



Deborah Harris

December 29, 1953 - May 6, 2021

Deborah Gale Harris nee Brice was born on December 29, 1953 in Baltimore, Maryland. She was the only daughter of the late John and Rosalie Brice.

Debbie was educated in the Baltimore City Public School System. She graduated from Eastern High School with the class of 1971. She earned her Associate in Arts Degree at the Community College of Baltimore and studied at Morgan State University.

Debbie was employed by the State of Maryland and worked in the Procurement Office at the Maryland Port Administration, Maryland State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. After many classifications within the Office of Business Services/Procurement, Debbie retired with 42 years of dedicated service as Administrator I Procurement Officer.

On August 4, 2000, Debbie married the love of her life and her best friend, Roosevelt P. Harris, Jr. They were married for 20 years.

Debbie accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age. She was baptized and became a member of First Mr. Olive Freewill Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Bishop Leo K. Ceaser. She maintained her membership under the leadership of Bishop Oscar Brown. While a member of

First Mr. Olive, Debbie served on the Music Ministry for over 40 years and was a member of Sunday School. In August 2011, she became a member of New Psalmist Baptist Church. Debbie loved attending worship services at Firt Mt. Olive, New Psalmist Baptist Church, St. John CC Church, Tabernacle of the Lord's Church, Charity Church and St. Martin's Church of Christ. She also enjoyed Gospel Concerts, Ebenezer AME God is a Wonder Conference and the National Convention of Choirs and Choruses (Dorsey Convention).

Debbie's love for the ministry led her to become a member of several community choirs. Debbie was a member of the MD Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. She attended the National Conventions for over 20 years. She was also a member of the Inspirational Praise Choir under the direction of Eldridge Branch. George McCoy and Company, Maryland Suburban Mass Choir, Sanctuary choir at St. John CC Church, under the direction of the late Reverence Ernest Long, and an original, member of the Excelsior Choral Ensemble under the direction of Harian Scott.

Debbie enjoyed life to the fullest. she loved traveling, shopping, going to the movies, Jazz concerts, reading magazines and adult entertainment at Maryland Live.

Debbie departed life on May 6, 2021. She leaves to cherish fond memories: her loving and dedicated husband, Roosevelt P. Harris, Jr.; father-in-law, Roosevelt Harris, Sr.; sisters-in-law, Rose Jennings (George), Deloris Weaver, and Constance Annette Harris (Chris); brother-n-law, Earl Harris (Melissa); Godmother, Mother Virginia Price; Adopted Mother, Alice Blackwell; cousin/sister, Ola Mae Talford; The Brice Family in Rock Hill, South Carolina; cousin, Lonnie Bell Ferguson; the Brice Family in Greensboro North Carolina; cousins Griffen and Lula Lewis in Baltimore, Maryland; her work son, Keith Mfume; special brothers, Alvin Talley, Melvin White, Damon Gasque (Mary), and Dennis Corthorn (Percillia); a host of adopted sisters; nieces and

nephews; and special family members (you know who you are).

Cemetery Details

Garden of Faith Cemetery

Previous Events

Public Viewing

MAY 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

MAY 17. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Service

MAY 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Deborah Harris, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - May 12, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ Deborah Harris

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ Denice Woods Jones lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris



Denice Woods Jones - May 17, 2021 at 08:27 PM



“ Helen Brown lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris



Helen Brown - May 17, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Dear Brother Roosevelt Harris,*

My husband and I are deeply saddened by the loss of your lovely wife Deborah. Please know that we are praying for you and your family during this very difficult time.

David and Laura Ellis



Laura Brown Ellis - May 17, 2021 at 01:46 PM

MW

“ *We were saddened and shocked by the news. Our empathy and prayers are with you. With love, Mona Lisa and Genesis.*

Mona Williamson - May 17, 2021 at 01:31 PM

LP

“ *Lureguis Paige lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris*



Lureguis Paige - May 17, 2021 at 01:05 PM

LP

Praying for you that God will continue to strengthen you.

Lureguis Paige - May 17, 2021 at 01:06 PM

BA

“ *Barbara lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris*



Barbara - May 17, 2021 at 12:29 PM

KE

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Deb and I am just going to miss all of our conversations and laughs. We did a lot of laughter with a lot of noise on the floor. Thank you for the spiritual listening ear you provided as well as the support with work-related items; You were always there to help. I know I still owe you an invitation and I want you to know that you're now get to see it before anyone else. You Rest in Peace My Sister-In-Christ.*



Kat'

Kat Evans - May 17, 2021 at 11:40 AM

TD

“ My dearest brother Roosevelt,
Thank you for making my Sister's life happy and complete! She loved you dearly and you knew it. I was sooo happy when ya'll finally tied the knot.

