



Gertrude A. Harris

May 8, 1931 - November 20, 2014

Through God's love, His Mercy, and His Will, we have gathered today to celebrate the life and homegoing of GERTRUDE AGNES VAN DYKE (BASS) HARRIS born to James William Van Dyke and Mary Lorina Proctor Van Dyke on May 8, 1931 in Baltimore, MD. On Thursday, November 20, 2014 she departed her earthly life to reside in her eternal life.

Gertrude received her education through the Baltimore City Public Schools and went on to work in various environments which included private duty nursing, working for Baltimore County Public Schools and ending with General Services Administration for the Federal Government.

On July 15, 1950 she married James William Bass (who preceded her in death) and from this union six children were born: Helen, Gregory, Christine, Lynette, Nathaniel and Cozette.

In 1973 she married William I. Harris (Stud) at which time she gained three additional children: Andrenetta, Jessie and William (deceased).

Gertrude was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was known as Granny by all the grandkids. Her children and grandchildren alike could always look forward to their birthday card and special gift from granny every year. And no birthday was complete without a

call from her so she could render our Happy Birthday song.

Gertrude enjoyed life and loved being around others. Her friends as well as her family will miss her easy way of sharing conversation and laughs. She was the go to person for listening and keeping confidences. If you told it to (Mom, Granny, Gert) you could be sure what you shared was in a vault as safe as Fort Knox.

Gertrude was a member of St. Edward Roman Catholic Church and was known as a “prayer warrior”. She loved and believed in prayer. She was a member of St Edward's Blessed Mother Sodality and St. Pius V Ladies Auxiliary #219, enjoyed being active in church activities as well as outside activities and was also a member of The Birthday Club.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Helen Ross, Gregory Bass, Christine Bass, Lynette Salisbury, Nathaniel Bass, Cozette Opuiyo, Andrenetta Daniel, Jessie Parker; four sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, twenty-two grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. She also leaves her loving brother, Thomas Van Dyke; sister-in-law, Genevia Van Dyke; brother-in-law, Leslie (Billy) Harris; and sister-in-law, Adele Harris. Her brothers Joseph Van Dyke and James Van Dyke and sisters Francis Barbour, Helen McClarity and Elizabeth Van Dyke preceded her in death. In addition she leaves a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends who shall surely miss her.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

NOV 30. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

NOV 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

DEC 1. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Edward's Roman Catholic Church
901 Poplar Grove St.
Baltimore, MD

Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gertrude A. Harris*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We are at a loss for adequate words to express our sadness for this family. As saddened as we are by your loss, we are so grateful for all the richness Gertrude A. Harris brought into your family's lives. We know heaven just received a special angel.*

You are a reflection of her in the way your treat people with respect and empathy and the way you make each person feel loved. She was truly a splendid woman and will be deeply missed. May God bless you and give you strength and endurance during this time.

*With much love and heartfelt good wishes,
The Hopson Family (Silver Spring, Maryland)*

KDWH - December 01, 2014 at 12:12 AM



“ *We Love You Forever, The McClarty & Peterson Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity S pray for the family of Gertrude A. Harris.*



We Love You Forever, The McClarty & Peterson Families -
November 29, 2014 at 12:55 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 - November 26, 2014 at 08:44 AM