

Homegoing Service
Celebrating the Life
Of



Frances M. Harris

Sunrise
July 2, 1938

Sunset
February 7, 2022

Thursday, February 17, 2022
Viewing: 4:00PM-5:00PM
Service: 5:00PM

MCCALL'S BRONXWOOD FUNERAL HOME

4035 Bronxwood Avenue • Bronx, New York 10466

Officiating

Reverend Clarice Murphy, Pastor

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Reverend Dr. Jamel A. Moore, Sr

Greater Zion Baptist Church

Rev. David Jenkins, Organist

Obituary

A Life Well Lived

Frances M. Harris was born on July 2, 1938 in Rich Square, North Carolina to Mr. Carvin Martin and Mrs. Reaner Gatling Martin; she was the fourth of six children.

In 1955 Frances married James Harris, Jr.; to their union two daughters, Brenda and Dorothy were born. In January 1959, Frances along with her family relocated to New York where she became a lifelong resident of the Bronx.

Frances received her early education in Rich Square and upon moving to New York, she continued her studies by attending evening classes at Morris High School. During this time, in addition to being a student, Frances was a full-time mother and employee. She aspired to obtain her diploma and was determined to succeed.

Upon receiving her diploma, Frances sought better employment. She was offered and accepted a position with Citibank. She worked in the Check Processing Department and was ultimately promoted to Supervisor. Frances enjoyed a 30-year career at Citibank before retiring in 1998.

After retirement Frances found her niche as an entrepreneur, opening Fran's Things and Stuff, excelling in an area she truly enjoyed. She was a people person and took great pleasure in meeting new people and traveling. This new role afforded her the opportunity to do both. She loved traveling with the seniors and enjoying all the good things life had to offer.

Frances was a devoted member of Greater Zion Baptist Church in the Bronx. She was also a member of the Prince Hall Masonic Family. She joined Antioch Chapter No.44 Prince Hall Order Eastern Star in 1988 during the administration of the late WM Helen Gooding. She was a valued member and a willing worker. Frances served the station of Martha for many years and was also an elected Chapter Trustee. She joined Manhattan Assembly No. 3 Order of the Golden Circle, Medina Court No. 11 Daughters of Isis and Helping Hand Royal Court No. 1 Order of Cyrene; however, being unable to participate due to chronic health challenges she withdrew those memberships.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, two brothers, daughter, Brenda Harris-Jones and granddaughter, Nicole Frances Harris.

Frances leaves, not to mourn, but to cherish her memory, her loving daughter, Dorothy Harris (Michael); sister, Willie Mae Bowser; son-in-law Karl Jones; four great grandchildren, Lameshia, Ebony, Jahvontte and Jahmel (PJ); one great-great grandchild, Zion; niece, Reverend Clarice Murphy and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies" Proverbs 31:10

Done in great sorrow,
The Family

Order of Service

Organ Prelude and Processional

Invocation

Hymn of Comfort..... ”Hold to God Unchanging Hand”

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 23

New Testament: John 14

Selection

Reflections.....Greater Zion Baptist Church
PGWM Barbara Outlaw Barmore, Worthy Matron
Rev. I.A. Nunn Jr., Senior Center

Acknowledgement..... Vivian Martin/Pretty

Obituary..... Dr. Lee K. Barmore

Solo..... Rev. Dr. Moore, Sr.

Eulogist.....Rev. Clarice Murphy, Pastor
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Stormville, New York

Remarks from Funeral Director

Final Viewing

Benediction

Interment
Monday, February 21, 2022
Jerusalem Cemetery
Woodland, North Carolina

Farewell

Farewell my family, don't weep for I'm at peace now, just asleep. Farewell my family, I'm not alone, the Mighty Maker has led me safely home. Just think back over the many years, how the family seemed so strong, holding back the tears. Yet, God somehow always made a way, thanking Him every night and day. Be good my family, always love each other. Be strong my family, strong in heart, the blood ties, no one can ever part. If at some time I made a mistake, as you live, many will you make. Farewell my family, I've been called away. Walk with God, trust in His word, for He is always by your side.

Acknowledgments

The family would like to express their deep appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness shown to them during their time of bereavement.

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