My memories of Deb started in 1963 in Sunday school and we remained close friends over the years; through all of our life victories and challenges. I remember when Mother Brice let Deb come over and spend the weekend with my family, and gave my Mom permission to pierce her ears. She was about 10, and we envisioned, what type of earrings we would get once the strings from the ear piercing came out of our ears.

Over the years, she became Aunt Deb to my son Ryan, who always loved her hugs! He still has a wooden truck (2 parts) Aunt Deb had made for him when he was 5 years old. I loved Deb because she never "pimped" her gift of singing. She was always so quiet and unassuming when it cam to her gift of "singing and ministering" to the people of God. When Bishop Brown would call her out of the audience to sing, I could see her shake her head, as if to say, "why are you calling me out" as she made her way to the pulpit, and proceeded to bring the house down!!

Well my Sister, I know YOUR SOUL WAS ANCHORED IN THE LORD, because today is an UNCLOUDY DAY because THINGS HAVE WORKED OUT FOR YOU! I know you have your choir robe on, singing in the heavenly choir. You fought a good fight Sister, take your rest with Jesus!

Until we meet again,
Lovingly submitted,
Tanya M. Deshields

Tanya Deshields - May 17, 2021 at 11:38 AM

LC

“ *Linda C. lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris*



Linda C. - May 17, 2021 at 11:36 AM

SB

“ *I'll never forget singing with her on Maryland Suburban Mass and the Chapter Choir. Also traveling to the conventions together, she was a singing sister who made you laugh, may she get her sweet rest!*



Shelia Bedford - May 17, 2021 at 10:56 AM

FI

“ *For the short time, I knew her...she truly became a good friend. Her smile, kindness just came through. She never failed to stop by my office to say good morning, chit chat, enquire about my daughter, etc. We exchanged a lot of personal stories and discussed jewelry :-). She will truly be missed. Heaven is rejoicing as she has gone on to be with her eternal Father singing sweet praises to Him. Fidelia*

Fidelia Israel - May 17, 2021 at 10:45 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Gaither lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris*



Kathy gaither - May 17, 2021 at 10:05 AM

DH

“ I have known Debbie Brice all of my life. She was influential as a big sister from our church FMO, especially on Saratoga & Fremont. The last time I heard her minister in song was my mom's life celebration 11/2019, but one of my favorite memories goes back more than 40 years. When we would drive down Kirk Avenue on our way to church Sunday mornings, one of our stops was to pick up Deb and Sis. Brice, and they were always ready standing on the corner down from their house. I love you Deb, and indeed "things have worked out for you" because your "soul has been anchored in the Lord."

Denia Holland - May 17, 2021 at 09:26 AM

BF

“ Bernadette Fowlkes-Bridges lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris



Bernadette Fowlkes-Bridges - May 17, 2021 at 08:44 AM

BF

May Deborah rest peacefully in the arms of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 🌸

Bernadette Fowlkes-Bridges - May 17, 2021 at 08:45 AM

TS

“ *A Proclamation
to the family of the late*

DEBORAH BRICE HARRIS

Be it known that Tony Winston, Sr. and the Officers and Members of Star Christ Music extend their deepest and sincerest sympathy to the family of Sister Harris.

Whereas, we are a community choir and want to assure you that “being absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord.” Our ministry theme “Star Christ” simply means we believe that Christ is the Star. “Then sings my Soul my Savior God to Thee, How Great Thou Art.” Lift up your eyes to the hills from whence cometh your help, it cometh from the Lord. Just know that God will take care of you.

Whereas, we offer our condolences and direct this resolution to be presented on the 17th day of May, 2021.

May God bless you and keep you and heaven smile upon you.

*The Officers of Star Christ Music
Tony Winston, Founder
Jeanne Covington, Co-Founder
Sandy Crawford, Executive Assistant*

Tony Winston, Sr. - May 16, 2021 at 12:54 PM

MC

“ My condolences to her husband, Roosevelt and the family. I will miss Deb beautiful voice singing praises to our God. **THE GIRL COULD SING!!!**

Mary Conyers - May 15, 2021 at 11:49 PM

DB

Deborah you were a true solidier thank you for kindness and friendship over the years. Roosevelt you are in my prayers my friend.

Diane Bass - May 17, 2021 at 07:02 AM

CM

“ Chris & Patsy M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Deborah Harris.



