



## Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris

March 23, 1955 - May 17, 2023

HARRIS, Ms. Alfreda Ann - Age 68, passed away Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 12:00 PM Saturday, May 27, 2023, from Triumph Church Ebenezer Campus, 2130 S. Center Rd., with funeral service commencing at 1:00PM. Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church at 12:00PM Saturday. Ms. Harris will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Friday with family present from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM to receive friends. Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris was born to Marie Brown and Edward Everett Harris Jr., on March 23, 1955, In Clarksdale, Mississippi. She completed her earthly works and transitioned to her heavenly home on May 17, 2023. Alfreda came to Flint with her family when she was 3 years old. She is a proud graduate of Beecher Community Schools, having attended grades K-12, graduating in 1973. After High School she attended Central Michigan University (CMU). Inquisitive about the world, she departed CMU and traveled to Southern California and enrolled at UCLA. She graduated from the University of California-Los Angeles with a B.A. in English and African American Studies. She attended Portland State University for training and development. Always glad to learn something new, Alfreda later enrolled in the Culinary Program at Mott Community College, following her passion for food and its preparation. She was also enrolled in the Master of Education program at the University of Michigan-Flint. World Traveler. Alfreda's love for travel and adventure, led her to become a Peace Corps

volunteer, where she spent five years in the Solomon Islands, working in Rural Area Community Education. Her time in the Peace Corps took her to many other places in the South Pacific, allowing her to travel to sixteen countries and places like New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, and Hawaii. Alfreda incorporated her many travels into her “Porch Stories.” Learning, Teaching and Making a Difference. Alfreda had an extensive love of books and a lifelong passion for learning. She had a myriad of jobs— from waitressing to fast food, to business marketing, and even the Postal Service. Alfreda was currently a Children’s Learning Specialist with the Flint Public Library (FPL) as well as a professional Storyteller. She was a member of the Society of Afrikan Amerikan Storytellers. She also served as a Crim Mindful Fellow with the Crim Foundation, and as a docent at the Flint Institute of Arts (FIA). She had a diverse background in education and the arts. She loved teaching, engaging and inspiring people to connect and to experience worlds beyond their neighborhoods. She was committed to sharing arts, culture, education, and possibilities that make the world a better place to live for everyone. Woman of Faith. Most importantly, Alfreda was a woman of Faith. She gave her life to Christ at an early age, attending her childhood church, Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church. After her relocation and move back to Flint, she united with Ebenezer Ministries, under the leadership of Bishop Urundi Knox, she served faithfully on the Missionary Society until her health prevented her from attending services. Her compassion, concern, and desire to help others was a true testament of her faith and love for God. Alfreda leaves to cherish her precious memory: three brothers, Edward Darnell Harris I (Valerie), Edward Everett Harris III, and David Edward Harris Sr. (Sokom); two sisters, Debra Elaine Whitted (Curtis), and Debbie Lorraine Harris; nieces, LaNesha Tanner (David), Shonda Harris (Goddaughter), LaTina Whitted, and Eshonti Harris; nephews, Edward Darnell Harris II, DelTino Crain (Khalelia), Javohn Cayton (Kim), Jarrison Harris (Breana), Carl Edward Barnes, Jaylen Harris, Luke Harris, David Harris, Jr., and Mahki Harris; eight great-nieces and six great-nephews; aunt, Bettye

Jean Holtzclaw; first cousins, Stelloise Roach, Dexter Roach (Lynn), Felicia Roach-Talifarro, Laquitha Holtzclaw-Thompson (Greg), Karen Holtzclaw, and Redina Holtzclaw; and a host of great-grand nieces, great-grand nephews, cousins, and friends including, Brenda Harris, Donna Johnson, Sherrema Bower, Karin Johnson, Lenora Burell, her Missionary Society sisters, and her friends and colleagues at the Flint Public Library. Alfreda was preceded in death by her father, Edward Everett Harris Jr.; mother, Marie Sanders; sister, Sherill Denise Harris; and nephew, Jarrod Allen Cayton.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.  
Flint, MI 48504

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 26.** 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family Present

**MAY 26.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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## Family hour

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MAY 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Triumph Church Ebenezer Campus  
2130 S. Center Rd.  
Burton, MI 48519

## Service

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MAY 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Triumph Church Ebenezer Campus  
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# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Oh such a loss to this wonderful woman who held so much giving to the world's bright light. Alfreda was such as asset to teaching at the U of M-Flint MAC program, and I am just so sad to hear of her passing. Just now discovered her passing in May, and wanted to express condolences to all those who loved her, as she so deserved. That smile, everlasting as will be my many memories of her, and her gentle upbeat and giving ways. Yes, story-telling too, but oh my, so much more. I so loved her in our studies at the U of M Flint many years back now. Barb Cherem

Barbara Cherem - January 24, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

GB

“ Continuously Praying for the family. I loved her storytelling....

