



Mrs. Brenda R. Harris

October 12, 1944 - June 23, 2024

Brenda Raye Harris was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend. She passed away on June 23, 2024, at Henry Ford Hospital at 79 years old.

Brenda Raye Coon was born in Hattiesburg, MS. on Oct. 12, 1944 to Lewis Jeff Coon and Johnnie Mae Williams. She moved to Akron, Ohio at an early age with her mother and stepfather, Sam Johnson. As a child, Brenda lived with several relatives in various states. While living in Chicago, IL, she met and married soldier James E. Harris, their marriage lasted for over 61 years. Together they traveled the world and ultimately built a life in Saginaw, Michigan.

Brenda Raye served on the Buena Vista School Board for over a decade and she headed the Neighborhood Watch in her area. She enjoyed bowling, planting flowers, collecting mementos from across the globe and being a good neighbor. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Brenda Raye was down to earth; she was most comfortable wearing t-shirts from her extensive collection. She loved talking on the phone, she was a huge fan of Facebook, and a Candy Crush guru.

She was predeceased by her parents, Lewis Jeff Coon and Johnnie Mae Randall; brothers; Lewis Coon Jr., Jerome Coon; sisters, Vivian Brown, Shirley Brown, Wonna Brown; step-sisters, Katie Mae Johnson, Evelyn

Johnson; step-brother, Sammy Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memory, husband James Harris, Sr., three children, Brenda (Asuman) Harris-Watara, Saginaw, MI; James (Rochenda) Harris Jr., Saginaw, MI; Andrew Harris, Saginaw, MI; two brothers, Curtis Johnson, Essexville, MI; Larry Johnson, Saginaw, MI; sisters, Frances Irvin, Saginaw, MI; Wanda Garrett, Denver, CO; Shawheen Coon, Fairfield, CA; two step-brothers, William (Denease) Mack, Fort Myers, FL and Tyrone Johnson, Saginaw, MI; two step-sisters, Pecolia Coon, Fairfield, CA; and Renee Johnson, Saginaw, MI; one sister-in-law, Delores Beal, Coon Rapids, MN; six grandchildren, Xavier Houston; Xenovia Ball; Brittany Harris; Diamond Hardin; Andrew Harris, Jr. and Ariana Harris; six great-grandchildren, Xe'Nie Baker; Dayshawn Tate; Antwane Baker; Khazmeire Harris; Amir Gilmer and Chase Hardin, many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She will be truly missed by special neighbors, Harold and Rosalind McCray, and her phone buddies Barbara Amon-Weigandt and Francis Hayes.

The absence of Brenda Raye's laughter and loving presence will surely be deeply felt by those who knew her.

She wished to forgo a memorial service of any kind. On July 15, 2024, at 1:00 pm, interment will take place in Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, Michigan 48442.

In lieu of flowers, send donations to Jessie Loomis Elementary School, 2201 Limerick Street, Saginaw, MI 48601.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Previous Events

Burial Service

JUL 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI

Tribute Wall

TB

“ *Tonja Williams Bryson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Tonja Williams Bryson - July 22, 2024 at 08:21 AM

TB

I love you and you will be truly missed.

Tonja Williams Bryson - July 22, 2024 at 08:22 AM

AP

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Brenda Rae. She was a very special lady. My prayers are with the entire family. Death has a way of making us evaluate life and how we deal with love ones. I pray that the sadness you are experiencing now will be replaced with joyful memories.*

Alberta Pruitt - July 20, 2024 at 09:45 PM

DF

“ *DEBORAH FINCH lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



DEBORAH FINCH - July 13, 2024 at 07:05 AM

IC

“ IRMA CHISM lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



IRMA CHISM - July 13, 2024 at 01:31 AM

JP

“ To the Family of Mrs. Brenda Harris: Our heartfelt prayers and thoughts are with you during your time of bereavement. I knew Mrs. Harris when she served on the BV School Board, where my children attended school. I knew her to be a kind person. I live on the other end of 27th Street. When I drove the street, I would often see her working in her yard, which was so beautiful. To the Family, I pray that God blesses you with comfort, peace and strength during your time of bereavement! Blessings and much love!



