

#### **Pallbearers**

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| Erik Baten     | Charles Harris      |
| Ty Dickson     | Andrew Moss         |
| Donovan Harper | Ronald Clay Jackson |

#### **Honorary Pallbearers**

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| Duane Harper     | Ronald Dickson  |
| Milton Harper    | Marc Dickson    |
| Lawrence Dickson | Wendall Dickson |



#### **Arrangements**

Robinson Funeral Home, Inc.  
1313 6<sup>th</sup> St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

# *A Celebration of the Life of* *Sarita E. Harper*



*December 20, 1937 – January 31, 2021*

**Monday, February 8, 2021**

Viewing – 10:00am

Service – 11:00am

**Nativity Catholic Church**

6001 13<sup>th</sup> Street NW

Washington, DC 20011

Father Pawel Sass, Celebrant





### Obituary

Sarita E. Harper departed this life on Sunday, January 31, 2021. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Leon 'Sonny' Harper and her daughter, Deidra J. Harper-Marcus.

Rita, as she was often referred to, was born on December 20, 1937 to Edward T. Sr. and Thelma E. Dickson (deceased). From that union there were four children: Edward T. Jr. (deceased), Lawrence 'PeeWee', Sarita E., and Ronald J. Dickson.

Sarita attended D.C. Public Schools and graduated from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in 1955.

She married Leon 'Sonny' Harper and from that union they had one daughter and two sons: Deidra J. Harper-Marcus (deceased), Milton A. and Duane L. Harper.

Later Sarita became a federal employee at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) from where she retired in 2005. She was a member of B.I.G., Blacks in Government.

For many years, Rita served as an active member of the LeDroit Park Reunion Committee of Washington, D.C. She was also a member of the Dunbar Alumni Federation, Inc. and the Leisure Ladies and Gents Retiree Social Club. Sarita also enjoyed her church community at Nativity and became a Sodalist.

Rita thoroughly cherished her moments with family, friends and loved ones. She leaves to cherish her memory her beloved sons: Milton A. and Duane L. Harper; son-in-law: Etienne Marcus; brothers: Lawrence "PeeWee" and Ronald (Delores) Dickson; seven grandchildren: Najah, Donovan, Derek, Leon, Jordan, Deidra and Hawk; one great-granddaughter: Zanurah; three sisters-in-law: Rose Harper, Dora 'Skippy' Harper-Thomas, Jacqueline Barney (Lemuel); a devoted nephew: Marc S. Dickson (Lynda); and a host of other relatives and very devoted friends.

Sarita was a wonderful woman with a vibrant, outgoing spirit. You could normally find her laughing with her family and friends. We will deeply and fondly miss Sarita's wit and beautiful smile. She may be gone but will never be forgotten.

### Acknowledgements

Thank You! The family of Sarita Harper expresses their heartfelt appreciation to family and friends who have sent prayers, performed acts of kindness and showed deep outpourings of love during this bereavement.

## Order of Mass

### Celebrant – Father Pawel Sass

Entrance Hymn ..... Soon and Very Soon

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading (Old Testament) ..... Wisdom 3:1-6

Responsorial Psalm ..... Psalm 23

Second Reading (New Testament) ..... Act 10:34-36

Gospel Acclamation ..... Alleluia

Gospel ..... John 14:1-6

Homily ..... Father Pawel Sass

General Intercessions ..... Father Pawel Sass

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn ..... Amazing Grace

Holy, Holy, Holy..... Choir

Memorial Acclamation ..... Choir

Great Amen..... Choir

The Lord's Prayer..... All

Lamb of God..... All

Communion Hymn..... Be Not Afraid

Meditation Hymn..... Precious Lord

Closing Prayer..... Father Pawel Sass

Remarks/Obituary ..... Family & Friends

Final Commendation ..... Father Pawel Sass

Closing Hymn..... I'll Fly Away

### Interment

Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD