

*Homegoing Service
Celebrating The Life Of*

Jonell Elveter Harris

Sunrise
October 24, 1953

Sunset
August 10, 2024

*Psalm 23:4 - "Even though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with
me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."*

Saturday, August 24, 2024 ~ 1:00 PM

G. G. Woody Funeral Home

206 East Eighth Avenue, Roselle, New Jersey 07203

Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Officiating

Life Reflections

Jonell Elveter Harris, 70, passed away peacefully on August 10, 2024. Born on October 24, 1953, in Rock Hill, South Carolina, Jonell was the cherished only child of Richard and Margie Ray Brown.

Jonell's early years were spent in Roselle, New Jersey. She attended Bethlehem Baptist Church and started her elementary education in the Roselle Public Schools before moving to Colonia. She graduated from Colonia High School and pursued her passion for nursing, earning a degree from Rutgers University. On April 9th, 1977, Jonell married the love of her life, Zachary Wayne Harris, in Edison, New Jersey. That same year, they welcomed their beloved son, Richard Harris. Sadly, Jonell was widowed in November 1984.

Her career as a dedicated nurse spanned 30 years at Roosevelt Hospital in Edison, New Jersey. In 1996, she was honored as one of the top 100 nurses in the state of New Jersey, recognized for her leadership, compassion, and commitment to patient care.

Known affectionately as “Mommy” by many, Jonell was the heart of her community. She opened her home and heart to everyone, embodying the spirit of a true neighborhood mom. Her love for her family and friends was boundless, and she fiercely protected those she loved. If you called her, she was coming and if you told her someone was bothering you then she was REALLY coming.

Jonell loved to cook and bake, delighting everyone with her famous cornbread stuffing, apple pie, and both plain and blueberry pound cakes. Her green thumb was evident in her thriving garden, filled with an array of vegetables, and her home was a lush oasis of plants. When she wasn't gardening, she could be found reading, dancing to soulful music, or indulging in her love of shopping at Cosco, BJ's or Target with her grandchildren.

Jonell was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Margie Ray Brown, her husband, Zachary Harris, and her beloved Aunt Ella. She leaves behind a legacy of love and fond memories. She is survived by her devoted son, Richard D'lyane Harris, Sr. and wife, Lolita; her grandchildren, Diamond Harris, Daivon Ellison, Laila Halsey, and Richard Harris Jr.; great-grandchildren, Genesis Harris and Quincy Ellison; her bonus grandchildren, Joey Grubbs, Tyesha Boyd, Marcus Grubbs, and Ashley Grubbs. Jonell also leaves behind a host of family in Rock Hill, South Carolina ~ her Aunt Fredine Patterson and her favorite sister-cousin, Kathy Glover, the Woodard and Wylie family. Mommy had her gang of neighborhood children that she fed, nurtured, mentored and even fought for and with: Quan, Faith, Michael, Man, Esau, Antonio, Jerrod, Josh, Ebony, Missy & the Vandunks.

Don't Cry for Me

*Don't cry for me. I will be okay.
Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.*

*Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong. I want you to be happy
and try to stay strong. Don't cry for me. It was just my time,
but I will see you someday on the other side.*

*Don't cry for me. I am not alone.
The angels are with me to welcome me home.*

*Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.
All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.*

*Don't cry for me. This is not the end.
I'll be waiting here for you
when we meet again.*

Order of Service

Processional

Organ Prelude

Selection

Scriptures
Old Testament
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort: Tammy Durham

Selection

Reflections (2 minutes, please)

Acknowledgment of Condolences

Tribute: Lolita Harris

Reading of the Obituary: Laila Halsey

Selection

Eulogy: Bishop Wayne L. Johnson, Pastor
Bible Way Deliverance Center – Roselle, New Jersey

Recessional

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Acknowledgement

*The family of **Jonell Harris** wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of kindness, love, support, and concern shown to us during our time of loss. Your thoughtful acts have provided us with comfort and strength. We thank you sincerely and pray that God blesses you abundantly.*

Perhaps you sent a lovely card
or sat quietly in a chair;

Perhaps you sent a floral spray,
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 that day.
Whatever you did
to console our hearts,

We thank you so much,
whatever the part.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests potted plants in honor of Jonell's deep love for nature. The family plans to create a sunroom greenhouse in her memory, where her love for plants will continue to grow and flourish, serving as a lasting tribute to her life and spirit.



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