*With deepest sympathy
Josephine Pelt and Family
27th Street*

Josephine Pelt - July 11, 2024 at 09:14 PM

TC

“ Mathis Family like to send our condolences to the Harris Family



Tracy Coston - July 10, 2024 at 04:49 PM

CP

“Charlotte Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Charlotte Perkins - July 10, 2024 at 09:11 AM

JS

“Jackie Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Jackie Sanders - July 10, 2024 at 08:27 AM

SS

“Shelva Scott-Veal sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Shelva Scott-Veal - July 09, 2024 at 10:45 PM

JR

“Jerrold Rance lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Jerrold Rance - July 08, 2024 at 05:55 PM

DP

“ Dorothy Price-Omar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Dorothy Price-Omar - July 06, 2024 at 10:59 PM

SI

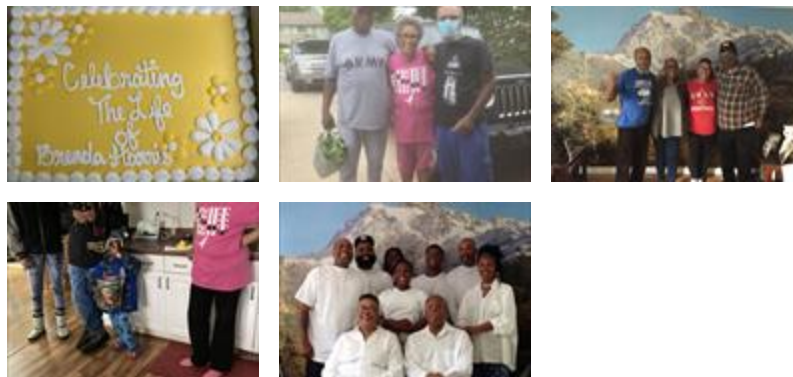
“ Silva lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Silva - July 06, 2024 at 09:03 AM

BH

“ 26 files added to the album Brenda Raye Harris



Brenda Harris-Watara - July 05, 2024 at 08:35 PM

FI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Francis Irvin - July 05, 2024 at 03:37 PM

FI

Forever and always in my heart! Many memories!

Francis Irvin - July 05, 2024 at 03:38 PM

FI

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Francis Irvin - July 05, 2024 at 03:35 PM

FI

Missing you dear sister!

Francis Irvin - July 05, 2024 at 03:36 PM

TP

“ *Thelma Prescott sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Thelma Prescott - July 04, 2024 at 07:54 AM

KN

“ *To Comrades James Sr. and Andrew you have our deepest sympathy. James losing a spouse leaves a void that if you haven't experienced one cannot begin to comprehend. Knowing the void I sympathize with you more.*



To my BFF, there's no love like a father and mother bond. The love you and Ma shared cannot be taken away by no one or nothing ever. Know that I love you and remember to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

Kimberly A. Napoleon

Commander,

Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars USA and

Daren K. Humes

Post Commander

WC Schulz/DA McKinney Jr.VFW Post 9931

Kimberly A. Napoleon - July 03, 2024 at 07:03 PM

MS

“ *Margaret Stuckett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Margaret stuckett - July 03, 2024 at 04:31 PM

CP

“ *Carrie Polk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Carrie Polk - July 03, 2024 at 03:47 PM

HT

“ *Howard Turner lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Howard Turner - July 03, 2024 at 10:08 AM

HT

Praying for strength for the Family.

Howard Turner - July 03, 2024 at 10:10 AM

RG

“ *Robert Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Robert Green - July 03, 2024 at 08:45 AM

JT

“ *My most sincere condolences to the Harris Family. May the Lord provide comfort during this time of bereavement!* 🙏



John T. Turner - July 03, 2024 at 08:17 AM

KW

“ *Kensell Webb lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Kensell webb - July 03, 2024 at 05:30 AM

VG

“ *I offer my deepest condolences to the Harris family much love and prayers for your healing family*



Victoria (Martinez) Gonzales - July 02, 2024 at 12:54 PM

MC

“ *MRS. Ann Curry lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



MRS. Ann Curry - July 02, 2024 at 12:39 PM

MS

“ *Min. Thomas & Helen Speed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Min. Thomas & Helen Speed - July 02, 2024 at 08:43 AM

