



Esther Knight Harcum

January 25, 1921 - April 12, 2004

Esther Daisy Knight Harcum was born in Greenbay, Virginia on January 25, 1921 to Norris Norwood Knight and Violet Crafton Knight. She was one of eleven siblings. She passed from this life on April 12, 2004 after a brief illness. She moved to Baltimore with her family when she was a youngster and attended Baltimore City Public Schools graduating from Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in 1940. She briefly attended what was then Morgan state College. Esther loved the Lord and received Him as her personal Savior at an early age. Her Christian life began at Grace Memorial Baptist Church where Rev. Albert Green baptized her as a teenager. At Grace, she was a member of both the Youth and Senior Choirs; she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and used her gifts and talents in a variety of ways. On January 3, 1946, Esther married Sgt. Chester Julius Cole of Springfield, Ohio. From that union was born Cheryl and Chesteena. As a military wife, Esther traveled to Germany and lived for two years in Manheim with her husband and daughter, Cheryl. Esther returned to Baltimore in 1948 and soon after, Chesteena was born. This marriage ended in divorce. On December 18, 1955, Ester married Raymond T. Harcum, a widower with six children. The new Mrs. Harcum wanted to become an educator and decided to return to college to earn her degree. Esther enrolled in Copping State College in 1956. She graduated in 1960 earning a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Esther began her teaching career at Charles Carroll of Carrollton Elementary School #139. She taught second and third grades and spent several years as

a Reading teacher. Esther loved the teaching profession and was so dedicated to her students that she remained at #139 until her retirement in 1980. After Raymond passed away in 1964, Esther joined Heritage United Church of Christ in 1965. The late Reverend Wendell H. Phillips was the pastor and Esther became a devoted and active member of the church and participated in a number of activities and organizations. In 1987 Esther was ordained, becoming a member of the Heritage Board of Deacons, serving as Flock Leader until her untimely death. As a Flock Leader at Heritage, she was a caring and considerate shepherd. She never forgot a birthday, and encouraging phone call, a get well card, or just a hug and a smile. Esther served as the President of the Altar Guild for many years dutifully going about the business of beautifying the church Altar on Sundays and special religious celebrations. Esther was also a member of the choir, worked with both the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School from time to time. She loved Heritage and its members. There was no job too small or too large when it came to “ her” church. Esther was a generous, independent, and loyal lady who loved her daughters, adored her grandsons and doted on her great-grandchildren. She had a large circle of friends, with whom she loved to bowl, play cards, knit and crochet. She loved to travel and ventured throughout the United States, Canada and Caribbean. Her most memorable and poignant trip was to the Holy Land with Reverend Phillips and other members of the Heritage congregation. She leaves to carry on her legacy; daughters, Cheryl Weems and Chesteena Greene; stepchildren, Patricia, Constance, Carolyn and Max Sidney; grandsons, John and Anthony Weems; great-grandchildren, Jullanna, Charnetta, Keonna, Chelbi, Anthony, Jr., and Brei; great-great-granddaughter, Janiyah; sisters, Cora Thomas of Baltimore, Reverend Odessa Hymes of Pembroke, NJ, Etta Turney of Detroit, Mich.; ten nieces and seven nephews, three step-daughters, one stepson, one step-daughter-in-law, her life-long friends, Eldora Hill, Elaine Jackson and Ruth Crawford devoted friends Peggy and Maurice Gray and a host of other relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Esther Knight Harcum*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



“ *Esther Knight Harcum*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Wishing you comfort in your time of loss. May memories of joy and happiness shared with your loved one sustain and comfort you.##imported-begin##William E. Stokes & Family##imported-end##*

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“ *To the Harcum's Family: I am sorry to learn of your loss. I send my condolences to the family and friends. May the Scriptures found at Revelation 21: 3-5 prove to be a source of comfort for you in the days to come.##imported-begin##Denise King##imported-end##*

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“ Hello Family & Friends, I am so sorry to hear of your loss and I am offering my condolences. The scriptures can be of great comfort to us all. I am reminded of the scripture at Revelation 21:3,4 where Almighty God says that he is going to wipe the tears from our eyes and death will be no more neither will mourning nor crying nor pain be any more. The Bible also promises that we will be able to see our dead loved ones again by means of a resurrection. (John 5:28,29) It is my hope that you will be comforted by these scriptures.##imported-begin##Sophia Briscoe##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy during your time of sorrow but knows that the God of comfort is with you all during this time of tribulation. (2Corinthian 1:3-4) Due to the many unforeseen occurrences that brings tragedy to our lives Jehovah God promises one day soon Death will be no more (Rev 21:3-4) and his son Jesus Christ have been given the authority to bring all those in the memorial tombs back to life. John 5:28-29 What a wonderful prospect for our future and our loved ones who have lost their life to our enemy death.##imported-begin##Carter##imported-end##

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“ To the family and friends of Esther Harcum, please accept my sincere condolences during this time of your loss. Please read and find comfort in John 5:28,29 and Rev. 21:3,4. God has promised to do away with death and the pain that it causes. May these scriptures bring you strength and encouragement during your time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Sean##imported-end##

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