



Juanita Harris

September 10, 1925 - September 8, 2006

Passed away Friday, September 8, 2006 at the age of 80 years. Family hour will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 15, 2006 at Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church, 1114 North 6th Street, with the funeral commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Marvin T. Smith will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Friends may call at the Browne's Mortuary, 441 North Jefferson Avenue, on Thursday from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. God has called his angel home to be at rest. Mrs. Juanita Z. Harris went home to be with her Lord and Savior Friday, September 8, 2006. She was born September 10, 1925 in Eusley, Alabama. She came to Saginaw, Michigan in 1929. She united with the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for over 20 years, and engaged in directing craft classes as a part of Vacation Bible School and Mission Youth Classes. Mrs. Harris loved her community and was a dedicated member of many organizations: Mother's Club, Women's Progressive Club, and a Community Activist for the Saginaw County Committee on Aging. Her heart though, could be found in service to young people where she was involved with PTA's in the Saginaw Public Schools, and a 4-H Director. She excelled in her commitment to the Mitten-Bay Girl Scouts where she served as a Girl Scout leader, organizing and providing guidance and leadership to many girls and teenagers in our area to becoming a Council Member where she assisted in providing a focus for it's mission for over 25 years. Mrs. Juanita Harris is survived by her devoted husband of 58 years, Enoch Harris; son, Jeffrey Dale Harris, Sr.; step-son,

Enoch Harris, Jr.; grandchildren, Jeffrey Dale Harris, Jr. (Monique), "twin" Shantel D. Harris, Taheerah Brown (Lorenzo Reynolds), Terrance and Linda Harris, D'Laurence and Robert McCall, all of Saginaw, MI, and Keith Harris of San Diego, CA; great-granddaughter, Layiah Addison; great-grandson, Jeffrey D. Harris, III; great-niece, and nephew, Vanessa and Dennis Parker; her extended family, Earlie James, Eleanor Powell, Lucille Lyda, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Foster and family, Sis. Ringo and family, Rev. & Mrs. Larry Camel, Rhonda Payton and family, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Wells, Alma Miller, Mrs. Odessa Caver and Mrs. Betty A. Chaney; many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. Those who preceded her in death include her parents, Thomas and Rose Williams; son, Frankie Harris; and granddaughter, "twin" Shauntel B. Harris Jenkins. Her motto: "A good education is for real, but only what you do for Christ will last!".

Tribute Wall

SR

“ She was a beautiful person that left her inspiration on me in my youth years. We were truly blessed to have her touch our lives.

Sandra J Russ-Stevens - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I first met her at the age of 6 years old. She was my Girl Scout Troop leader for 10 years. She always had an encouraging word for you no matter what the circumstances were. She will be truly missed. To the family, I pray that God will give you the comfort you need during this most difficult time.

Carlis Jackson - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

HJ

“ Mrs. Harris whom I often called "ma" was a true inspiration in my life. Mrs. Harris was my Girl Scout Leader from elementary-high school. Even after I graduated from high school I adopted her as my "other" mother. "Ma" is well respected throughout the community. I will always remember that every time that I spoke to her or seen her she would always have that "smile" and that "laugh." I will always love you "ma", but God loves you best.

Rest In Peace,
Love Your Other Daughter,
Shauna D. Hemphill-Small
Stockbridge, Georgia

Herman and Shauna Smalls. Jr. - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PJ

“ I worked at the council's Marketplace (where badges, books, etc. sold). I can still see Mrs. Harris enter the shop with her list of Girl Scout badges, whatever to buy. She was ever so pleasant and always she was the leader for so many years. She gave her heart and soul to the girls in her troops. Besides she cared for extended family but never a complaint.

I was sorry when I learned (after I retired in '96) that she went on to other pursuits. I think she just got tired.

Several years ago she, Nell Mauck and I had lunch at a downtown restaurant. It was so good to be with her. I had someone take a picture of us, wish I could find it quickly.

Long ago we would take our old newspapers to Juanita and Enoch's home - probably collecting for a special cause.

She had a special way with girls, with me and I cherish knowing her. Peace to all of her family.

Unfortunately I am unable to be at visitation to tell you this personally.

Pat Johnson - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ I will always remember Mrs. Harris from years in Girl Scouts. She and my grandmother, Jennie Farmer were the two shortest and toughest troupe leaders; but all the while, loving, supportive, and caring. Surely, Saginaw has lost an angel.

Tania Wright - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ Our prayers are with you and your family

exie robinson - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ You will always be loved and remembered because the life you lived speaks for itself. May you forever rest in peace in the house of the Lord.

Our continued prayers go out to the family you leave behind.

Love always.

Stella Lee, Carl & Steven

Carl, Stella & Steven Taylor - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Mrs. Harris will truly be missed by many, but forever loved by all. I am so grateful for having her as a grandmother figure in my life.

Rhonda Payton-Bell - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ You will be greatly missed by the three of us. I myself will cherish all the advice you have given me since 1997 til the present. I'm going to also miss all our phone conversation, not to mention my visits with the greatgrands when they would sleep over with Brian, Briana and myself Liz.

You will forever be in our heart's.

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Briana T. McGill - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM

MF

“*Mrs. Harris was my brownie, then junior and senior girl scout leader. We used to have so much fun going camping, cooking and doing crafts in the basement. All the girls at Houghton school wanted to be in our troop, because of all the fun we had. When I had my own daughter and she became old enough for girlscouts I took her to Mrs. Harris and she too shares those same types of memories. Mrs. Harris you are gone, but never forgotten. It takes a whole village to raise a child and I'm thankful to have had you play such an enormous role in the woman I am today. I pray for God's comfort over the family during your loss. She will be missed!*”

Melissa Fuller - September 08, 2006 at 12:00 AM