PB

“ *Patricia Butler lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Patricia Butler - July 02, 2024 at 12:19 AM

DH

“ *Debra Hatfield-Lane lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Debra Hatfield-Lane - July 01, 2024 at 09:14 AM

MS

“ *Margaret Stuckett sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Margaret stuckett - June 30, 2024 at 10:21 PM

MS

Sorry for your lost praying for the family

Margaret stuckett - June 30, 2024 at 10:22 PM



“ *I will miss my Aunt. Her personality brought me joy. Even with long gaps in our visits, we always could pick up where we left off. Family dynamics frequently complicate things, but my love for her has never diminished. I pray for healing and peace for her entire family, myself included. God welcomed a great woman. If you're seeing this, Aunt, please tell my mom I love and miss her!!*

Andrea Johnson-Rowell - June 30, 2024 at 09:39 AM

PT

“ *We have great memories of a life well lived, friendship shared and neighborly good will on 27th St. Praying for Brenda Ray Harris' family. Praying God will strengthen, comfort and bring you all closer together.*

Phyllis Ann Thorne - June 29, 2024 at 11:01 PM

CS

“ *Connie Sanders sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Connie Sanders - June 29, 2024 at 03:45 PM

PR

“ *Pastor Terry Randolph and the Gethsemane MBC would like to extend our sincere condolences. May God comfort you during this transitional period of your loved one.*

Pastor Randolph - June 29, 2024 at 10:52 AM

JS

“ *Jennifer Polk Sims lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Jennifer Polk Sims - June 28, 2024 at 05:45 PM

PR

“ *Pamela Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Pamela Richardson - June 28, 2024 at 05:24 PM

TC

“ *Tracie L. Conic lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Tracie L. Conic - June 28, 2024 at 01:01 PM

BH

“ *Our Prayers & condolences to the entire Harris Family. Barbara Hill & Family*



Barbara Hill - June 28, 2024 at 09:08 AM

LO

“ *Leah O'Daniels lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Leah O'Daniels - June 28, 2024 at 12:10 AM

EC

“ *Emma & Fred Jr. Chaney purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris.*



Emma & Fred Jr. Chaney - June 27, 2024 at 01:24 PM

SM

“ *Cousin Brenda, love you and I will miss our talks that were full of laughs. Love you so much. Hug my dad, your uncle Ralph for me*
💖 *Love Stephanie Mays*



Stephanie Mays - June 27, 2024 at 12:54 PM

PM

“ Patricia M sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Patricia M - June 27, 2024 at 08:39 AM

TB

“ Tonja S Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Tonja S Brown - June 27, 2024 at 03:57 AM

AJ

“ Amelia Genwright Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Amelia Genwright Johnson - June 27, 2024 at 03:51 AM

KF

“ To the Harris family my deepest sympathy goes to the Harris family and the loving memory of Brenda Harris a dear close friend that I have had the pleasure of knowing for quite some years you will be truly missed and thank you for your years of service in Buena Vista. A very loving and caring BV parent.
Kirk Douglas Floyd

Kirk Floyd - June 26, 2024 at 11:17 PM

SO

“ *the Odie Carruth family sends our deepest condolences and love*



sonacarruth - June 26, 2024 at 05:20 PM

FR

“ *Felicia Robinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Felicia Robinson - June 26, 2024 at 05:01 PM

CF

“ *Andrew and the entire family, so sorry for your loss. Hope you will find comfort knowing that my family have you in our prayers. Love you all much. Ms Penny Fife*

Claudine Fife - June 26, 2024 at 04:51 PM

CF

“ *Claudine Fife lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Claudine Fife - June 26, 2024 at 04:46 PM

TM

“ Theresa McClellon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Theresa McClellon - June 26, 2024 at 04:00 PM

JC

“ Mrs.Harris the best neighbor of having a Pleasure of knowing my whole 25 plus yrs of living on 27th She will be truly missed 💔🙏



Joyce Colehumes - June 26, 2024 at 02:36 PM

EJ

“ Elaine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Elaine Jackson - June 26, 2024 at 01:45 PM

