

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF

Jean D. Harris

Sunrise
November 12, 1931

Sunset
June 18, 2026



Thursday, July 2, 2026 - 11:00 a.m.

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535 E. 22nd Street, Paterson, New Jersey

Rev. Barry Graham, Pastor

Rev. Jerry Wilder, Officiating

Her Journey



Joan D. Harris was born on November 12, 1931 in Hackensack, NJ to the late Percy and Eunice Woody. She was the youngest of three children. She loved her late brother Percy and sister Irene King. Joan was educated in the Hackensack School System.

At sixteen, she met "Sonny" and four years later they were married on January 16, 1950. This union of love was blessed with eight children. She was a stay-at-home mom until her youngest children grew to school age.

Joan was employed at MC Decorating (Modern Creator's) in Elmwood Park, NJ for 27 years and 10 months as a Silk Screen Operator. She also worked for Titan Plastics in East Rutherford, NJ as an assembly line packer and retired in 1994. Joan associates from every walk of life will truly miss her.

We all know how much Joan adored her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great children, but she loved watching her soaps every day, any westerns and the ION channel. She enjoyed hosting family gatherings, back yard barbeques, and cooking for her family and friends. The Harris home had some fantastic memories!!! She would tune into WBLS radio and watch game shows. She would call you just to see how your day was going and say "Hey, How you doing?"

She had a sincere, compassionate, and warm personality encouraging others with her wisdom while instilling values and principles. She was always available to lend an ear to ALL who needed one.

Joan was called many names but these two names stood out Joanie and Mommy!!! Joan also contributed to various charities and foundations. Joan loved seafood and she loved to cook.

She was predeceased by her husband, John Henry "Sonny" Harris; her parents, Percy and Eunice Woody; stepfather, Howard Fuller; brother, Ervin Percy Woody; niece, Zelinda Powell; mother-in-law, Mary B. Mosley; father-in-law, Charles Mosley Sr.; brother-in-law, Charles Mosely Jr, sister-in-law Joan Mosley, daughters Viola Harris, Victoria Wilder, Vanessa Rivers and Joan A. Harris; son-in-law, Rev. Andrew Rivers; three grandchildren, three great grandchildren and best friend, Ruth Douglas.

On Thursday, June 18, 2026, Joan transitioned peacefully in the comfort of her home.

She leaves to cherish her memory her children, Barry Harris (Georgette) Curtis Tyrone Harris (Gwen) Donald Harris, and Della Reese Hopkins (Jesse); grandchildren, Troy, Keisha, Dion, Rajeeyah, Rashad, Tyra, Akeida, Jevell, Barion, Rashida, Deltietra, Jesse Jr., Essence, Al-Quon, Tyrone II, Reesiah; forty-two great-grandchildren, and thirteen great-great grandchildren; her sister, Irene King; one niece, Majell; three nephews, Gary, Charles and Mark, three great nephews, two great nieces, and nine great-great nephews and nieces, brother-in-law, James Mosley and sister-in-law, JoAnn Mosley; close family members, Cynthia Harris-Jones and Dr. Jerry Wilder; devoted friends, Ronnie Hartley and Cathy McBride and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors.

Order of Service



MUSICAL PRELUDE

SCRIPTURE READING

Old Testament
New Testament

PRAYER OF COMFORT

SOLO

EXPRESSIONS OF AFFECTION

Two minute remarks

SOLO

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS / REFLECTIONS OF LIFE

SOLO

MESSAGE OF COMFORT

Rev. Dr. Jerry Wilder, Pastor
Grace and Fellowship Restoration Church

RECESSIONAL

Interment
Laurel Grove Cemetery
285 Totowa Road
Totowa, New Jersey



Pallbearers

Al-Quon Hopkins

Curtis Harris

Jesse Hopkins

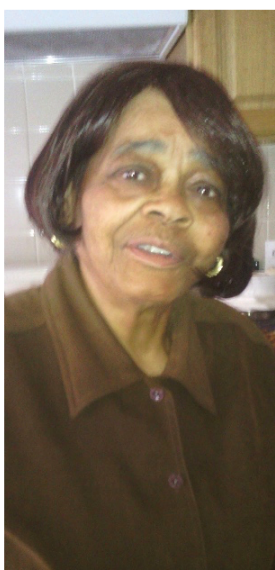
Troy Harris

Barion Harris

Dion Harris

Stephon Harris

Rashad Anderson









THE *Broken Chain*

WE LITTLE KNEW
the day that God was going
TO CALL YOUR NAME. IN LIFE WE LOVED YOU
O dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our
HEARTS TO LOSE YOU BUT YOU DIDN'T GO
alone, for part of us went with you the day God
CALLED YOU HOME. YOU LEFT US PEACEFUL
memories, your love is still our guide, and although
WE CANNOT SEE YOU, YOU ARE ALWAYS AT OUR
side. Our family chain is broken and nothing
SEEMS THE SAME, BUT AS GOD CALLS US
one by one, the chain will link again. O



Acknowledgment

The family wishes to express sincere appreciation for all the prayers, calls, flowers, and your kindness shown during the time of bereavement.
"We grieve for the void in our lives but rejoice that our loved one Joan Harris has victoriously finished her course and dwells in the presence of God."

The Family

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