



Mrs. Harriett Cheek

September 12, 1955 - January 24, 2025

Harriett Cheek was born on September 12, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan to the parents of George M. Smith and Grace M. Caldwell. She passed away on January 24, 2025 at the age of 70 years.

Mrs. Harriett Cheek was an educator from Elementary to High School. She started at Everett Elementary and Gardner Middle School in Lansing, MI. Mrs. Cheek went on to be the Principal at Buena Vista High School in Saginaw, MI. She successfully opened the Genesee Stem Academy School in Flint, Michigan where she was the Principal and the Superintendent of the school. Harriett was a proud graduate from Michigan State University. She cared about the academic growth of her students. Harriett loved traveling, bowling and was a sport fanatic known as “Crazy Rita”.

Mrs. Cheek leaves to cherish her memory, husband, Haroland T. Cheek of Saginaw, MI; children, Stan Harris II of Troy, MI, Todd Harris, Lansing, MI, Jasmine Harris-Mason, Tampa, FL, Nina Cheek of Hazel Park, MI, Etta Cheek of Ypsilanti, MI and Kenneth Cheek, Battle Creek, MI; grandchildren, Stan Harris III (Trey) and Sydney Harris, both of Troy, MI, Malik Harris of Holt, MI, Aria Harris of Lansing, MI, Emeryald Smith of NC, Dominic and Madison Isabel, Ulivia Cruz, Alliyana Mason, Zemmari Mason and Xaiden Mason, all of Tampa, Florida; three great-grandchildren, Mykal, Karson and Ma’Hawanee Smith; aunt, Kendra Jenkins of Toledo, OH; uncles, Terry and Keith Smith

both of Detroit, MI; cousins including Kenya Smith, of Toledo, OH; sisters-in-law, Diane Blanchard of Ann Arbor, MI, Sylvia Cheek, Atlanta, GA and Sandra Whitehead of Lansing, MI; brothers-in-law, Allan Cheek of Charleston, SC and Samuel Cheek of Troy, MI; niece, Charise Caldwell of Southfield, MI; many other relatives and friends including, Alois Smith, Stella Johnson and her Amigos in Lansing, MI.

Mrs. Harriett Cheek was preceded in death by her parents, George M. Smith and Grace M. Caldwell.

Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m., with a memorial service commencing at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2025 at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 535 Cathay Street, Saginaw, MI 48601.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel A.M.E. Church
535 Cathay Street
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Cynthia Higgins - March 08, 2025 at 11:25 AM

SM

“ *Praying for the Family of Sister "Rita" Cheeks, (as I knew her), for very many years when we would fellowship together at Lewis Chapel A.M.E. when I came to visit. I just heard of her passing today, and wanted to send my Deepest condolences to each of you. May the Lord strengthen and comfort you in the days and nights to come. And may she Rest in Peace.*



Sis. Teresa Gibson Jackson MI - March 04, 2025 at 08:36 PM

JM

*Thank you for your prayers,
with love,
Jazz (Her daughter)*

Jasmine I Mason - March 07, 2025 at 05:11 AM

GS

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



GSTEMA - February 28, 2025 at 06:07 PM

DM

“ Dr. Roslyn McQueen lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek



Dr. Roslyn McQueen - February 26, 2025 at 02:38 PM

JM

One of her most fond memories was creating a safe space for generations to grow in academics and in spirit.

Thank you,

Jazz (Daughter)

Jasmine I Mason - March 07, 2025 at 05:13 AM

LL

“ Laura Legardye lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek



Laura Legardye - February 25, 2025 at 09:02 PM

JM

*Thank you for your prayers,
with love,
Jazz (Her daughter)*

Jasmine I Mason - March 07, 2025 at 05:14 AM

SA

“ *Susan Addison lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Harriett Cheek*



Susan Addison - February 25, 2025 at 01:27 PM

JM

*Thank you for your prayers,
with love,
Jazz (Her daughter)*

Jasmine I Mason - March 07, 2025 at 05:14 AM

TW

“ *Tracey White lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Harriett Cheek*



Tracey White - February 24, 2025 at 12:21 PM

JM

*Thank you for your prayers,
with love,
Jazz (Her daughter)*

Jasmine I Mason - March 07, 2025 at 05:14 AM

IT

“ *Inez Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Inez Tyson - February 17, 2025 at 09:19 PM

TC

“ *Tracie Conic lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Tracie Conic - February 10, 2025 at 03:21 PM

LW

“ *May God provide a space of comfort that is filled with love and unwavering support for the family of Rita Cheek. The family has my sincere condolences during this difficult time.*

Laticia Whitehead - February 09, 2025 at 10:30 PM

BH

“ *Condolences to the entire family. Hold on to all the precious memories and her hard life long work.*



Barbara Hill - February 07, 2025 at 11:14 AM

TW

“ So Sorry for your loss, my Prayers and
Deepest Condolences all of Mrs. Cheek
Family and Friends



Tracey White - February 06, 2025 at 11:21 AM

PS

“ Patricia Scott-Mason lit a candle in memory of
Mrs. Harriett Cheek



Patricia Scott-Mason - February 05, 2025 at 04:25 PM

BW

“ My condolences to the family may the Lord
comfort you during this heartfelt time.



