



Mother Odelia Marie Harris

June 9, 1933 - June 14, 2019

HARRIS, Mother Odelia Marie - Age 86, passed away Friday, June 14, 2019 at McLaren-Flint. Family hour 10:00 AM Saturday, June 29, 2019 at International Gospel Center, 4126 Fenton Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM. Pastor Marvin Miles, officiating Pastor Gillie Harris Jr., Host Pastor Interment Sunset Hills Cemetery, G-4413 Flushing Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Saturday. Mother Harris will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd. and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Friday.

Mother Odelia Marie Harris was born June 9, 1933 in Shannon, Mississippi, the daughter of Birch and Cora Hampton. Mother Harris was the oldest of nine children. She married her lifelong sweetheart, Gillie Harris Sr. and moved to Flint, Michigan in 1953. Mother Harris and husband, Gillie were married 49 years. To this union two children were born, Gillie Jr. and Deborah Faye. Mother Harris worked at McLaren-Flint for several years as a Nurse Aide. She was ambitious and attended Mott Community College, where in 1977 she obtained her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Mother Harris had a heart of gold. She loved being a nurse and caring for others. She enjoyed working in Labor and Delivery at McLaren. Mother Harris continued working at McLaren as an LPN until retirement. For many years, Mother Harris was a member of Heavenly Host Full Gospel Baptist Church. In 2001, She joined

International Gospel Center-Flint where her son, Gillie Harris Jr. is the Pastor. Mother Harris was a dedicated servant of God and served on the Mother's Board. She enjoyed being with family, traveling, watching television, talking on the phone every day, and most of all, she enjoyed going out to dinner every Sunday with her eating buddies, Mother Polk and Sister Richardson.

Mother Odelia Marie Harris leaves to cherish her memory: 2 children, son, Pastor Gillie (Darlene) Harris Jr.; daughter, Deborah Faye (Victor) Pettway, all of Flint; 3 granddaughters, Angela Harris of Novi, MI, Candice Harris and Tamela Harris, both of Flint; 2 grandsons, Archie Hayman Jr. of Cocoa Beach, FL and Marcus Hayman of Torrington, WY; 3 great-granddaughters, Blaize Hayman, Phoenix Hayman and Afiyah Hayman, all of Cocoa Beach, FL; great-grandson, Micah Harris of Novi, MI; 4 sisters, Barbara Rasool of Flint, Marcia Hooks, Othelia Robinson, both of Maywood, IL and Bonnie (A.B.) Dilworth of Shannon, MS; brother, Raymond (Esther) Hampton of Saltillo, MS; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends including special friends, Mother Georgianna Polk, Sister Leola Richardson, Sister Leatha Martin, Sister Cecilia McNeal, Jacqueline Stevens, Ecko Jones, Annette LeGardye, Patsy Holder, Lillie, Sheila and Archie Hayman Sr., the Harris and Henderson families.

Mother Harris was preceded in death by her husband, Gillie Harris Sr.; granddaughter, Christine Hayman; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Henderson Harris; parents, Birch and Cora Hampton; sister, Azerelean Hooks; brothers, Alfonso "Jack" Hampton and Birch Hampton Jr.; and god-son, Curtis Newell.

The Harris family would like to express special thanks to the International Gospel Center-Flint, MI, International Gospel Center-Ecorse, MI, Dr. Jawahar Tummala, the physicians and nursing staff at McLaren-Flint, and the staff of Catholic Charities Shiawassee and Genesee Counties for their support during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Hills Cemetery

G-4413 Flushing Rd.
Flint, MI 48504

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN **28**. 12:00 PM - 8:00 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 hour

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

International Gospel Center
G-4126 Fenton Rd.
Flint, MI 48507

Service

JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mother Odelia Marie Harris*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mother Odelia Marie Harris.*



June 26, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ *Uncle Gillie and my mother Emergine are brother and sister. I remember when my Uncle Gillie proudly brought Aunt Odelia over to our house to meet his new bride during the early 50's and thinking, "She is so pretty.*

Soon after, we began calling her Aunt Deelie because she was a special Auntie. She had a quiet, gentle spirit that was the tower of strength to many people. A fond memory I have of my Aunt Deelie are the times she, Big Mama and I spent together enjoying our Pop-Eye Chicken at her kitchen table. It was our time for LOVING fellowship.

