

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF
Rose Cecilia Harris



JANUARY 15, 1946 - JUNE 16, 2022

FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2022

VIEWING: 9:00 - 10:00 A.M.

SERVICE: 10:00 A.M.

HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

450 Fountain Avenue • Brooklyn, New York 11208

Obituary



Rose Cecilia Harris was born on January 15th, 1946 to Mildred Prince and Anthony Harris in Willikies, Antigua. She spent her childhood there and developed life-long friendships that spanned 70 years. Rose came to New York in 1964 where she attended William H. Maxwell High School in Brooklyn. After graduation, Rose went to work at Benrus Watch Company. After Benrus, she went on to work as a 411 operator for the five boroughs of New York City. In 1967, she gave birth to her beloved son Wayne Georges.

In 1968, she began working for New York Life. She started her career, at the company, in their Manhattan home office as an indexer. Throughout her career, Rose held various administrative and supervisory positions as well as the position of Senior Underwriter. She was known for taking a department that was underperforming and turning it into a high-functioning team.

Her career took many turns. In the summer of 1993, Rose relocated from the Home Office to Cleveland, Ohio to help set up a new underwriting department as part of the Service Center expansion. The various skills and experiences she acquired over the years made her the ideal candidate for that role. She played an integral part in making the underwriting team in Cleveland successful. Throughout this journey, she formed many amazing and long-lasting relationships. Finally, in the summer of 2013, after 45 years with the company, she retired to spend her later years in New Jersey with her son, grandchildren and daughter-in-law.

Gladys, as she was affectionately known, had a sharp wit, sharp mind, sharp tongue, pure spirit, and kind heart. She was always brutally honest but, at the same time, was a truly loving and caring person which became manifest in her deep devotion as a mother, a grandmother, an aunt, a sister, a daughter, and a friend. She could “cuss” you out one minute and give you her last penny the next. She was full of spirit, had a zest for life and touched many in which she came in contact. She had an uncanny wisdom which she shared freely.

Boy, did she love to cook! She enjoyed feeding everyone and expressed her love with the wonderful foods and dishes she would prepare and share with friends and family alike. To truly know her was to love her. She was one-of-a-kind and unforgettable.

Rose departed on June 16th, 2022 and was preceded in death by her mother Mildred, father Anthony, sister Patricia Prince, and brothers Calvin Harris and Kevin Prince Sr.

She is survived by her son Wayne Georges; her daughter-in-law Sharon Georges; her grandchildren, Brittany and Brandon Georges; her aunt, Aurora Thompson; her uncle, Arkel Bowers; her sisters Olivette Francis (Oswald Francis), Irene Robinson (Ollie Robinson), Yvonne Brann, and Judy Simmons; her brother, Calvin Harris; her step-brother, Clyde Prince; her nieces, Cheryl Edwards, Cherise Gittens, Ebony Prince, Alexis Prince, Tiffany Prince, and Donna Georges; her nephews Michael (Jermaine) and Corey Robinson, Kevin Prince Jr, D’Kaboo and T’Shombe Brann, David, Kerron, and Shadiael Simmons, Mickel Tarage and Tickwon Harris; and her, daughter in honor, Valerie Perry. She also leaves behind a host of cousins, such as Gail Taylor, Elvin Soanes, and Clarvis Soanes; great nieces; great nephews; friends; and her New York Life family.

Order of Service

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| Processional | Pastor and Family |
| Scripture Reading: | |
| Old Testament - Psalm 23 | Evg. Amy Neal |
| New Testament - John 14:1-6 | Evg. Amy Neal |
| Prayer of Comfort | Rev. Gail Taylor |
| Acknowledgement of Condolences | Ms. Brittany Georges |
| Obituary Reading | Mr. Wayne Georges |
| Special Tribute | Ms. Valerie Perry |
| Reflections..... | “2 Minutes Please” (Limited to 5 People) |
| Solo | Trustee Joyce White |
| Eulogy | Rev. Timothy P. Taylor Sr. |
| Closing Prayer | |
| Benediction | |
| Recessional | |
| Private Family Viewing | |

Interment

CYPRESS HILLS CEMETERY
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Upon return from the interment, the family invites you to join them for a repast in the church fellowship hall.

Pall Bearers

Jermaine Robinson (Nephew)
Corey Robinson (Nephew)
Brandon Georges (Grandson)
Jaden Nancoo (Great Nephew)
Jasaun Edwards (Great Nephew)
Wayne Georges (Son)

I'm free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
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, to 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 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 hearts and peace to thee. God wanted me now; He set me free.



Acknowledgement

The family of **Rose Cecilia Harris** acknowledges with great appreciation all acts of kindness, sympathy and love extended to us during this time of bereavement.

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