Gail Bowman - May 29, 2023 at 06:24 PM

DB

“ Alfreda was a peaceful & loving person. We were family & friends. We will pray for your family's strength. Charles & Dana Banks (Richards)



Dana M Banks - May 27, 2023 at 01:39 PM

SB

“ *Sis Boyd lit a candle in memory of Alfreda Harris*



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**Sis Chandra Boyd** - May 27, 2023 at 10:24 AM

TJ

“ *Tanya Jefferson lit a candle in memory of Alfreda Harris*



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**Tanya Jefferson** - May 27, 2023 at 08:11 AM

DB

“ *David Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Alfreda Harris*



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**David & Dana Bush** - May 26, 2023 at 12:54 PM

SH

“ *Shirley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



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**Shirley** - May 26, 2023 at 10:48 AM

SW

*Such a sweet soul*

Sadaris wilson - May 26, 2023 at 05:18 PM

CM

“ Carolyn Malaski lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris



Carolyn Malaski - May 26, 2023 at 09:33 AM

OA

“ I have known Alfreda Harris when we were Docents at the Flint Institute of Arts as we were volunteering  
Alfreda was one of the kindest souls, you didn't come across every day.  
She had a true and deep understanding of cultural heritage, arts and culture and history  
Her soft spoken voice carried the traditions of cultural story telling in a very intellectual, human and interesting manner  
She was a beautiful person overall and she will be truly missed by everyone who had the chance and privilege of sharing a moment on earth with her  
May she shine in the heavens and rest in peace  
My sincerest condolences to her family and friends.

*Her Docent friend,*

*Oya Agabigum*

Oya Agabigum - May 26, 2023 at 07:59 AM

JM

“ James & Barbara Moore lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris



James & Barbara Moore - May 25, 2023 at 06:42 PM

MB

“ Melody Bondon-McGee lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris



Melody Bondon-McGee - May 25, 2023 at 05:36 AM

RS

“ Raynetta Speed lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris



Raynetta Speed - May 24, 2023 at 06:00 PM

LA

“ Alfreda was a creative, kind, peaceful soul and will be missed by many people and organizations in Flint. Rest in Peace!

Leslie Acevedo - May 24, 2023 at 02:34 PM

Lucille  
James

“ *Lucille James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



Lucille James - May 24, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. Sis Alfreda will be truly missed*

Deloris Rozier Hawthorne - May 24, 2023 at 08:58 AM

GJ

“ *Our dearest condolences to the Harris family rest in Heaven from Gary and Marcia Jackson*



Gary, Marcia Jackson - May 24, 2023 at 06:49 AM

DF

“ *Deborah Fisher-Grant lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



Deborah Fisher-Grant - May 24, 2023 at 02:16 AM

JW

“ *Jerri Winfrey-Carter lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



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**Jerri Winfrey-Carter** - May 23, 2023 at 10:36 PM

SW

“ *Ms. Alfreda will be missed.*

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**Shannan Wynn** - May 23, 2023 at 07:03 PM

SD

“ *Sending hugs, love and prayers to Ms. Alfreda's family, she was and awesome story teller and a beautiful woman of God, she will be missed!*



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**Shaun Davis** - May 23, 2023 at 06:54 PM

AR

“ *Anita Riley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



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**Anita Riley** - May 23, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris.*



May 23, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris.

May 23, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Russell & Diane Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



**Russell & Diane Kirksey** - May 23, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Mr and Mrs Paul Hood ( Mildred )*



**Paul and Mildted Hood** - May 22, 2023 at 06:24 PM

DH

“ *Deborah Hardy lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



Deborah Hardy - May 22, 2023 at 12:02 PM

MM

“ *Maxine Murray lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



Maxine Murray - May 22, 2023 at 06:58 AM

CB

“ *Cheryl Barber sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



Cheryl Barber - May 22, 2023 at 05:17 AM

JA

“ *My Condolences to Alfreda's family. I will always remember her as a kind person that deeply loved her family. She will be missed but never forgotten.*  
*Dr Janice*



Janice Adams - May 21, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris.*



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May 21, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris.

