

*In Loving Memory of*



*Georgette Harris*

January 7, 1958 - June 12, 2022

**Saturday, June 18, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Love of Jesus Family Church**

**88-94 Boylan Street, Newark, New Jersey 07106**

**Bishop Barbara Glanton, Officiating**

# Obituary

Georgette Jackson-Harris was born January 7, 1958 in Port Smith, Virginia to the late Richard Jackson Sr. and the late Edith Mae Brewster Jackson. Georgette transitioned from this life on June 12, 2022, in Newton, NJ. Georgette was the eldest child, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many. She was a nurturing and supportive sprite who loved her children and listened without judgment! She advocated and encouraged those around her to achieve and to face their fears, all while dealing with her own personal struggles. Georgette was passionate about her sanctuary in the woods and enjoyed peace and quiet times!

Georgette was the eldest of five children, Errol, Yvette, Richard, and Zevilla. Georgette spent most of her childhood in New York City with a brief stay in Jacksonville, Florida in 1970 with her mother, stepfather Fred Henry, and siblings before returning back to New York City in 1972, where they settled at 400 West 151st. As a teenager she had a passion for the arts. She enjoyed watching The Dance Theater of Harlem and would spend hours practicing dance moves in front of the mirror. Playing Handball was also one of her favorite pastimes as well as listening to and collecting music albums. She was also a great dancer and enjoyed going to the disco, where she would dance the "Manhattan Hustle", all night!

Georgette was educated in the New York City public school system, later graduating from George Washington High School where she excelled in the "College Bound" program. After graduation she attended John Jay College of Criminal Studies and enrolled in the Criminal Justice degree program for one year until becoming a mother with her first child, Jasmine Williams, born June 1977. She enjoyed being a mom whole-heartily, so she decided to take a break from school to be a full time mother. After a brief hiatus, she continued her education and enrolled in a Computer Programming course called Project Best in June 1979, where she met her future Husband, Roland Harris Sr.

According to Roland, "I literally bumped into her coming through the door of the classroom and I was startled as I had a habit of walking with my head down. When I looked, she was smiling. Our teacher was behind her, and when I started staring at her, the teacher said, "you like big eyes, don't you Roland," and the rest was history." The two fall in love and just like one big happy family, Roland, Georgette, and her daughter Jasmine, moved to Petersburg, VA. In 1980, Roland went to school at Virginia State University and Georgette worked as a computer data entry operator for 3 1/2 years. In 1983, Roland and Georgette took marriage vows at a small ceremony in Petersburg, VA. That same year, they moved to Gaithersburg, Maryland. In September of 1985, they had a son, Roland Harris Jr. Georgette worked for several computer service companies from 1985 thru 1991. In 1991 the family again relocated to East Orange, New Jersey. From 1991 thru 2004, Georgette worked at Schindler Elevator company in Parsippany, New Jersey, as a customer service representative. Her family continued to grow with the birth of her second son, Trevor Harris in 1994. In 2001, Georgette and her family moved to Wantage, New Jersey. Georgette's Dream Home! If you wanted to get Georgette to see red, just tell her she was moving from that home! She loved her home and enjoyed the peace and serenity that it provided! In her spare time she built planters where she would grow herbs and garden flowers. She had a passion for crafting that included sewing, knitting, stitching, and creating gift baskets and strinkets. She was also an amazing and gifted cook and enjoyed preparing delicious meals, especially during Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years, for her family and friends. For a Black woman from Harlem, she could make a mean beef and chicken pastelito empanada platter with fried plantains, and crispy bacon! Georgette had an appetite like a mouse but when it came to oxtails, potato salad, and Maryland Blue Crab, she could finish off 2-3 plates. She had no issue taking the hour 1/2 drive to Newark to purchase small turkey wings, oxtails, and during the season, pounds of Maryland Blue Crab. A good meal brought her joy! Georgette was an avid movie goer, she enjoyed watching documentaries, docu-movies, and her favorite channels were LifeTime & ID Channel. Music was always playing in her home, she would play her favorites of Earth, Wind, and Fire, Stevie Wonder, George Micheal, Luther Vandross, and a host of other artists and genres. She also enjoyed traveling with her husband and children and visited multiple places in the United States plus other countries by boat and plane!

In 2004, Georgette started working at Sunrise House, a drug and alcohol treatment facility. There she found her true work passion in life and became a Patient Records/Disability Information Director for patients who were admitted to the facility. She loved Sunrise House and worked there for 18 years. One of her biggest accomplishments, while employed with Sunrise House, was being a part of the contract negotiating team for HPEA ( Health Professionals & Allied Employees ) Local 5629. Through persistence and tough negotiations, her team was able to succeed in providing increased wages and staffing and other benefits for Sunrise House employees. Georgette was proud of this accomplishment and continued to be an advocate for her Sunrise Family when needed!

In April of 2020, Georgette had contracted the Covid virus and from there, her health started to deteriorate, but that didn't stop her from enjoying what life had to offer. She continued to live life, working, spending time with her husband, her children, family, and friends. A good day for Georgette was working at Sunrise House, coming home, having great conversations with her husband, watching Andy Griffith Show & The Golden Girls, and drinking a nice cold beer. Even during her regular cancer treatments of radiation and chemo she managed to stay positive! Georgette fought her disease for 1 1/2 years until her body could no longer fight and in God's mercy, he took her home peacefully June 12, 2022.

Georgette leaves behind her husband Roland Harris Sr., three adoring children, Jasmine, Roland Jr., and Trevor, siblings Yvette, Zevilla, her adoptive sister Debra Eanes, grand-children, Joyel and Tahir, her marital Harris Family, The Brewster-Toppin Ware and Jackson Family, Cousins, a host of nephews and nieces, her far-reaching extended family and loving

# *Order of Service*

**Processional**

**Selection**

**Scripture Readings**

**Prayer**

**Selection**

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**Obituary**

**Selection**

**Eulogy**

**Final Viewing**

**Recessional**

*Interment*  
Rosedale Cemetery  
Orange, New Jersey

# *I Am Resting*

*I've parted this life my loved one,  
But worry not for I am not gone,  
I am merely resting.  
Don't cry or mourn  
For God is with you and in your hearts.  
Carry on.*

*We will miss each other,  
But remember God is with us all.  
Be strong my loved one,  
For I am not gone,  
but merely resting.  
-Author unknown*

## *Acknowledgement*

*The family wishes to express their deepest and most sincere  
thanks to all who shared with them in this time of sorrow.  
May God bless and keep you in a most gracious way.*

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