

*Service of Thanksgiving
for the Life of*



Vilma Rosita Twist Harris
Sunrise: June 2, 1936 - Sunset: November 30, 2021

Saturday, December 4, 2021
Viewing: 4PM – 6PM
Service: 6PM

UNITY FUNERAL CHAPELS, INC.
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Rev. Raymond Dyer, Officiating

Order of Service

Hymn.....“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Raymond Dyer

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament: Lamentations 3:22-26.....Kristel Guild-Ellis

New Testament: Romans 8:14-19.....Jocelyn Gibson

Psalm 23..... Congregation

Hymn..... “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

Gospel Reading: John 14:1-6.....Rev. Raymond Dyer

Sermon.....Rev. Raymond Dyer

Apostles’ Creed.....Congregation

Obituary..... Shellon Flowers

Words of Comfort..... Family and Friends

The Lord’s Prayer.....Congregation

Benediction.....Rev. Raymond Dyer

Hymn.....“It is Well With My Soul”

Final Viewing

Obituary

Our parents give us life.

Our grandparents give us a sense of who we are and where we came from.

Today, as we say our goodbye to our Ma, Mother, Mom, Mommy, Grandma, V Ma, Village, Aunt V, and Grans, we want to remember how incredibly lucky we are to have had her for 85 years.

Vilma Rosita Harris nee Twist was the first child born to Florence Twist and John Young on June 2, 1936, in Willows Bank, Belize District. She spent her early life in Little Orange Walk in the Cayo District where she attended primary school. She then moved to Roaring Creek Village and later as a teenager to Belize City where she resided with her cousin Elorine Barona (deceased) until she met the love of her life, Henry Harris.

On November 13, 1957, Vilma and Henry Harris, Sr. got married at St. John's Cathedral. Their union produced seven wonderful children: Bernadette Harris (deceased), Dotsie Arnold nee Harris, Henry Harris, Jr., Shelmadine Mitchell nee Harris, Windell Harris, Lisa Harris and Tanya Harris-Henry. In 1985, Vilma migrated to the United States to join her husband. During her time in the U.S., she became a childcare provider/babysitter where she gained children that she considered her children by love. Some of these children include Audrey, Michaela, Michael, Jayda, Malcolm, Jhamarvin, Marvin, Shinequa, Malik, Shakur, Floyd, Justin, Kiya, Sherman, Amiya, Avery, Kenyon, Raheem, Joey, Timmy, Jevon, Jordan, Joshua, Ethan, Savion, and Tyler.

To us, Vilma was our guiding light. She set the example of what a good wife, mother, and friend should be. She always did her best to be patient with all her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and those who were entrusted under her care. As for her life with her husband, she set a shining example of the kind of unconditional love required to see a marriage through good times and bad times.

Vilma believed in prayers. She made sure that she found the time to say her Rosary three times daily. This was like her medication. During such time, she did not respond to any telephone calls and would not allow her children to interrupt her devotion.

A famous writer once said, "We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." If this is true, then Vilma made a great life as she gave from the little that she had to others who sought her help. She was a fantastic friend who had a heart of gold and opened her home to many who were in need as her motto was, "As long as we have floor, there is always space." Her home was a haven for the Young, Twist and McFadzean Family whenever they visited the city. Vilma always saw the good in people. If you needed her, she was there asking what she could do to help. As we mourn her passing, we give God thanks for all the wonderful remembrance we must share with our children and grandchildren about this amazing woman. She will be remembered for her endless love, delicious cooking, especially her Creole bread and bun, coconut tarts and crust, ducunu and of course her potato salad.

Vilma Rosita Harris nee Twist was predeceased by her mother, Florence Twist; father, John Young; her husband, Henry Harris, Sr.; first-born child, Bernadette Harris; her sisters, Thelma Young, Rose August, Mavis Young, and Lucille Young; and brothers, John, Bernard, Gobin, Jimmy, George, and Cyril Young. She leaves to mourn: six children; her siblings, Leonie (Molly) Bernard, Inez Young, Joyce Smith, Joan Miller, Patrick, Simon (Lincoln), and William Young; her grandchildren, Joan, Shellon, Glenda, Shakeira, Keira, Albert, Canice, Briana, Kimara, Kenisha, Kannice, Brandon, Shane, Henry Jr., Malcolm, Windell Jr., Robin, Kashief, Kaleeyah, Andre, Anjay, Abijone, and Kairo; several great grandchildren, Jalen, Jaedon, Jaleel, Jayla, Zahara, Turnee, Jaide, Kellen, Jahleah, Jayshawn, Iannah, Jeyanna, Jeanne, Ian, Akeelah, Ashea, Shane Jr., Bria, Anika, Gregory, James, and Kaiden, who she loved dearly; sons-in-law, nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews; and a host of families and friends. She will be greatly missed. We love you Mom/Grans, but God loves you best. He gave you to us for 85 precious years and now it is our turn to return you to your Heavenly Father. May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

To Those I Love and Those Who Love Me

When I am gone, release me, let me go.
I have so many things to see and do,
You mustn't tie yourself to me with too many tears,
But be thankful we had so many good years.

I gave you my love, and you can only guess
How much you've given me in happiness.
I thank you for the love that you have shown,
But now it is time I traveled on alone.

So grieve for me a while, if grieve you must,
Then let your grief be comforted by trust.
It is only for a while that we must part,
So treasure the memories within your heart.

I won't be far away for life goes on.
And if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I will be near.
And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,
All my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you come this way alone,
I'll greet you with a smile and a 'Welcome Home'.

Acknowledgement

The family of Vilma Rosita Twist Harris would like to express our sincere thanks to all who visited, sent flowers, cards, or assisted in any way during this difficult and sensitive time in our lives.

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