

## Obituary

**Johnnie Christine Knox** was born to the late John and Georgia Knox on January 23, 1932 in Ishkooda, Alabama.

She attended grade school in Alabama and later moved to Atlanta, Georgia where she graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1950.

After graduating from High School, Johnnie immediately attended Grady Hospital Nursing program in Atlanta, Georgia where she became a Registered Nurse.

Johnnie then married the late Arnold "Ace" Harris on January 6, 1955. She had five children, Arnold, George, Melodie, Sonnet and Tahlia Harris.

Johnnie moved to New York in 1958 and started working at the Veteran's Hospital. After leaving the hospital she then moved to W.110<sup>th</sup> Street where she raised her family. She did private duty in many hospitals, Flower 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mount Sinai, The Knicker Bocker Hospital and the Italian Hospital on 110<sup>th</sup> Street.

In 1968, Johnnie started working in Harlem Hospital where she soon became Head Nurse on 8 and 9K for thirty-two years.

After retiring from Harlem Hospital, Johnnie continued mothering and raising her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was the mother of all mothers.

Johnnie, also known as Chrissy, was a mother, grandmother and a great grandmother first. But she also was a friend and mentor to many. Her door was always open-literally. Those who knew her, knew that she was very knowledgeable about many things. You could talk to her about anything. She would give you great advice and even greater criticism. Her favorite debate was politics which she herself could have been a politician. All in all her main passion was reading and collecting books. She was caring, giving, funny and full of wisdom to share.

Johnnie was a flashlight that many people used to get out that dark cave they were in. She couldn't indicate when they would get out but as long as we had her, we saw a way out. We called her hope.

Johnnie was preceded in death by one son, Arnold "Ace" Harris, Jr., one brother, William Alexander and three sisters, Callie White, Nina Russel and Francis Jordan.

She leaves to mourn: four children, George, Melodie, Sonnet and Tahlia Harris; a daughter-in-law, Nadia Harris; ten grandchildren, Cyesia, Arnold, Wayne, Serge, Tarin, Scott, Paige, Zackary, Erin and Tyler; nine great grandchildren, Treyvon, Skyla, Layanne, Jaylnn, Daveigh, Wade, Jace, Kylee and Kash \$; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

Johnnie will forever be in our hearts.

## Order of Service

## Processional

Recessional

"Ave Maria" Selection .... Celine Dion Scripture Readings ..... Ecclesiastes 3:3-8 Adrian Allen Prayer ..... Song Acknowledgements Remarks ..... ...... Bob Harden ...... Dr. Jessie T. Williams Obituary ..... "Take Me To The King" Selection .... Tamela Mann ...... Dr. Jessie T. Williams, Jr. Eulogy ..... Convent Ave. Baptist Church Committal Viewing

Interment

Rose Hills Memorial Park Putnam Valley, New York

I am a mother I am a mother in flesh, body & soul I am the mother of my child I am the mother of many I was put here to a achieve many things I taught the young to walk I taught the lite to fight I gave knowledge and opinion I gave the love and caring needed I am a mother Being a mother I taught you many things And one was to stand on the two feet And work them two hands God gave you I am a mother I might not be here long that's Why I installed the best of things into you So when we're at this point we are now, You could say yes, I was a mother Now look at me, look at me good and remember me For the good & the bad, but don't cry in the process Cause I was and still is, and always will be your mother, And be happy to be called your Mother I Love You!!!

## Heknowledgement

The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.

May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.

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