

Celebrating the Life and Legacy
Anita Harris
December 3, 1962 - January 6, 2022



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. - John 3:16

Free spirit. Giver. Community Builder.

Saturday, January 22, 2022 - 3:00 PM

Unity Funeral Chapels, Inc.
2352 8th Avenue • New York, NY 10027

Obituary

Anita Harris was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on December 3, 1962 to the late Barbara Harris and her father, James Mayfield. She was the oldest of three children including her sister, Vera “Toe” Pearson and brother, Jeffery “Bodine” Harris.

She excelled early in life and graduated with honors from Wilson High School. Shortly after, at 18, Anita met Roy Holloway at the Dry Doc Club at the local Navy base. The couple moved to New York City, later married, and had two children, Hakeem and Karima.

Her children were her joy and the devoted mother remained a stay-at-home wife and also served as an entrepreneur. The business owner touched many clients as a licensed cosmetologist, embedding herself in the community with a successful hair braiding business.

After 17 years of marriage, Anita and Roy divorced, leading to the next chapter of her life. She would meet and fall in love with her second husband and life partner, Tony Davis. Together, they would build a strong union fused by Anita’s free spirit and no fuss, no bother attitude toward life. She believed in experiencing the best and doing things that made her feel good and joy filled.

Her joy also extended to helping children. Lovingly, Anita fostered special needs children for a period of three years until she was unable to continue due to health constraints. Focusing on her health, she started hemodialysis in 2006 at Harlem Hospital where she became a lead patient representative guiding and supporting new dialysis patients. For many, she was a source of encouragement and a resource to others. Most of all, she will be remembered for her warm loving presence and being a true friend to many.

In addition to her community health work, Anita showed love through her cooking creations and always had food for you to eat. It was her signature. She opened her home to many friends, family, and neighbors—offering a plate of food and even a place to sleep, if needed. Always an excellent cook, she made the best Thanksgiving dinners, fried chicken, and even became a pro at Caribbean cuisine.

On January 6, 2022 at 9:21p.m. the Lord called Anita home. She leaves behind her two children, Hakeem and Karima; sister, Vera “Toe” Pearson; brother, Jeffery “Bodine” Harris; her husband, Tony; and grandchildren, Nakayla, 16; Summer, 13 and Kamar, 1. Anita loved her grandbabies. She spent most quality time with Kamar in his first year of life. In addition, she is also celebrated by her nieces, Jamikka Harris, Stephanie Pearson, Asha Pearson, and Jaqueda Turner; nephews, Shandon Harris, Domonique Wright, Anthony Reed, Asa Pearson, Rev. Jabre Harris, and Corey Warren; a host of great nieces and nephews; and her second cousin, Minister Marcus Bell. Anita continues to be held close by her dear cousin, Jackie Hamilton and special, lifelong childhood friends, Betty Moss and Brent Pearson who she loved dearly and spoke with daily.

Order of Service

Processional Drummers

Greetings Jabre Harris

Selection.....“I’ll See You Again” (Richard Smallwood) Rev. Tyrone Richardson

Scripture Readings:
Old Testament - Psalm 23 Veronica Witherspoon
New Testament - Philippians 4:6-7 Tanesia Harris

Prayer Jabre Harris

Selection..... “Eye On The Sparrow”Isla Thornton (over Zoom)

RemarksFamily & Friends (including those on Zoom)

Reading of Obituary.....Karima Harris

Selection.....“Safe In His Arms”..... Jabre Harris

Eulogy Jabre Harris

Committal Jabre Harris

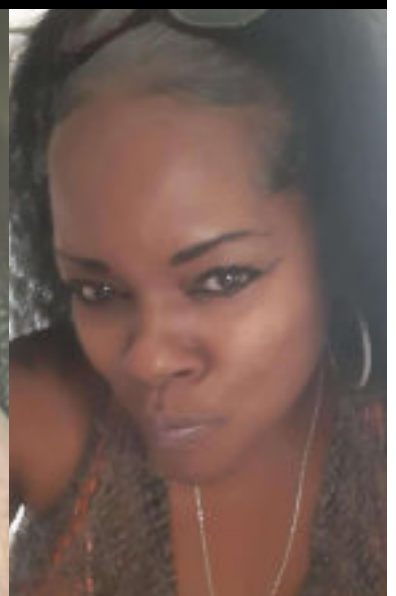
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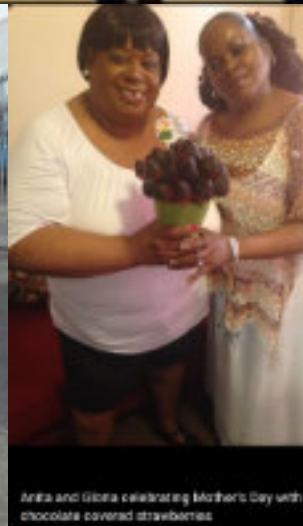
Recessional Drummers

Final Disposition
Oxford Hills Crematory
Chester, New York



Me and my heartstings...nakayla and summer at dinner last nite....my heart is so full....thank you father





Anita and Gloria celebrating Mother's Day with chocolate covered strawberries



Kamar and I sending out love peace and light 🍀💖🍀💖🍀 good afternoon kings and queens have a marvelously peaceful day one love



me and my girl miss G hanging out for her birthday



National Kidney Walk Foundation with my Favorite Woman in the whole wide world! Love you Mommy!



Me and my sister Vera the beautiful Vera AKA Toe she don't really like it as a woman now her nickname but she's always been this person to me and I will forever call her Toe LOL I love you Toe ❤️❤️



Good afternoon kings and queens decided today that I will show you my rabbit teeth smile my signature smile which I don't show you too much anymore but what the who there is only one of me I am uniquely made! We all are, let's all b... See more



Purple is a royal color one that I happen to love good day kings and queens peace love and light



I love my family peace love and light



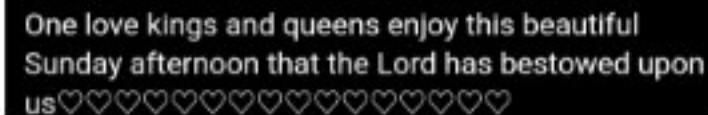
I tried to live as humbly as I can I wish for my brothers and sisters the same that I want and wish for myself 🥰🥰🥰



My grandbabies nakayla and summer I love and miss them so.....



We had such fun at my brothers birthday party



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 Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, 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 savored 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!

The family wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement. May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

"Your Loved Ones Deserve The Best - Unity"

