

A Celebration of Life for
Rev. Ida Mae Harrison

Sunrise
March 15, 1937

Sunset
Sept. 6, 2010



Friday, September 10, 2010
12:00 Noon

CALVARY A.M.E. CHURCH

2040 Groveland Avenue
N. Charleston, South Carolina

Reverend Dr. Edward A. McClain, Jr., Pastor

~Interment~

Sunset Memorial Gardens
N. Charleston, South Carolina

The Obituary

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" II Timothy 4: 7
Rev. Ida Mae Harrison, one of 16 children born to Maggie and Alonzo Heyward on March 15, 1937 on Yonges Island, South Carolina, received her formal education in the Charleston County Public Schools. She went on to receive her ministerial training at the R. L. Nichols Theological Seminary. Rev. Harrison was married to the late Harold N. Harrison, Sr. and was blessed with six children.

As a faithful and dedicated member of Wesley United Methodist Church for many years, Rev. Harrison served as an Associate minister, a class leader, Sunday School teacher, Choir director and in many other capacities, always asking, "What More Can I Do?"

Fulfilling her Christian mission, God led Rev Ida Mae Harrison to Calvary A.M.E. Church under the leadership of Rev. Edward McClain, Jr. At Calvary, Rev. Harrison served as an Associate pastor, President of the Pastor's Aide Board, Sunday School Teacher, organizer of The Willing Workers Club, Choir Member, assisted with organizing the soup kitchen and as a member of many other boards and committees where she served faithfully.

Rev. Ida Mae Harrison was an active member of Poinsetta Chapter # 129 O.E.S.

One of Rev Harrison's ministries was singing. Her voice was very powerful and it touched many souls. She was a member and soloist for the Fifty Voices Gospel Choir and one of the original founders and member of the Heyward Sisters Gospel Group. Rev. Ida Mae Harrison traveled the highways encouraging others, while preaching and singing about God's great love. The Heyward Sisters sang with many local and famous groups across the state.

Rev. Ida Mae Harrison was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters. On Monday, September 6, 2010, The heavenly Father called and she boarded that heavenly train.

Rev. Ida Mae Harrison's love and memories will be cherished by: her children, Harold N. Harrison Jr., Betty Smalls (Gregory Sr.), Rev. Peggy H. Jenkins (Leroy), Kenneth Harrison (Tasha), and Daryl Heyward (Johnette); one son who preceded her in death, Jimmy Harrison (Patricia); one sister, Katie L. Blunt; one brother, Alonzo Heyward; one grandson of the home, Terrell L. Harrison; a God child, Carol Wright; one adopted daughter, Jessie Saxby; three special children entrusted to her care, Moshia, Simon, and Kara Pystosky; brothers-in-law, Eddie Harrison (Bernice), Paul Harrison (Louise), and James Harrison; sisters-in-law, Albertha Grant, Ella Belle Harrison, Loretta Wright, Elizabeth King (Sam), and Rev. Kathy Robinson-Nelson; 14 grandchildren, 4 great grand children, a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, cousins and dear friends.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

Letter From Heaven

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say.
But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay.
I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above.
Here, there's no more tears of sadness; Here is just eternal love.

Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight.
Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night.
That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through.
God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you.
It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone.

As for your dearest family, They'll be here later on.
There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man."
God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do.
And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you.

And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight.
God and I are closest to you...in the middle of the night.
When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years.
Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears.

But do not be afraid to cry: it does relieve the pain.
Remember there would be no flowers; unless there was some rain.
I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned.
If I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand.

But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er.
I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before.
There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb;
But together we can do it by taking one day at a time.

It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too;
That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you.
If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain; .
Then you can say to God at night...My day was not in vain."

And now I am contented.... that my life was worthwhile.
Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile.
So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low;
Just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go.

When you're walking down the street and you've got Me on your mind;
I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind.
And when it's time for you to go...from that body to be
free. Remember you're not going...you're coming here to Me.

Richard Mahaffey

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Edward A. McClain, Jr., Officiating

Processional #321..... "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross"

Opening Hymn #84..... "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Invocation

Selection.....Combined Choir

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Psalm 73: 24-26

New Testament I Corinthians 15: 54-57

Selection..... "What More Can I Do" - Calvary Choir

Tributes.....Bro. Anthony Thomas, Class Leader

Rev. Robert Kennedy, Interdenominational Minister Alliance

Mrs. Eartha Goodwin, Friend

Rev. John Alston, Family

Acknowledgements.....Rev. Helen McKune

Resolution.....Sis. Clemantine Lambright

Selection #448..... "When Peace Like A River" - Calvary Choir

Eulogy.....Reverend Edward A. McClain, Jr.

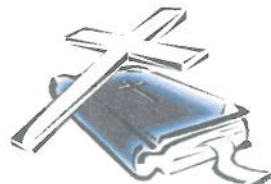
Hymn of Celebration #520..... "When We All Get To Heaven"

Committal

Benediction

Recessional #480..... "O They Tell Me Of A Home"

Viewing of Remains



Loving Memories



Hallbearers
Sons of Allen

Honorary Hallbearers

Gregory Smalls, Jr.
Quinterrance Heyward
Abraham Jenkins

Derek Smalls
Sedric Gripper
Ronald L. Blunt, Jr.

Floral Bearers
Ushers of the Church



In Appreciation
The family of late

Rev. Ida Mae Harrison

wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation
the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown
to them during this hour of bereavement.
May God ever bless and keep you in His care.



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