We will miss you Aunt Deelie, but you will forever be in our hearts.

Your Niece,

Bertha Barbee-McNeal and Family



Bertha Barbee-McNeal - June 26, 2019 at 06:47 PM

TF

“ Tyrone Pettway & The Pettway Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris



Tyrone Pettway & The Pettway Family - June 26, 2019 at 12:32 PM

CV

“ So sorry for your loss. My condolences to the family and friends who will truly miss her.



Connie Vaughn - June 25, 2019 at 09:33 AM

SM

“ Mrs. Odelia Harris was truly a gift from God. She was a dear friend of my mom Lillye Kirby. Now they have met in Heaven, and oh what a wonderful time they are having! To the family our Love and Condolences...The Martin and Kirby Families

Sharon Kirby Martin - June 24, 2019 at 06:23 PM

CF

“ Carter Family lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris



Carter family - June 21, 2019 at 01:45 PM

CR

“ To the entire families of Mo. Odelia Harris. I send my most humble and deepest condolences to you all.

I remember her and Dec. Gillie in so many points in my life. Even some things he would say and not call me Carolyn but CAL- LYN like my father and they all do down south! Used to crack me up! Mother brought me towels for my first house warming. I still have 3 of those towels after 36 years. She was always so pleasant had some quirks about her that her and the usherboard Mo. Cannon and a few others at Rev. Akins church... Heavenly Host.... Dealing with all 9 of us children with me being the eldest. She would throw a hint in about how to deal with them.. Wheew! They just keep coming she would say...lololololo
She held her beauty and gracefulness....



Memories in the corners of my mind!! The Harris and IGC families you are being lifted...

Carolyn Randolph-Witcher

Carolyn Randolph-Witcher - June 19, 2019 at 03:43 PM

LH

“ Praying for the Harris Family during this difficult time.



Larry. & Shirley Henderson - June 18, 2019 at 11:31 PM

GA

“ We are lost for words, Jesus have called another Angel Mrs Odelia Marie Harris one the sweetest Ladies this side of Heaven. Bishop MC Akins and Elder Geneva Akins send I deepest condolences and love to the Harris Family. Earth has know Sorry that heaven can't Heal



Geneva Akins - June 18, 2019 at 09:00 PM

BW

“ Betty Wiggins lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris



Betty Wiggins - June 18, 2019 at 07:08 AM

VC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Velesa Cole - June 16, 2019 at 04:48 PM

VM

“ Virginia McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris



Virginia McDaniel - June 16, 2019 at 02:40 PM

MW

“ *Mary Wiley sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Mary Wiley - June 16, 2019 at 08:25 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



MINISTER PAM - June 16, 2019 at 07:43 AM

JB

“ *JOHN&RHONDA BUTLER lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



JOHN&RHONDA BUTLER - June 15, 2019 at 10:58 PM

AH

“ *Archie Hayman lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Archie Hayman - June 15, 2019 at 08:32 PM

DT

“ *Debbie Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Debbie Taylor - June 15, 2019 at 08:31 PM

DH

“ *Darryl Hayman lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Darryl Hayman - June 15, 2019 at 08:30 PM

YG

“ *Yakima Givens lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Yakima Givens - June 15, 2019 at 08:29 PM

LH

“ *Lillie Hayman lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Lillie Hayman - June 15, 2019 at 08:29 PM

SL

“ *Shanee L Leeper lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Shanee L Leeper - June 15, 2019 at 08:29 PM

SH

“ *Shelia Hayman lit a candle in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Shelia Hayman - June 15, 2019 at 08:29 PM

PM

“ *Patsy McDaniel-Holder sent a virtual gift in memory of Mother Odelia Marie Harris*



Patsy McDaniel-Holder - June 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

SM

Odelia Harris was truly a gift from God. My mom Lillye Kirby's dear friend. Now they meet again in Heaven and Oh what a time they are having! Our deepest Sympathy and Love to the Harris Family... The Martin and Kirby Families

Sharon Kirby Martin - June 19, 2019 at 11:02 AM