EJ

“ Sorry for your loss sending my condolences

Elaine Jackson - June 26, 2024 at 01:44 PM

SW

“ *Syiganda Williamson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Syiganda Williamson - June 26, 2024 at 01:25 PM

RB

“ *So sorry to hear of Brenda's passing. We lived on 27th street too. She was a very nice person with a pleasing personality. Robert and Thomas Bell*



Robert. Shellie Bell - June 26, 2024 at 10:56 AM

RM

“ *Rachel Martinez lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Rachel Martinez - June 26, 2024 at 10:13 AM

TJ

“ *Tracey Anderson Jones and John lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda Harris.*



Tracey Jones - June 26, 2024 at 10:06 AM

SH

“ *Shunda Haygood lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Shunda Haygood - June 26, 2024 at 09:57 AM

CC

“ *Clarence Carter lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Clarence Carter - June 26, 2024 at 08:46 AM

CP

“ *Cheryl Kay Payton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Cheryl Kay Payton - June 26, 2024 at 08:31 AM

WJ

“ *Walter (Moody) And Cora Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



walter (Moody) and Cora Jones - June 26, 2024 at 08:20 AM

BP

“ Prayers of comfort and condolences to the family of Mrs. Brenda Harris. God Bless.



Barbara Payton - June 26, 2024 at 06:42 AM

VB

“ Valerie Foster Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Valerie Foster Baker - June 26, 2024 at 04:51 AM

DH

“ Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



Delta Hawkins - June 25, 2024 at 10:29 PM

DG

“ Sending condolences to the Harris, Johnson, and Irving families. Brenda was a very special lady. She will be missed



Delphine Nichols Greene - June 25, 2024 at 06:20 PM

MC

“ *Marie Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Marie Coleman - June 25, 2024 at 02:31 PM

 LaViita Dmore

“ *Fly high cousin and too her children I hope you all gone be alright*

LaViita Dmore - June 25, 2024 at 12:58 PM

DH

“ *Doristene Haynes lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Doristene Haynes - June 25, 2024 at 12:04 PM

DH

“ James, Pebbles, JJ and Westley, I send you my heartfelt condolences at this time. We could not ask for a better neighbor. Brenda is greatly missed by my family. She would call me and share information if she thought I should know. It was always nice to talk with her and catch up on what was happening with our families. When I would visit Saginaw I could count on seeing her and James. She was always positive and spoke her mind. She had a wonderful sense of humor and didn't mind sharing with you. Our neighborhood block is going to miss her because she and my mother would make sure they shared the love and welcomed new neighbors. Every neighborhood need a warrior like Brenda. I imagine her now with my mom, dad and all the neighbors on 27th street that have transitioned saying "hey yall, I'm here now, what's next?" She and James were a part of the neighborhood when it was first established, so many memories. So many wonderful memories. God bless and keep us all. From my family to your family love and peace. Doristene Haynes and family.

Doristene Haynes - June 25, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JB

“ JoNita Byrd-Reeves sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris



JoNita Byrd-Reeves - June 25, 2024 at 10:28 AM

HJ

“ *Herbert Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Herbert Jones - June 25, 2024 at 08:05 AM

BW

“ *Beverly Walker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Beverly Walker - June 25, 2024 at 08:02 AM

BB

“ *To my dearest friend Wesley I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother. My Our Heavenly Father continue to be your strength through this time of bereavement.*

Bridget Baber - June 25, 2024 at 12:10 AM

BB

“ *Bridget Baber lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Bridget Baber - June 25, 2024 at 12:05 AM

LC

“ *Larry&Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Larry&Gwen Conway - June 24, 2024 at 09:35 PM

CP

“ *Cheryl Payton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Cheryl Payton - June 24, 2024 at 07:52 PM

BC

“ *Bobbie Crosby-Locke lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Bobbie Crosby-Locke - June 24, 2024 at 07:05 PM

SB

“ *Sharon&Patrick Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Sharon&Patrick Brown - June 24, 2024 at 06:50 PM

VF

“ *Valerie Foster-Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Brenda R. Harris*



Valerie Foster-Baker - June 24, 2024 at 04:35 PM