



Ethel Ada Hartley

March 9, 1906 - July 14, 2003

“Mother, Mother-in-law, Grandmother, Great Grandmother, Sister, Aunt, Friend.” Mrs. Ada Hartley was born in Freetown, Sierra Leone on March 9, 1906 to Nancy Violet Gabriel and Charles Gabriel. She was the fourth and only surviving child on her mother’s side, and the third out of forty-five children on her father’s side. Her mother was a trader, and her father a merchant. She attended the St. Joseph Convent in Freetown, Sierra Leone and later continued her education in Lagos, Nigeria where she attended the Wesleyan Girls’ High School and the C.M.S. Girls Seminary School. She spoke the Yoruba language fluently. She later returned to Freetown and was married to the late Mr. James Robert Charlie Hartley, a chartered accountant. Ada Hartley worked at the Medical Department in Freetown, Sierra Leone as a telephone operator for three years. After that, she worked at the well-known defunct A. Genet & Company as a sales lady for over twenty years. She was commonly known as Miss Ada, Aunt Ada, Mama Ada and Mama Genet. In 1971, she left Freetown for the United States of America to join her children. She was very religious, quiet in disposition and very generous. Mama Hartley was loving and caring to her family and friends, and was always there for them, often depriving herself to satisfy their needs. Her family and friends will sadly miss her. She leaves behind two children, Roberta and Harriett; two sons-in-law, Edgar and Bernard; five grandchildren, Sade, Wumi, Titi, Bobby and Femi; two great-grandchildren, Tameeka and Jasmine; other relatives include the Browne, Koroma, England, MacCormack, Conteh, Johnson, Adams, and

Parkinson families; nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ethel Ada Hartley*

March 25, 2023 at 10:25 AM



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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM