



Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris

July 29, 1939 - July 11, 2016

Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris departed this life peacefully on July 11, 2016 at home in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the presence of her loving grandson, Shemar Mallory-Harris. She was born July 29, 1939, the daughter of Charlie and Sallie Bloodworth in Thomaston, Georgia. She accepted Christ at an early age and was a faithful member of New Jerusalem Church of God In Christ in Kalamazoo, where she was in the choir. She attended Kalamazoo Public Schools, graduating from Kalamazoo Central High School.

Barbara was chef at several prominent restaurants in Kalamazoo. She had a love for cooking and decided to run her own restaurant business. She was also employed with Friendship Village and Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Barbara was known to be a giving and generous person, with a gentle spirit. She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Paulette Harris; her parents, Sallie and Charlie Bloodworth; 3 brothers, Charles, Alonzo ("Lonnie") and Vincent Bloodworth; uncle, Bennie Drain; aunts, Gussie Gipson and Estella Brown; cousins, Otis Wilson, Martha Harris and Lavon Harris.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories: a special son, J. Frederick Bland; grandson, Shemar Mallory-Harris; 4 sisters, Annie M. Bloodworth, Brenda A. Stubbs all of Kalamazoo; Delphine D. Bloodworth of Indiana; and Carla D. (husband Budda) Thompson of Kalamazoo; 3 brothers Robert Bloodworth, Terry Bloodworth both of Kalamazoo and William C. (wife Sand) Bloodworth of South Bend, IN; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Also, special friends, Evelyn Kizzie and Wanda Lee Brown.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

1015 Gull Rd
Kalamazoo, MI 49048-1733
(269) 337-8227

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel
521 Douglas Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI

Family Hour

JUL 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Jerusalem Church Of God In Christ
1904 N. Church Street
Kalamazoo, MI

A Service in Loving Memory

JUL 23. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Harper Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris



Harper Funeral Home - July 21, 2016 at 09:00 PM

CD

I'm going to miss her yelling at me when she came to the center I really enjoyed my Madea she cared about me so much my lady was the best I love so much I'm sad your not here love chenell shantel 🥹

Chenell Davison - July 22, 2016 at 10:39 PM

DB

I love you so much I recall when we meet for the first time I I respect you from that day on and I had a hold other family and I just want to be where you all was now I look around and everyone is gone and I have your kids and there kids and one sister from that other family and nephew I do my best to look over everyone as I know you all got watch over all of us Rest in peace

delphine bloodworth - July 23, 2016 at 06:04 PM



“ Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Karest Willis-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris*



Karest Willis-Brown - July 23, 2016 at 10:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harper Funeral Home - July 22, 2016 at 03:27 PM

CD

Love my sweet lady I miss doing your nails

Chenell Davison - July 22, 2016 at 10:42 PM

AP

“ *Brenda -- I am so sorry for your loss. She sounds like a beautiful soul and I would like to have known her. As our Jewish friends say, "May her memory be for a blessing."*

Amy Peterson

Amy B Peterson - July 21, 2016 at 09:55 AM

MR

“ *Modean Tubbs Reeves lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris*



Modean Tubbs Reeves - July 20, 2016 at 10:11 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Spurling lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris*



Lisa Spurling - July 20, 2016 at 07:24 AM

NG

“ *I always enjoyed our conversations. You were such a good listener. You will truly be missed Ms. Barbara. Sending my condolences to family and friends.*

Natasha Green - July 19, 2016 at 12:54 PM

NG

“ *Natasha Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris*



Natasha Green - July 19, 2016 at 12:41 PM

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I always enjoyed our conversations. You were such a good listener. You will truly be missed Ms. Barbara. Sending my condolences to family and friends.

Natasha Green - July 19, 2016 at 12:46 PM

FC

“ *Fresenius Medical Care sends its condolences to Ms. Barbara Harris' family. She was a wonderful lady who will be deeply missed.*



Fresenius Medical Care - July 15, 2016 at 01:27 PM

VY

“ *Vera Younger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Barbara Jean Harris*



Vera Younger - July 15, 2016 at 06:27 AM

VY

Love you Barbara Jean....praying for the family and friends, may God bless you with peace and strength.

Vera Younger - July 15, 2016 at 06:32 AM

CC

Barbara Jean you were the first born of all of us cousins. You will truly be missed. The love we all have for you, is nothing in comparison to the love our Holy Heavenly Father has for you. To be absence from the body is to be present with the Most High God.

Cathy Collins ... Cousin - July 18th at 3:17 pm

Cathy Collins - July 18, 2016 at 02:24 PM