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May 21, 2023 at 10:03 PM



“ *Sending condolences and prayers to our BUC town family. May God provide strength during this difficult time.*



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**Bonnie Bowman** - May 21, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ *Lavita Berry lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



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**Lavita Berry** - May 21, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris.*



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May 21, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris.*



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May 21, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris.*

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May 21, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Madeline Brown lit a candle in memory of Alfreda Harris*



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**Madeline Brown** - May 21, 2023 at 08:28 AM

DS

“ *Deadrea Smith lit a candle in memory of  
Alfreda Harris*



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**Deadrea Smith** - May 20, 2023 at 11:10 PM

LC

“ *Lillian keisha chandler lit a candle in memory  
of Alfreda Harris*



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**Lillian and keisha chandler** - May 20, 2023 at 03:24 PM

DT

“ *To my friend you will always be in my heart i  
am so grateful that God allowed us to meet.  
You added so value to my life. Thank you*



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**Donna Taylor** - May 20, 2023 at 07:29 AM

BC

“ *Betty Cummings lit a candle in memory of  
Alfreda Harris*



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**Betty Cummings** - May 19, 2023 at 07:28 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dantzler-Grace lit a candle in memory of  
Alfreda Harris*



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**Mary Dantzler-Grace** - May 19, 2023 at 07:08 PM

KM

“ *Kim Mullen lit a candle in memory of Alfreda  
Harris*



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**Kim Mullen** - May 19, 2023 at 04:55 PM

CS

“ *All who met Alfreda recognized the depth of her compassionate  
soul. The warmth of her earthly light has gone too soon. She will be  
missed by all who knew her.*

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**Cynthia Stilley** - May 19, 2023 at 12:33 PM

DR

“ *Doris Ragland lit a candle in memory of Ms.  
Alfreda Ann Harris*



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**Doris Ragland** - May 19, 2023 at 10:23 AM

KA

“ *Kameshia M. Ar-Rahmaan lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



**Kameshia M. Ar-Rahmaan** - May 19, 2023 at 10:10 AM

CS

“ *Catherine Skinner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



**Catherine Skinner** - May 19, 2023 at 08:18 AM

LM

“ *Lanita Murray Marion lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



**Lanita Murray Marion** - May 19, 2023 at 06:59 AM

CG

“ *Carol Gardner lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



**Carol Gardner** - May 18, 2023 at 04:40 PM



“With heartfelt condolences to the Harris family”..God Bless 🙏🌹🙏



Jimola Wilson - May 18, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“Judi Greenidge lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris



Judi Greenidge - May 18, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“Melinda Mosley Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris



Melinda Mosley Anderson - May 18, 2023 at 02:19 PM



“Marjorie Chapman sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfreda Harris



Marjorie Chapman - May 18, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CH

“ *Sending love, prayers and peace to Alfreda's family.* ”



Chris - May 18, 2023 at 11:18 AM

RA

“ *Rosia Anderson sent a virtual gift in memory of Alfreda Harris* ”



Rosia Anderson - May 18, 2023 at 10:55 AM

CB

“ *Canisha Bell lit a candle in memory of Alfreda Harris* ”



Canisha Bell - May 18, 2023 at 10:08 AM

YC

“ *Yolonda Cross lit a candle in memory of Alfreda Harris* ”



Yolonda Cross - May 18, 2023 at 10:04 AM

AM

“ *Annette Marks lit a candle in memory of Alfreda Harris*



Annette Marks - May 18, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Pandoretta Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



Pandoretta Jackson - May 18, 2023 at 09:18 AM

TR

“ *Alfreda was an incredibly generous and kind member of our community. She will be so missed.*



Theresa Roach - May 18, 2023 at 09:12 AM

DL

“ *Her infectious smile always brightened up everyone who was around her at the Flint Public Library. It was my honor to work with her as she touched the lives of many children and adults alike through her work. My deepest condolences to the family for her passing.*

Denise Lovse - May 18, 2023 at 08:58 AM

JK

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family of Sister Harris.*



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**Julie Koger** - May 18, 2023 at 07:56 AM

AS

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Audrey Stephens*

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**Audrey Stephens** - May 17, 2023 at 09:38 PM

LG

“ *Linda Gulley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alfreda Ann Harris*



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**Linda Gulley** - May 17, 2023 at 08:05 PM

BD

“ *sending peace, love, and prayers to all*



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**Billie D.** - May 17, 2023 at 04:19 PM