

"Fear not for I am with you, do not be afraid for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

Evelyn Harris

Sunrise March 16, 1945 Sunset June 5, 2021

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Evelyn Harris, in the early morning hours of June 5, our Lord, chose to call His beloved child home. She was born in Oakley, South Carolina to Peter and Lucinda Ellington. She was the baby of eight children.

As a child, she and her mother were inseparable. Occasionally, she and her mother would prank her siblings. For instance, after accepting her favorite candy, as a bribe from her siblings, their mother whom she affectionately called "Lu", would give her the deciding vote, to allow her siblings to go out with their peers which she would mischievously deny them the privilege. As a teenager, it became evident, she had a remarkable ability to care for others and make sacrifices beyond her years. She and her mother, temporarily raised some of her nieces and nephews.

Evelyn briefly attended Berkley High School in South Carolina until she migrated to Brooklyn, NY with her ailing mother. She then transferred to Girls High School upon caring for her mother, she was encouraged to pursue a career in Nursing. At the age of 16, she was devastated by the loss of her mother and best friend. She could've used the loss as an excuse to give up in life. Instead, she chose to honor her mother, by living her best life. She moved in with her beloved sister, Evalena, whom became her guardian. Shortly thereafter, she was accepted in an Internship for Nursing, of which she did rotations in Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY.

At the age of 19, she met and married the love of her life, Sollie Harris. They had four children, Karen, Sollie (II), Yolanda and Lunell. After being a stay-at-home mom, for many years, she decided to complete her degree in Nursing. She and her husband, attended college together. She became a nurse and retired, after 32 years of service. She and her husband were married for 43 years until his passing.

Evelyn was adored and respected by her patients. She managed to see the good in every one and connected with people from all walks of life. Often, listening without judgement and sharing wisdom with the youth. She was a woman of strong faith, always putting God first. She had a saying, "It is getting very late". She believed it was vital to get right with God and not waste time focusing on negativity. During her second act, she began dancing and traveling the world with her youngest daughter, Lunell, whom owned a home together. Some of her other hobbies included, painting and sewing. She was an exceptional human being and will be sorely missed. Until we meet again...

She is survived by: her daughters, Karen Johnson of Coatesville, PA and Lunell Harris of Bronx, NY; sisters, Evalena Shine of Brooklyn, NY and Elizabeth McKelvy of Bronx, NY; a host of grandchildren, nieces and nephews; a daughter-in-law; sons-in-law; cousins; and many friends.

Order of Service



Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional



INTERMENT: Calverton National Cemetery Calverton, New York



If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane.

I would walk right up to heaven and bring you back again.

No farewell words were spoken, no time to say "Good Bye"
You were gone before I knew it, and only God knows why.

My heart still aches with sadness and secret tears still flow.

What it meant to love you—no one can ever know.

But now I know you want me to mourn for you no more.

To remember all the happy times life still has much in store.

Since you'll never be forgotten, I pledge to you today.

A hollowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay.

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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