A Gelebration of Life Sunrise September 23, 1937 Sunset July 7, 2011 Janet E. Harris Service Friday, July 15, 2011 - 10:00 a.m. Shiloh Baptist Church 99 Davenport Avenue • Newark, NJ 07112 Rev. Malachia Brantley, Jr., M.Div. Officiating



Reflections of Life



Janet E. Harris departed this life on Thursday, July 7, 2011 at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, New Jersey. Janet was born on September 23, 1937 in Newark, New Jersey to the late Elijah and Annie Jackson.

Janet began her education in the Newark

Public School system, attending Abbington Avenue Elementary School through grade eight. She then attended East Orange High School where she graduated in 1955. After graduation she matriculated at Upsala College where she studied business. In her formative years Janet enjoyed participating in a variety of activities. She achieved awards for her excellent penmanship and academics. She also was a proud member of the East Orange Twirling Squad.

Janet was a highly motivated woman. She became a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc. In the early 1960's she was a founding member of the Ebonettes, a local affiliated club. Janet's outgoing social personality led her into directing weddings and bar mitzvahs. She began a business entitled "Etiquette Correct" in which she planned and coordinated social events. Janet took special pride in mentoring and exposing young women to a variety of cultural activities.

In 1957, Janet embarked on her professional career with Reliable Business Services in East Orange. Her employment continued with Bamberger's Newark as a buyer's assistant. Janet's career led her to the Macy's Corporate Office in Herald Square New York City where she retired after thirty-five years of dedicated service.

Janet was a life-long member of Shiloh Baptist Church where she served faithfully on many ministries. Janet was the President of the Women's Guild, Chairperson of the Pulpit Search Committee, and President of

the Board of Directors of The Rainbow Academy, Trustee Ministry, and one of the organizers of the Gospel Chorus. Janet was also a member of the Missionary and Pastoral Care ministries. Growing up as a youth in Shiloh, Janet was a member of the Young People's Choir, Usher Board and Sunday School. No matter what she set her heart to do, she gave her undivided attention to.

Janet was joined in Holy Matrimony to Raymond Harris and they remained loving and devoted for forty-seven years.

Janet was preceded in death by her parents, Elijah and Annie Jackson; her sisters, Edna E. King (Hubert), Helen E. White (Robert), her brother, Elijah Jackson, Jr. (Snooky) and her nephews, Barry White and Dennis White.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her loving husband, Raymond Harris; daughter, Didria Brown; granddaughter, Tyler White; nephews, Gregory C. White (Kim), R. Daryl White (Deborah); great nieces, Qianna, Diona, Arianna and Diarra White; great-nephew, Gregory White; step-sons, Raymond Friday and Tyrone Seymore; grandchildren, Raymond Friday III, Tyree and Kyle Seymore; and a host of other relatives and friends.



A life well - lived is a precious gift
Of hope and strength and grace
From someone who had made our world
A brighter, better place
It's filled with moments sweet and sad,
With smiles and sometimes tears,
With friendships formed and good times shared
And laughter through the years.
Well-lived life is a legacy
Of joy and pride and pleasure
A loving, lasting memory
Our grateful hearts will treasure.

Order of Service

Processional

Opening Hymn "Blessed Assurance" - Choir

Prayer of Comfort Evangelist Yolanda Lee

Scripture Readings
Old Testament
New Testament

Selection Mass Choir

Acknowledgements
Church Clerk

ReflectionsFriends & Family (two minute limit please)

Reading of Obituary
Sis. Theresa Hoke

Selection Rev. Anita Bethea

Message of Celebration Rev. Malachia Brantley Jr., M.Div.

> Selection Mass Choir

Recessional

<u>Interment</u>

Glendale Cemetery Bloomfield, New Jersey

Immediately following the interment, family and friends are invited back to the R.D. Spain Youth Center to join in a repast to celebrate and honor the life and spirit of Janet.

A Tribute

Taken from Peggy Anderson's book "Great Quotes by Great Women"

A great woman is not considered so because of her personal achievement... but for the effect her efforts have had on the lives on countless others for daring feats of bravery,

To the understated ways of a compassionate heart. A great woman possesses a common strength of character- she has passion and persistenceshe has advanced womanhood and the world."

God graciously gave us a gift ...

He greeted us with Janet in our lives and we thank Him!!

Now your life on earth is ended
And your weary road is trod,
May your name in gold be written
In the autograph of God



<u>Acknowledgement</u>

Words are inadequate to express the gratefulness and humbleness we feel toward family, church members, friends and neighbors who have consoled us during our bereavement. Your prayers, your love, your presence and service have sustained us. Your cards, flowers and gifts are warmly appreciated. We see all of these as God's love expressed through you. For everything you have done to console our hearts. May God bless you.

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