

*Celebrating the Life of*



*Jacob Harris*

Sunrise  
July 23, 1946

Sunset  
October 10, 2020

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 - 10am

**East Ward Missionary Baptist Church**  
2011 First Avenue, New York, NY 10029

# Obituary

On Saturday, October 10, 2020, **Jacob Harris**, departed this world to be with his Heavenly Father and to have a joyful reunion with all his departed relatives and friends.

Jacob was born on July 23, 1946 in Edenton, North Carolina to the late Effie L. Hassell. He was the eldest of Effie's six children.

Jacob's early life and schooling began at St. Johns School. He graduated from D.F. Walker High School. He received an Associate Degree from New York Technical College.

In 1967, Jacob moved to New York City and worked for the VA Hospital as an orderly. In 1971, he started working for Lombardi Hotel. He started out as a Bell Boy and rose to hotel management where he stayed for 40 years until he retired.

Jacob was generous and kind, he had a giving and helpful personality. A strong and determined man, he believed that nothing could stop you but you. He will be most remembered for his joy of ushering in the church. Dressed sharply and on time, when the doors of the church opened, Jacob's ushers were prepared to perform. He was a devoted member of Holy Trinity Baptist Church for many years where he was the President of the Usher Board. He then became a member of East Ward Missionary Baptist Church, where he continued to excel as an Usher, eventually becoming President of the Usher Board. Being a graduate of the School of Ushering, Jacob trained numerous Ushers how to properly execute their duties. He took pride in greeting worshippers and maintaining order in the sanctuary. Jacob was fond of collecting items that were one of a kind, no matter how crazy and weird. He often tasked his nephews and nieces to search for items that were hard to find. During his retirement he enjoyed walking and sitting in the park, watching the trees and taking in the sun rays. Jacob Harris has made his transition, absent from the body to present with the Lord. God has gained an USHER!

Jacob was preceded in death by his mother, Lillian. He is survived by his loving friend, Eddie Nixon; stepfather, Daniel Hassell, Sr.; sisters, Phyllis Copeland, Romona Halls, and Effie Hassell; brothers, David Hassell and Daniel Hassell; one brother-in-law, Gregory Halls; two sisters-in-law, Doris Hassell and Karen Hassell; aunts, Mary E. Harris, Helen Walker and Ella P. Murray; uncle, Paul Harris; and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

# Order of Service

Reverend Dr. Sean P. Gardner, Sr., Officiating  
Senior Pastor, East Ward Missionary Baptist Church

Prelude

Processional.....The Clergy and The Family

Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Scripture Readings

Old Testament

New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection or Solo

Acknowledgements

Reflections..... (Two Minutes Please)

The Obituary

Selection

The Eulogy.....Reverend Dr. Sean P. Gardner, Sr.

The Benediction.....Reverend Dr. Sean P. Gardner, Sr.

## **FINAL DISPOSITION:**

Rosehill Crematory,  
Linden, New Jersey





## *I'm Free*

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard his call,  
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work, to play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way,  
I've found that peace at the close of the day.

If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow,  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My Life's been full, I savoured much,  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch,

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and share with me,  
God wanted me now, He set me free.



## *Acknowledgement*

*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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