



## Mrs. Gracie M. Harris

July 19, 1936 - August 7, 2023

\*\*\*A SERVICE IN LOVING MEMORY FOR MRS. GRACIE M. HARRIS WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023 AT SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH IN KALAMAZOO.

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*PUBLIC VIEWING FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS WILL BE HELD 4:00 P.M.TO 6:00 P.M. THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023 AT OUR FUNERAL HOME (VISITATIONS & SERVICE TIMES, LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS ARE LISTED BELOW)

\*\*\*\*MASKS ARE OPTIONAL---HAND SANITIZER WILL BE PROVIDED AT FUNERAL HOME AND CHURCH\*\*\*\*

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### THE OBITUARY

Mrs. Gracie M. Harris passed away on August 7, 2023. She was born July 19, 1936, the eldest daughter of Mr. Willie and Anell Williams in Columbus, Georgia. Gracie became a Christian at a young age and joined Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church where she served faithfully.

She graduated from Thomaston Training School in 1954 and worked at Upson County Hospital until she married Willie Harris on July 12, 1961. During their marriage two sons were born, Alphonso and Mark.

Gracie joined Second Missionary Baptist Church soon after relocating to Kalamazoo, MI. She was a member for over 60 years and served as a Sunday school teacher, senior usher, health ministry, volunteer parish nurse, and finance committee.

She was employed as a nurse's aide, nurse technician, LPN, and RN for several years at Bronson Hospital's ICU. She was also a member of toastmaster international, the Bronson School of Nursing alumni association, and the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation. She was often called "Grace" which fit her nice and forgiving personality. She was employed at Bronson Methodist Hospital until her retirement in 1995. She then became a foster grandparent assisting young children who often called her "Grandma Gracie."

Preceding her in death were her parents Willie Williams, Sr. and Anell Williams, brother JD Williams, 2 sisters Gaynell Walden and Lucille Williams, and youngest son Mark Harris.

She is survived by her oldest son Alphonso Harris, sister-in-law, Cathy Dungey, and siblings Josephine Morgan, Edward Williams, Rev. Willis (Diane) Williams, and Randy Williams; grandchildren, André, Andrea, Alexis, Jay, and Carmela Harris, great-grandson Zecaryah Barker, 1st cousin, Willie Henry (Lillie) Williams, and daughter-in-law, Tennie Williams-Harris. Also, host of nieces, nephews, friends, and special friend Bettie Edmonds.

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Ever-Rest Memorial Park

3941 S. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

# Previous Events

## Walk Through Visitation For Family & Friends

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Harper Funeral Home - Chapel  
521 Douglas Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI

## A Service in Loving Memory

AUG 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Second Baptist Church  
609 N. Rose Street  
Kalamazoo, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cerita Plair lit a candle in memory of Gracie Harris*



**Cerita Plair** - February 16, 2024 at 12:45 PM



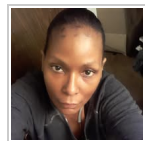
“ *Mrs. Gracie M. Harris*

October 23, 2023 at 06:06 AM



“ *Mrs. Gracie M. Harris*

October 06, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Areatha Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gracie M. Harris*



**Areatha Ford** - September 17, 2023 at 09:25 AM

DZ

“ *Darlene Zackery lit a candle in memory of Gracie Harris*



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**Darlene Zackery** - August 21, 2023 at 09:06 AM

PG

“ *Pauline Gardner sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gracie M. Harris*



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**Pauline Gardner** - August 18, 2023 at 11:29 AM

FD

“ *To the Williams and Harris Family:  
Sorry to hear of your loss. Wish I could be there with you. You have my heartfelt sympathy. Gracie Mae was always the most beautiful and caring person.  
Love and condolence .*

*Fannie Kendall Delaney  
Griffin, GA  
Class of '54*

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**Fannie K Delaney** - August 17, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gracie M. Harris.



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August 17, 2023 at 04:16 PM



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August 17, 2023 at 04:16 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Gracie M. Harris.

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August 17, 2023 at 04:16 PM

GM

“ I have wonderful memories of Mrs. Harris. She was the mother of my friends, Al and Mark. She was my Sunday School teacher, and she was a good friend to my mom. Mrs. Harris was one of the kindest people I have ever known. I remember visiting her home as a kid, and you could feel the love, the warmth, and those amazing cakes she used to bake (were incredible). I can still see them. My heart goes out to Al, Josephine and all of the family. This is a tremendous loss for them. Mrs. Harris touched so many lives by demonstrating love and kindness. This dear lady will be greatly missed.



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**Gregory Moorehead** - August 17, 2023 at 04:03 PM

LF

“ Lola & Family lit a candle in memory of Gracie Harris



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**Lola Streeter & Family** - August 16, 2023 at 01:56 PM

ML

“ Malinda Ligon-Whitley lit a candle in memory of Gracie Harris



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**Malinda Ligon-Whitley** - August 16, 2023 at 11:54 AM

Ingrid  
Spencer

“ Sending love and prayers to the family of “Grandma Gracie” and especially to my friend and brother André’ Harris who is the grandson of Grandma Gracie.



Ingrid Spencer - August 16, 2023 at 11:52 AM

PT

“ Sending love, thoughts, and prayers to you and your family during this tough time. Gracie was such a blessing to all of us at Second Baptist Church.

Patricia and Deacon Ernest Thomas - August 15, 2023 at 04:22 PM

AB

“ Arlene Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Gracie Harris



Arlene Buchanan - August 15, 2023 at 11:53 AM

BS

“ Bobby and Beverly Smith purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mrs. Gracie M. Harris.



Bobby and Beverly Smith - August 15, 2023 at 10:32 AM

JN

“ *Family, I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to Australia with Gracie. Not having known her previously, we quickly became friends. You have my sincere condolences, love and blessings. Janet Nichols, Kalamazoo.*



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**Janet Nichols** - August 15, 2023 at 05:21 AM

PC

“ *Pamela Chapman lit a candle in memory of Gracie Harris*



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**Pamela Chapman** - August 14, 2023 at 01:44 PM

MB

“ *Josephine and Alphonso, Our condolences to you and your family. Gracie was such a dear friend. We love you. Paul and Margaret Best*



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**Margaret Best** - August 13, 2023 at 04:48 PM

AP

“ *To Josephine Morgan and The Harris Family,  
It is with sincere condolence and sympathy  
that we share in the loss of Gracie, our prayer  
is that God will comfort you and give you  
peace in this most difficult.*

*Marshall and Anne Pearson  
Canton, MI*



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**Annie Pearson** - August 13, 2023 at 03:11 PM

HB

“ *Helen Brooks lit a candle in memory of Gracie  
Harris*



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**Helen (Mills) Brooks** - August 13, 2023 at 01:57 PM