Barbara A Weston - February 03, 2025 at 09:55 PM

LJ

“ She worked tirelessly to benefit children. RIP--you showed so many
a better way totally supported by Our Lord--not the world's
instruments. C. Johnson Lee.

Leslie johnson-lee - February 03, 2025 at 09:16 PM

BM

“ *Beatrice F. McAfee lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Beatrice F. McAfee - February 01, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mrs. Harriett Cheek.*



February 01, 2025 at 01:21 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mrs. Harriet Cheek.*

February 01, 2025 at 01:21 AM

JH

“ *The best principle I ever had your truly going to be missed*

jamar Hooks - January 31, 2025 at 10:41 PM

JR

“ *Jerrold Rance lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Jerrold Rance - January 31, 2025 at 06:31 PM

VD

“ Vincent & Chon Dugan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek



Vincent & Chon Dugan - January 31, 2025 at 02:40 PM

AV

“ Alfred N Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek



Alfred N Vinson - January 31, 2025 at 12:33 PM

NT

“ Nola Taylor & Charles Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek



Nola Taylor & Charles Taylor - January 31, 2025 at 10:52 AM

SM

“ Sam And Deborah Mack lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek



Sam and Deborah Mack - January 31, 2025 at 09:23 AM

SH

“ *My prayers and condolences to Mrs. Cheek family. May she rest in Heavenly peace.* ”



Stephanie Hall - January 31, 2025 at 08:52 AM

CD

“ *Chondeleea Dugan sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek* ”



Chondeleea Dugan - January 31, 2025 at 12:22 AM

AN

“ *Alicia Nelson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek* ”



Alicia Nelson - January 30, 2025 at 06:49 PM

TH

“ *A very nice lady sending my condolence and prayers to the family* ”



Tina Houze - January 30, 2025 at 05:45 PM

MM

“ *Sending my prayers and condolences. Ms. Cheeks was one the best principle. Will be missed.* ”

Mia M - January 30, 2025 at 05:40 PM

BB

“ *Belinda Barlow-Poole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek* ”



Belinda Barlow-Poole - January 30, 2025 at 10:53 AM

AP

“ *Alberta Pruitt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek* ”



Alberta Pruitt - January 30, 2025 at 02:32 AM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek* ”



Yvette Wofford - January 30, 2025 at 12:40 AM

GH

“ *Gwen Harvey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Gwen Harvey - January 29, 2025 at 07:18 PM

PM

“ *Pamela Brown Maloy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Pamela Brown Maloy - January 29, 2025 at 06:42 PM

LD

“ *Lorane Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Lorane Dorsey - January 29, 2025 at 03:49 PM

GW

“ *Gracie M Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Gracie M Witherspoon - January 28, 2025 at 10:53 PM

TB

“ *Tonja S Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Tonja S Brown - January 28, 2025 at 10:52 PM

HJ

“ *Sis. Cheek has Gained Her Wings!! What a Lovely Soul. God's Blessings and Love To Bro. Cheek, Family & Friends.*



Houston & Elaine Jackson Jr - January 28, 2025 at 01:28 PM

DH

“ *Delta Hawkins lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Delta Hawkins - January 27, 2025 at 11:29 PM

KJ

“ *KIMBERLY FAY JACKSON-WOODLEY lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



KIMBERLY FAY JACKSON-WOODLEY - January 27, 2025 at 09:14 PM

BS

“ *Briona Smiley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Briona Smiley - January 27, 2025 at 07:20 PM

CW

“ *Calvin & Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Calvin & Delores Williams - January 27, 2025 at 06:54 PM

ER

“ *Eddie Rance lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Eddie Rance - January 27, 2025 at 05:48 PM

JM

“ *James And Ola McMillan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



James and Ola McMillan - January 27, 2025 at 04:49 PM

JP

“ *Janice Powell-Coleman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Janice Powell-Coleman - January 27, 2025 at 02:17 PM

CH

“ *Cherryl Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Cherryl Henderson - January 27, 2025 at 02:08 PM

MM

“ *Melleretha Moses-Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Melleretha Moses-Johnson - January 27, 2025 at 01:25 PM

BL

“ *Barbara Land-Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



Barbara Land-Jones - January 27, 2025 at 12:55 PM

RW

“ *Condolences loved her commitment to
sunday school and commits .*



Rodney Walker and Barbara Walker - January 27, 2025 at 12:21 PM

OB

“ *Otissteen Blair-brown lit a candle in memory
of Mrs. Harriett Cheek*



otissteen blair-brown - January 27, 2025 at 11:23 AM

BJ

“ *Brenda Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs.
Harriett Cheek*



Brenda Jones - January 27, 2025 at 09:21 AM