



## Gloria Harris

May 1, 1942 - May 6, 2021

GLORIA-JEAN HARRIS, beloved daughter of George Blanks Sr. and Lucille Morris was born May 1, 1946 in Charlotte, North Carolina.

She began her education in the Charlotte Public School System. Jean performed as a majorette while attending Second Ward High School, the first public high school for Blacks in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg district. She continued her education in the Baltimore City Public School System. Jean joined the Black Pearl sisterhood to Sigma Phi Gamma. Upon completion of her education at Essex Community College, she worked for Healthy Start and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. In addition to serving as a first basewoman for the Redwing Angels i Baltimore, Maryland.

Jean's raw and uncut personality endeared her to the community especially her close-knit block, Prentiss Place, family. Her festive spirit shined on display in her front window with different decor for every holiday. Jean enjoyed all genres of music from gospel to disco. She never missed an opportunity to capture moments with her family and friends. Photographs of every occasion adorned the walls of her home, and she served her delicious soul food well portioned with love and laughter. For those who were blessed to be on her mailing list, she sent them beautiful hand-written cards every year. She accepted Jesus Christ as her savior and was baptized at Southern Baptist Church. She embodied the essence of her personal mantra, "You live, and

you learn, and you learn how to live. Life owes me nothing because I live it!"

She peacefully departed this life Thursday, May 6, 2021 at home with her loving partner Aaron "Skip" Rollins by her side. Jean was preceded in death by her spouses Wardell Blackwell and later James Harris, loving dad James Morris, devoted mother Lucille Morris, brothers George Blanks Jr. and Dwayne Morris, her eldest son Wardell T. Blackwell, Sr and best friend Jeanette Alston.

Her wonderful life will forever be cherished in the hearts of: her daughter, Tonya Brooks; son, James Harris; daughter-in-law, SaLonda Harris; grandsons, Eric Sharp (Fiancee Taofi), Wardell T. Blackwell, Jr. and Darrien Blackwell; granddaughters, Harriet Johnson (husband Rodney), Takyra Blackwell (Fiancee Larry) and Adrianna Harris; her siblings, Raymond and Carolyn Morris, Acquinetta T. Walker, Roberta Johnson and Mildred Brown; three devoted nephews, Leroy, Raymond W. and Raymond M.; a devoted daughter-niece and tailgate partner, Staci Morris (fiance Reco); and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Arbutus Memorial Park Cemetery

1101 Sulphur Spring Road  
Baltimore, MD 21227

# Previous Events

## Wake

MAY 18. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

MAY 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gloria Harris

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *to the family of Gloria J. Harris. We extend our sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one. Big Momma Jean as i knew her was always a carefree spirit. She told you how she felt and didnt care if you liked it or not. Her daughter Tonya and grandson Eric are like family to husband and I and our son Cheyenne. She will be truly missed. Rest on Big Momma Jean you have earned your dues. with love Hannah(Ms.Boo) Tony and Cheyenne*

hannah robinson - May 17, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *Rest well Jean in your new Heavenly Home.*



Debbie Lee - May 13, 2021 at 04:46 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 12, 2021 at 12:46 PM