Chris & Patsy M. - May 15, 2021 at 02:43 PM

PK

“ I'm still in disbelief that Deborah has taken her flight. I will remember the voice and the long time friendship from childhood. We lived in the same neighborhood went to the same school and sang on several choirs together you will be truly missed. I pray strengthen and comfort to the family.



Peggy Kellam - May 15, 2021 at 02:06 PM

SB

I am so heartbroken to hear that Debbie got her wings I love you mother Stephanie Belser from first mount Olive FWB church

Stephanie Belser - May 16, 2021 at 03:23 PM

VW

“ *Valarie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris*



Valarie Wilson - May 14, 2021 at 05:27 PM

VW

To Mr. R. Harris and family, you have my deepest sympathy and are in our prayers. I will always remember, Debbie's smile, personality, and her angelic voice, when she would lead songs for the choir at NPBC. RIH Beautiful . God bless you.

Valarie Wilson - May 14, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Deborah Harris.*



May 14, 2021 at 02:33 PM

LW

“ (Submitted by: Laurette Williams)

Debbie was my prior co-worker at the Maryland State Department of Education, Procurement Office. She was my true friend and sister in Christ for 34 years.

Debbie was spiritual, caring, helpful, loveable, independent, trustworthy, dependable, encouraging, social, humorous, fashionable, popular, dedicated, generous, knowledgeable, professional, fun, an avid shopper, a world traveler, her mother's daughter, a faithful wife, an anointed singer, Real and Simply Beautiful Inside and Out!

Debbie was one of my absolute best friends and she was truly there for me through the years. We talked twice a month or more. Our last conversation was as good as our first, full of laughter. I miss her already, but the memories will always keep her with me. She fought a good fight and kept the faith! Glory to God! She now receives her rewards in Heaven.

Rest in Peace Debbie until we meet again!



Laurette Williams - May 13, 2021 at 10:11 PM

JD

I agree with Laurette's statement completely. Debbie was such a joyful spirit, singing and dancing, so full of love. She is with our Father singing and dancing now. May you all find comfort in that! Debbie will be missed here on earth. Love to all of the family and friends she left behind. Debbie-carry on! Love, June Dwyer (former co-worker at MSDE)

June Dwyer - May 14, 2021 at 01:12 PM

EW

I'm also a former co-worker at MSDE, Debbie and I, shared in office and it was amazing, we had so much fun working together everyday. We talked about Tv show, laughed, danced and she sing, we were like a family at work. She was great with my kids and grandkids, they called her auntie Deb. My condolences and prayers are with Roosevelt and her family. Her joyful spirit and friendship will truly be missed, I'm so glad I got to know you, Deb, Love Edna Williams-Wicker❤️

Edna Williams-Wicker - May 15, 2021 at 02:19 AM

DH

“ *debbie will continue to be a song bird in heaven as on earth,i always called her baby sis as in my little sister, peace and love to the family and you roosevelt, "god is ". doris m hardy.*

DORIS MAE HARDY - May 13, 2021 at 09:14 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah Harris.*



May 13, 2021 at 06:58 AM

DT

“ DEBBIE I CAN HEAR IN MY SPRIT THE SONG YOU SANG ON THE CHOIR AT SAINT JOHN CC CHURCH. OH THEY TELL ME OF A HOME FAR BEYOND SKY WHERE NO STORM CLOUDS RISE. OH THEY TELL ME OF AN UNCLOUDY DAY. I BELIEVE IN MY HEART THAT OUR HEAVENLY FATHER HAS ALLOWED YOU GO TO THAT PLACE WHERE NO STORM CLOUDS RISE WHERE THE SON SHINES LIKE THE MORNING AND THERE IS NO NIGHT. REST IN PEACE!

SISTER DELORES THOMAS

DELORES THOMAS - May 12, 2021 at 02:37 PM

NC

“ My deepest sympathy to Roosevelt in the passing of your wife, Debbie Brice Harris. She had such a nice personality always smiled when speaking to you. I would be so happy when she led a solo on the choir, she had a Angelic voice. Debbie is now resting in the Safe Arms of the Lord!!!!

