

*Celebrating the Life of*



**Sunrise**  
**June 13, 1941**

**Sunset**  
**November 25, 2022**

*Wilma Jean Harris*

*"Momma Jean"*

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022 - 12:00 Noon**

**CARNIE P. BRAGG FUNERAL HOME**

256 Rosa Parks Blvd., Paterson, New Jersey

*Rev. Rohin Beach, Officiating*

*Rex Hill, Organist*

# Obituary

**Wilma Jean Harris** affectionately known as “Momma Jean” was born on June 13th, 1941 in South Boston (Halifax County), VA. She was born to the late Andrew M. and Hattie Wilkerson. Wilma was educated in the Halifax County school system. At an early age she joined Zion Hill Baptist Church in Virginia. Later Wilma was united in holy matrimony to Thomas Jefferson Harris Sr., and from this union 7 children were born.

Wilma worked for Catholic Family Community Services for several years. She later began working at Barnert Hospital Paterson, NJ from which she retired in 2006. Wilma enjoyed life! and she also loved to talk to anyone that wanted to chat. A people person. “Momma Jean” loved garage sales, we will always miss and remember “Momma Jean’s stories of growing up in the south. She especially talked about the one about Buck the Bull. She will truly be missed.

She was preceded in death by her husband; Thomas J. Harris, Sr., sons; Thomas J. Jr., Kenneth O’Brian, Harris, her parents; Andrew M. and Hattie Wilkerson, sister; Juanita Wilkerson, brothers; Roger, Martin (Randy), James (Louis), Wilkerson, son-in-law Earl Bush.

Wilma J. Harris departed this life on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, after a long illness.

“Momma Jean” leaves to remember cherished memories three daughters; Karen Montague (Christopher), Daphne Harris Bush, Gina Harris Campbell (Rodney) all of Paterson, NJ, two sons; Anthony Harris (Jada), Michael (Jessie) Harris both of Troy Hills, NJ, daughter-in-law; Donalyn Harris, of Paterson, NJ, sister; Yvonne Lide (Alonzo) of Paterson, NJ, brother; Larry Wilkerson (Emmer) of Anderson, S.C., sisters-in-law; Alexis Wilkerson, Eunice Britton, Esther Bryant, from MD, Mable Wilkerson of Huntsville, AL, Sarah Marable, of VA, Alice Pace of FL, Dolly May Harris of Paterson, aunts; Argentina Mallory, of Paterson, Arista Manderville of PA. “Momma Jean” also leaves to cherish her memory twenty-two grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends that will truly miss her. Her special friends; Ann Holmes, Alice Brooks of Paterson, and the family would like to thank Wendy for the many years of her care and kindness she gave to our mom. God Bless you for your care and thoughtfulness.

# Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Reading  
Old Testament  
New Testament

Prayer of Comfort

Selection

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary

Selection

Words of Comfort

Rev. Rohin Beach  
*Community Baptist Church*  
*Englewood, NJ*

Recessional

*Interment*  
Cedar Lawn Cemetery  
Route 20  
Paterson, New Jersey

## *When I Must Leave You*

Please don't say that I gave up, just say that I gave in. Don't say I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but I did my best. Just say that I tried to do what's right - to give the most I could, not do less.

Please don't give me wings or halos, that's for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give flowers, or talk in hushed tones. Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God; I've made my home.

Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a Saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong, so use all your paint - not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact, don't put me down on canvass, paint me in your heart.

Don't just remember good times, but remember all the bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad. But if you must do something, then I have one last request - forgive for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left, thank God for my soul's resting, thank God for I've been blessed. Thank God for all who loved me, praise God who loved me best.

-Unknown author

## *Acknowledgment*

The family of **Wilma Jean Harris** 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.

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