worth never die, they don't even fade away....they are lived, studied and purposely implemented. In the Case of Mrs. Harding, beneficial to humankind.





Immortal
December 24, 2017

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

Interment

Pinelawn Memorial Park Gardens
Pinelawn, New York

Repast Immediately Following Service

Thank You

The Harding Family expresses their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all displays of kindness and encouragement shown during this challenging time of bereavement.

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