Nan Curtis - May 12, 2021 at 07:56 AM

TR

“ My deepest sympathy to Debbie's Husband and family. I had the pleasure to work with Debbie. She truly was one of the nicest people I ever had the honor of meeting and calling my friend. Rest easy my friend, heaven has really gained a angel..



teresa raeke raeke - May 11, 2021 at 07:00 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah Harris.*



May 11, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ *Judith Mclean Perkins lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris*



Judith Mclean Perkins - May 11, 2021 at 12:06 PM



“ *I am devastated at the loss of my sister. There are no words right now.
I loved you, we didn't talk everyday, but if we needed one another we were there.*

EI Branch - May 11, 2021 at 10:55 AM

RJ

“ To the Family of Debbie Harris. Debbie was just a jewel and could sing you into heaven. I enjoyed being at rehearsal and singing with Debbie, we would always have fun, enjoying singing. I know she’s singing on the heavenly choir now. Debbie will truly be missed. She even checked on me and dad a few months back. To her husband, Roosevelt, my prayers are with you and I am just a phone call away. You know I love you like a brother. Debbie, sleep on take your rest, see you in the morning. Family, you all are in my prayers.
Love,
Rotunda Jenkins & Family

Rotunda Jenkins - May 11, 2021 at 10:38 AM

HA

“ I send sincere condolences to Roosevelt Harris and family on the passing of his wife. Debbie called herself my daughter from another mother. Although we did not do a lot of physical contact , we did speak occasionally and we exchanged presents at Christmas(she got hers on her birthday.). My heart is heavy at this writing because of the space left in Roosevelt's heart. Roosevelt is lovingly referred to as my Son#2. He certainly will have the love and support that I am able to supply. Rest in peace Debbie. You will surely be missed.

Hanan Wala Abdullah - May 11, 2021 at 09:50 AM

EJ

*My condolences and prayers to Roosevelt and family in the passing of his wife Debbie. PIH
God Bless.
Earline Johnson*

Earline Johnson - May 11, 2021 at 08:37 PM

BW

“ Beloved Sister..Heaven is now graced with your beautiful presence!



Brenda Walker - May 11, 2021 at 09:14 AM

DH

“ DRUCILLA HOLLIE lit a candle in memory of Deborah Harris



DRUCILLA HOLLIE - May 11, 2021 at 08:01 AM

DN

“ Roosevelt, my condolences for the loss of your amazing wife! Deborah will be in our heart and memories forever. I pray that you feel the love of God through the prayers, thoughts, and love from the hearts of those who care and share in your time of sorrow. Praying that our Heavenly Father will comfort your heart and bring peace to your spirit doing this difficult time.



-Dornessa (Nessa) Neale

Dornessa Neale - May 10, 2021 at 09:28 PM

GM

“ Bryce as I affectionately called her I met her over 40 years ago we sang together we became family she grew up with my late husband Alfred and she affectionately called brother rest well my sister Roosevelt you're in my prayers



Greta Meadows - May 10, 2021 at 08:11 PM

PC

“ I cannot remember a more beautiful memory than that of Debbie's ministering voice! She blessed me so often over the years. I will miss her and that voice so much. God grant comfort, peace and strength to Roosevelt and her family.

Patricia Cooper - May 10, 2021 at 07:20 PM

EW

“ Memories of the times singing with Deborah, laughing and joking during rehearsals and singing with other groups around the city flood my mind right, now. Sing on., my sister. Family and friends , may GOD you comfort you and give you peace.

Elnor W. Prater

Elnor W.Prater - May 10, 2021 at 06:32 PM

JB

Roosevelt, Walter and I are sending you our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of Deborah. She now sings in heaven's choir and what a voice they have gained. Please know that you and your family will be in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

JoeAnne & Walter Brooks

JoeAnne Brooks - May 11, 2021 at 09:34 AM

BB

“ I stood next to Deborah many Sundays singing our hearts out to our God. I am simply shocked with a heavy heart to hear this. Much prayers and thoughts to Roosevelt and family. With all my love, Beverly Bracey💔

Beverly Bracey - May 10, 2021 at 06:01 PM

TR

“ The Fenner family grew up with Deborah and her parents on the eastside of Baltimore, she will be missed. Condolences and prayers to her husband.

trisha - May 10, 2021 at 04:30 PM

VS

“ We, the Shorts, express our condolences to Roosevelt in the passing of your beloved Deborah. We don't remember a time of you without her and we knew how the two of you loved to travel, shop, and relished time together. We are so very sorry for your loss. Know that we join in the prayer of comfort & healing with all who love and know you during this difficult times in days & years to come. Veronica & Raymond Short, Jr.

Veronica Short - May 10, 2021 at 03:35 PM

BB

“ My heart is heavy again learning of the passing of our Kind & Sweet Sister-in-Christ - Deborah Brice Harris! OH the JOYFUL MEMORIES of Your POWERHOUSE VOICE singing PRAISES UNTO The LORD! This photo of her, Helen Brown, and me was taken at Bro. Robert White's Retirement Celebration in 2014. Sending my sincerest condolences to her family and our church family! Bro. Billy Best, Jr.



