

The Homegoing Celebration of
Delores Harris



Sunrise
July 23, 1928

Sunset
December 11, 2021

Saturday, December 18, 2021
11:00am



William Toney Funeral Home
216 E. Barbee Street
Zebulon, NC 27597
Rev. Asa L. Bell, Jr., Eulogist





The Broken Chain by Ron Tranmer

*We little knew that day,
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death, we do the same.*

*You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide.
And although we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you.
You did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.*

*Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

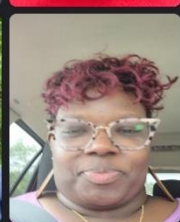


The time we spent together throughout these last years – our impromptu lunch dates of Fish, Fried Okra, and Toast to our trips to the hairdresser and nail salon! The times we talked on the phone when I couldn't see you face to face and all the times I visited you at your window to see your smiling face! To have you in my life for 93 years was a blessing I cannot explain, but God loved you more and called for you to come home and take your rest.

Until we meet again...

With Love Always and Forever,

Your daughter, Brenda



Life's Reflections

Delores Harris was born July 23, 1928 in Wendell, North Carolina to the late Deacon Thomas Harris and the late Deaconess Mamie Debnam Harris. She entered into eternal rest peacefully on December 11, 2021. Delores was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Henry Anthony Goodson, her granddaughter, Tonetta Chambers, her great grandson, Markis Perry, and her siblings, Ronald Harris, Deacon Willie Harris, Thomas Harris, Jr., Charles E. Harris, Sr., Marjorie Harris Ritter, Mamie Harris Scarboro, Lottie Harris Dunston, Don Ameche Harris, Sr., Deacon Joseph Harris, and Della Harris Clemons.

Delores was the life of the party and LOVED PEOPLE! She was affectionately called "Sainty" by her family and friends and "Granny Harris" in the educational field.

Delores received her formal education in Wendell, North Carolina, beginning with Carver Elementary School. She graduated from James E. Shepard High School in 1946 in Zebulon, North Carolina and enrolled in Fayetteville State Teachers College, known today as Fayetteville State University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. She graduated in 1951, obtaining a Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education. She was a continuous learner, participating in educational courses at Virginia State University and University of Virginia. Her teaching career spanned over 38 years. She started teaching elementary school in Beaufort, South Carolina for two years. Delores relocated to Richmond, VA, where she began her teaching career with the State of Virginia's Hanover Learning Center for Boys. She taught Mathematics to a wide age range of troubled teenage boys. Her teaching style was very firm and fair. "Granny" worked well alongside anyone, especially the correctional staff, faculty, and support staff of the learning center. She was an asset in many ways to all she came in contact with – sharing lifelong experiences and encouraging others to do well. She was a GREAT MENTOR to all! "Granny Harris" LOVED to educate young men, LOVED her job, and shared a special bond with many of the students she taught and the faculty she worked with.

During her years in Wendell, North Carolina, Delores received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal savior at the Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church. She participated in B.Y.P.U., later called BTU. While in Richmond, Virginia, Delores attended Union Baptist Church and St. Paul Baptist Church.

Delores was known for always giving a history lesson. You could often find her reading a book to gain knowledge or listening to the news to hear about the latest events happening in our country. She shared many history lessons with her children and grandchildren throughout the years. From poem recitations to singing historical songs, Delores left a lasting stamp on her family. One well-known poem that she began reciting at Fayetteville State University, and lastly at her 93rd Birthday Celebration, was "*The Bible*." Outside of the history lessons, 'Granny Harris' was an avid gardener. You could OFTEN find her with her favorite 'grubbing hoe,' digging holes, filling them with cow manure, and planting vegetables and flowers; many of which, she shared with her family, friends, and neighbors when they were in season.

Delores had a strong will to live and embrace all that life had to offer and was an inspiration and blessing to all she came in contact with. She brought joy and excitement to all family gatherings. She was well-loved throughout her life and had many friends that stayed in contact with her for many many years.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories, a loving and devoted daughter, Brenda Witherspoon Taylor; ten grandchildren, of those, loving and devoted grandchildren, Kendra Taylor Smith (Kenton) of Nashville, Tennessee, Kenneth Taylor, Jr. (Tiye) of Newport News, Virginia, Brenton Taylor (Lauren) of Bowie, Maryland, and Kenton Taylor of Richmond, Virginia A; seventeen great-grandchildren, two of which reared, Wayne Goodson (Angel) and Anthony Goodson (Demi), both of Richmond, Virginia; eleven great-great grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Frances Harris Montague and Katie Harris Jones, both of Wendell, North Carolina, A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends between Richmond, Virginia and Wendell, North Carolina; a loving adopted son, Roy 'Darling' Belfield, Sr. (Brenda) of Richmond, Virginia.

Order of Service

Processional

Hymn O, I Want To See Him

*Opening Prayer.....Deacon Charles A. Jones, Sr.
Richmond, VA*

Scripture Readings

➤ *Old Testament Reading.....Psalm 23*

➤ *New Testament Reading.....John 14:1-4*

*Musical Selection.....Mr. GlenRoy Bailey, Flautist
Richmond, VA*

*Reflections.....Mr. Larry Marks, Former Co-Worker
Hanover Learning Center
Hanover, VA*

Acknowledgements.....Ms. Gloria Peoples

Silent Reading of the Obituary

*Sermonic Selection..... Rev. Kenton L. Smith
Richmond, VA*

*Eulogy.....Rev. Asa L. Bell, Jr., Pastor
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church*

Recessional I'll Fly Away

Interment

*Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery
Wendell, NC*



Precious Memories

*Precious Memories, how they linger
How they ever flood my soul.
In the stillness of the midnight,
Precious sacred scenes unfold.*

- J.B. F. Wright

So many precious memories to behold! From the family gatherings 'under the hill' in Wendell, NC to the times spent learning our ancestry and enjoying loved ones. From days where you picked your grandchildren up after school to weekends where we had Friday night Fish Fry's at 2204. From the unconditional love you shared and support throughout the years, making sure we had everything that we needed to the history lessons that will be remembered for a lifetime. Our five living generations have now turned into four, but we're ever so grateful for all the joyous times and blessed years we had to share with you!

We will cherish the Precious Memories you have left behind!

With Love,

*Your Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, and
Great-Great-Grandchildren*



Active Pallbearers

Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

Flower Bearers

Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

*Don't cry for me,
I'm not gone.
My soul is at rest,
My heart lives on.
Light a candle
For me to see
And hold on to my memory,
But save your tears
For I'm still here.
By your side
Through the years.*

~ Christy Ann Martine



Acknowledgements

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May God richly bless you.*

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