



Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris

March 16, 1948 - December 24, 2020

Joyce Smith Harris was born to the late Willie and Rose Smith, on March 16, 1948 in New York City NY. She departed this life on Thursday, December 24, 2020.

Joyce was the devoted, loving dedicated wife to Ronald M. Harris senior as well as a dedicated loving mother to her daughter, Leslie H. Cooper, her son, Randy M. Harris and grandmother to Caleb G. Cooper, whom she loved so very dearly.

Joyce loved her entire family and her church family. She enjoyed attending morning worship and praising the Lord regardless, even in times of pain.

Joyce often spoke highly of her husband and children who were her pride and joy. All that knew her, knew she had a passion for praising God as well as a passion for fried CHICKEN WINGS!

Joyce attended and graduated from Washington Irving Girls' High School in New York City NY. She then went to Nursing Academy School to further her education. Joyce was a former member of Mariners Temple Baptist church in New York City NY, where she also served as a member of the choir. She was employed at Manufacturer Hanover Trust Bank in New York City, NY as the executive computer control room supervisor for over 20 years. She resided in New York City until 1992, moved from the big city of New York to Greenville, NC, where she resided along with her husband and family for the remainder of her years. Mother Joyce Harris was confirmed as a Holy Trinity UHC member Greenville, NC, where she served on the Usher Board, Pastor Aide

Committee, The Book Club which she enjoyed highly, and the Women's Fellowship. Joyce was a participant working with the church nursery at Holy Trinity UHC and enjoyed Ministering numerous residential nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Mother Joyce leaves to cherish the memory of her beloved husband, Ronald M. Harris, Sr., her daughter, Leslie H Cooper; son, Randy M. Harris (Keiche); eight step-children, Petey, Cheryl, Tony, Valerie, Jeffrey, Selena, Niecy, and special stepson Dennis Harris; five siblings, Jeannie Moore, Sylvia Williams, Annette McPherson, Matthew Smith (Angela) and Jermaine Smith; two grandchildren, Caleb G Cooper a VERY special grandson and Jordan Smith; two adopted grandchildren, Tony and Tiara Reeves; three step-grandchildren, Aaron, Avery and Kayla; three adopted children who she looked at as her own son and daughter, Dennis Cooper, Luz C. Whetstone, and Vonderick Langley; two special aunts, Deloris S. Joyner and Mary Chance; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; a very special cousin, Scotti Johnson; a very special friends, Debbie Williams, Clifton and Anne Woods, Barbara Dyer, Lynette Whichard, Pat Cooper, Marcella and Richard Reeves.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street
Greenville, NC 27858

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
411 Watauga Avenue
Greenville, NC 27834

Celebration of Life Service

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *May the Lord comfort you at this time of sadness. You will be in our prayers. With love from the Dillard Family.*



Melanie Dillard - January 02, 2021 at 10:41 AM



“ *Dianna Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris*



Dianna Daniels - January 02, 2021 at 10:16 AM



“ *Vanessa Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris*



Vanessa Smith - January 02, 2021 at 05:45 AM

JW

“ To the family of Joyce Smith Harris,

I was saddened to hear of the transition of your beloved family member and am praying that God will comfort, keep, and sustain you during this difficult time and in the many days to come. He is "the Father of mercies and God of all comfort."

I am a cousin on Joyce's mother's side of the family (Sumrell) and will reach out to you, through Sylvia Smith Williams, as soon as God gives opportunity.

*Joe White
Camden, New Jersey*

Joseph White - January 02, 2021 at 12:17 AM

DW

“ My prayers are with the family of Mrs Joyce Smith Harris.

My dear friend and sister in Christ Jesus what a joy and pure love to have known and remained friends since July 13, 1979. Joyce was my former supervisor @ Manufacturers HandOver Trust Bank for many years. I will forever hear her voice and laughter in my heart and in my ears



Debra Williams - January 01, 2021 at 10:38 PM

CM

“ My family,

My heart is heavy yet, I can rejoice knowing that Joyce ran her race well. She is no longer in pain but praising all day long. Let that comfort you now and in the days to come. I can still hear our conversations. It seems like just yesterday we talked and texted each other. We prayed. We laughed. We had a good time on the phone. She was indeed a woman of FAITH. Never did she display doubt. She always gave thanks. She loved the Lord and would praise Him at anytime and anywhere. She loved her family. I will miss her so much but will forever hold her close in my heart. I pray that the peace of God will overtake you.

Cookie McKinney - January 01, 2021 at 07:33 PM

PP

“ *Paula Love Platt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris*



Paula Love Platt - January 01, 2021 at 07:11 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



Congleton Funeral Home and Staff - December 31, 2020 at 02:01 PM

LC

“ Lillian Chapman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris



Lillian Chapman - December 30, 2020 at 02:11 PM

CF

“ To the Family of Mother Joyce Harris. We are so sorry for your loss and Mother Harris will truly be missed, she was active, proactive, & faithful to Holy Trinity UHC down through the years.... Rest Well Mother Harris... Prayers be with Family 🙏



Coston Family - December 30, 2020 at 12:47 PM

BM

“ We remember Mother Joyce Harris as Sister in the Lord and a friend to our family. We will miss her. We send our condolences to Brother Harris and family. Please know we are praying for you as you go through your difficult time.

Bro Joe & Missy Tammy Murchison - December 28, 2020 at 11:24 PM

SW

“ Sylvia Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris



sylvia williams - December 28, 2020 at 09:08 PM

CB

“ *We will truly miss Mother Harris at Holy Trinity*



Clarence Brown - December 28, 2020 at 05:02 PM

SE

“ *Be Encouraged!*



Sondra Early - December 27, 2020 at 04:34 PM

SE

“ *My Blessings and Prayers to the Harris and Smith Family. Much Love to all of you! Mother Joyce was a special person and my friend. She will be dearly missed and I will keep the good memories close to my Heart! Be Encouraged!* 🙏💕



Sondra Early - December 27, 2020 at 04:32 PM

ML

“ *Mother Emma Langs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris*



Mother Emma Langs - December 27, 2020 at 11:33 AM

EH

“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - December 27, 2020 at 07:33 AM

EH

“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Joyce Smith Harris*



Evangelist Gwen Hudson - December 25, 2020 at 07:43 AM

SW

Missing my beloved sister...your spirit and love will always be in our hearts

sylvia williams - December 28, 2020 at 08:59 PM

SW

Missing you my beloved sister...you will always be a spirit close to my heart

sylvia williams - December 28, 2020 at 09:15 PM

SW

Honoring my sister Joyce's life,,,,she'd be miss and loved...Annette McPherson

sylvia williams - December 28, 2020 at 09:17 PM

PP

Mother Harris was such a sweet person when I came to Holy Trinity she always welcome me and sure I was comfortable. Rest well mother. Mother Harris is now resting in Jesus, To be absent from the body is to present with the Lord. Good night Mother Harris we will see you in the morning at the great home gathering.

*Take your rest,
Paula Love Platt*

Paula Love Platt - January 01, 2021 at 07:08 PM