Homegoing Celebration

for

Anna





**Sunrise** July 23, 1936 Sunset March 19, 2011

Beautiful Mother, Grandmother and Sister

Friday, March 25, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.

**COTTON FUNERAL SERVICE** 1025 Bergen Street • Newark, New Jersey

Reverend Betty Horne, Officiating

## <u>Obituary</u>

On March 19, 2011, Anna (Beck) Harris departed this life at Newark Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, NJ, after a brief illness. She was surrounded by her family and friends.

Anna, daughter of the late John and Inez Beck was born on July 23, 1936 in Newark, New Jersey. Anna was educated in the Newark School system and graduated from South Side H.S. She accepted Christ at an early age.

Anna was married to the late Alfred "Smoody" Harris on July 16, 1955 and their union was blessed with two children, Alfred "Dwayne" and Lisa Arlene.

Anna was employed by the Newark Board of Education as a Computer Assistant for more than twenty-five years, retiring in November 97.

Anna was very active with the Monday night Hawthorne Live Bowling League. She loved to go to AC and would be the first to get a ticket. As recent as this past February, she was planning a trip to the Park Casino in Philadelphia. She was also the "Queen of Social Affairs" for the 3rd Ward. Anna was also involved with NJ Association for Retarded Children and the "Voices of Hope Choir".

Anna loved her Pokeno Club and will surely be missed by her girls - Georgiana, Barbara, Pat, Phyllis, Marcia, Vertta, Helen, Gerrie, Connie, Juliette and Diane. The day after each meeting she would always say what great food she had! She loved to eat and cook and was famous for her turkeys! She enjoyed spending quality time with her family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Alfred "Smoody" Harris, her parents, John and Inez Beck, brothers, John Beck, Jr. and Leon Hankerson and sister, Mildred Spigner.

She leaves to cherish her memories, her daughter, Lisa Harris-Wolfe (Darryl) of Newark, NJ; son, Alfred "Dwayne" Harris of Roselle, NJ; her one and only granddaughter, Aasa Camille Inez Harris who was her "Sunshine"; her sister, Arlene Walker of Scotch Plains, NJ whom she loved dearly; her brother, Amin Abdullah of Newark, NJ "whom she harassed"; sister-in-law, Sureka Johnson-Abdullah; her aunt, Snowtie Bennett of Newark, NJ; her beloved God-daughter, Cecilia Waiters of Newark, NJ; her God-son, Darnell Hayes; a dedicated caregiver, Eula Petty; a very dear and special cousin, Marcie Gregory; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She will also be missed by her lifelong childhood friend, Eleanor Bial; midnight phone buddy, Minnie Hedgepath; and adopted granddaughter, Simone Mason.

<u>Order of Service</u>

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Opening Prayer Leigha Grant
Scripture ReadingDarlene Moultrie Old Testament New Testament
Prayer of Comfort
Opening Hymn Jean Cheek Raspberry
Reflections Please Limit to 2 minutes
Poem Aasa C. Harris-granddaughter
Acknowledgements/Obituary Corinthia Casey
Musical Tribute Roland Washington
Eulogy Reverend Betty Horne

Recessional

<u>Interment</u>

Forest Green Memorial Park Morganville, New Jersey

Friends are invited to join the family for the repast held at 724 Hunterdon Street • Newark, NJ.

# Mother

 ${\mathcal M}$  - Many times when we were small we would hear our Mother call

Dwayne and Lisa, I Love you both, it seemed like she had taken an oath, she had in her own way because she proved it everyday.

 $oldsymbol{O}$  - Others were also in her heart, her granddaughter Aasa whom she held from the start.

 ${\mathcal T}$  - Today as we sit here mourning our loss, we all know she was the boss. Anna had a Mother's love for her family and friends we know she loved us until the end.

 ${\mathcal H}$  - Heavens gain is on the rise, because Anna is residing with our Lord and Savior in His blue skies.

 ${\mathcal E}$  - Everyday, she will always play a part because Anna will forever remain in so many hearts.

 ${\cal R}$  - Rejoice, be glad, don't be sad because as a Mother, Grandmother,

Sister and other, she loved us all, but when God gets ready you must answer His call. Anna went home on wings of a dove, smiling and looking down on us from Heaven above.

Go home Mommy and take your rest, we truly loved you but God loved you best.

> Lovingly Submitted Dwayne, Lisa and Aasa

### Written by Roberta Jones

## <u>Acknowledgement</u>

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a floral piece If so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all just thought of us on that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, We Thank You, Whatever the part.

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