



Johnnie Mae Harris

October 9, 1929 - March 25, 2016

Johnnie Mae Strong's life began October 9, 1929, in Chester County, South Carolina. She was the only daughter of Earl and Genava (Brice) Strong. Growing up with two brothers, Earl Jr., and David, Johnnie Mae learned early how to be tough, independent, no nonsense and resilient. This would carry her through her eighty-six-plus years of her life on Earth. Johnnie Mae entered into eternal rest on Friday, March 25, 2016, at Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore after a brief illness -- her sons by her side.

Johnnie Mae was educated in the Chester County Schools, attending Finley Sr. High School.

In 1947, she married John Calvin Harris and in the early 1950's, the couple moved with their three daughters, Daisy, Gayzetta and Barbara to Baltimore. The couple's family continued to grow, adding five more children, Willie, Michael, Barry, Denise and Anthony. Though the marriage dissolved the Harris' continued to make their children and grandchildren the center of their lives.

For fifty-three years, Johnnie Mae was a faithful member of the New Mount Hebron Baptist Church where she once sang on the Leary Vocal Choir, Gospel Chorus No. 1, was a member of the food pantry ministry, usher board and served as a

pastor's aide. Besides attending church and doing the Lord's work, she was a caretaker for the elderly for many years. In her spare time and in retirement, Johnnie Mae enjoyed spending time with family and friends, traveling to Florida where one of her daughter's once lived, as well as, shopping and cooking for her huge family. Her Carolina cooking was incredibly delicious, as her sweet potato pie was legendary, a treat and a prize to anyone who was lucky enough to have a slice.

She is survived by: her sons, Michael, Barry and Tony and daughter, Denise.

She also leaves to cherish her memory: her eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, many nephews, nieces, cousins and other family members and friends.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21244
(410) 944-8300
info@kingmemorialpark.com
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

Previous Events

Public Viewing

APR 4. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Wake

APR 5. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR 5. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Johnnie Mae Harris*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Mr. & Mrs. Willie Harris Jr. purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Johnnie Mae Harris.*



Mr. & Mrs. Willie Harris Jr. - April 04, 2016 at 01:23 PM



“ *My heart and prayers are with you during this most difficult time.*

Michelle Lanier

Michelle Lanier - April 01, 2016 at 11:31 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.*

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