Billy Best - May 10, 2021 at 01:44 PM

BY

My deepest condolences to Dea. Roosevelt and her extended family. Deborah had such a great spirit about her that drew people to her. We are going to miss her voice singing praises to our Lord. Heaven has truly gained an angel to sing in the heavenly choir. Sleep on my sister until that great getting up morning when we all shall be caught up to meet him in the air.

Bernard 'Jack' Young - May 11, 2021 at 11:05 AM

ML

“ Our sincere condolences to Dea. Roosevelt Harris and Family. Mrs. Deborah was a sweetheart! I will NEVER forgot when both of them journeyed to the Eastern Shore of MD to support me and my family in the loss of my dear grandmother. We thank God for blessing us with such a precious gift. A life well lived indeed.

Love, Min. Pam Limberry and the Dean Family

Min. Pam Limberry - May 10, 2021 at 01:32 PM

TW

“ My sincere condolence goes out to the family on your loss. I haven't seen Debbie for many years but thinking of her has always made me smile. That's who she is.

May God's strength get you thru this time. Junior, may God bless and keep you.

Terry,
formerly MSDE

Terry Wright - May 10, 2021 at 11:15 AM

VG

My sincerest sympathies to the family of Debbie Brice Harris. She is the newest bright light among the angels. I have not seen her in ages but whenever we did meet over the years we greeted each other with excitement, big smiles, and hugs. I can't remember why but we called her "Ticee" at Eastern High. What a darling. I will miss her until I see her again in Heaven. Sweet rest my friend.

Valerie Rice Gunn
Class of '71

Valerie Y. Gunn - May 10, 2021 at 06:30 PM

LC

Sending 🙏❤️, during this difficult time, may Deborah rest peaceful in the arms of JESUS

Laverne Curbeam-Tilghman - May 13, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - May 10, 2021 at 08:45 AM

LB

Dear Roosevelt, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Debbie was a source of inspiration to me on the choir but before that, just sitting in the congregation to hear her ring out those songs of praise to God was truly a blessing. She was always, warm, friendly and upbeat to me. I will miss her smiling face. I am in a state of shock but as a believer, I know that God does what he does to bring and keep us on our knees. I will pray for your health and strength during this season. I encourage you to bask in the fact that her living was not in vain and she blessed many of us. With deepest sympathy.
Liz I. Best

liz best - May 11, 2021 at 10:15 AM

CN

Dear Deacon Roosevelt, I can't begin to find words of comfort to strengthen you in your pain right now but in time I pray that the peace of God which passes all understanding and that the faith/hope that we all believe in (God) will give you strength in the days ahead. I and the Evangelism Ministry share in the loss of your wife Deborah and we all will continue to keep you in our prayers. If there is anything we can do we are just a phone call away. With deep sympathy.
Carolyn Nelson
The entire NPBC Evangelism Ministry

Carolyn Nelson - May 14, 2021 at 05:56 PM

DE

Dear Roosevelt, I am deeply sadden in the passing of your beloved wife Deborah. i will always remember Deborah for her beautiful smile and powerful singing voice, and just being a very pleasant person to be around. Her presence will be sorley missed from the choir. My Heartfelt Sympathy to you and your family during your time of bereavement. Praying that God will meet all of your needs and comfort you in His loving arms. Please know that you will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Peace and Blessings,

Desney/NPBC Church Choir

Desney - May 16, 2021 at 03:36 PM

RL

God's word says, James 1:12, "Those who persevere under trial, once approved, will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love Him." We know our Sister is now at rest, rejoicing with loved ones and friends there to greet her. She is doing what she loved most singing, in that Heavenly choir, and making everyone in her presence laugh and smile.

Brother, I know God's got you in his hand and he will continue to bless and keep you. You just, "Stand"

Thank you two for being our family. We will cherish all of our years of fun, laughter, happy and sad times, vacations and us just together sharing. Most important, the many precious memories we will forever hold dear in our hearts!

Just know going forward we still have many more to make!

"God's Got It"

All of our prayers and love extended unto you 🙏❤️

Your Memphis family, Ken and Lynn Regester 😍

Regester, Lynn - May 17, 2021 at 10:51 AM

AH

Hello Deacon Roosevelt: May God forever comfort you and give you peace. The celebration of Sis. Debbie's life was a testament of her love for Jesus, you, family, friends, colleagues and everyone she met. She has her crown and robe in Glory!

Alicia D. Harcum - May 17, 2021 at 01:54 PM

