

*Celebrating  
the Life of*



*Mary Harrell Griffin*

March 9, 1949 – April 28, 2020

**Homegoing Celebration**

Friday, May 22, 2020

3:00 pm Family Hour

3:30 pm Service

James H Cole Home for Funerals  
16100 Schaefer | Detroit, MI 48235

# Order of Service

Processional ..... Musician  
 Song ..... Never Would have Made it  
 Scripture ..... OT Psalm 23  
 ..... NT John 14:1-6  
 Prayer ..... Minister  
 Obituary ..... (Read in Silence)  
 Song ..... Take Me to the King  
 Eulogy ..... Minister  
 Recessional ..... Musician

# My Mother's Life

Mary Pearl Harrell-Griffin was born in Boston, Georgia on March 9, 1949 to the late Leola Mae Simmons and Nathaniel Harrell. She was raised as a young child by her grandmother, Pearl Simmons in Boston, Georgia.

Mary accepted Christ at an early age.

Mary migrated with her mother to Detroit, Michigan at an early age. She attended Detroit Public Schools from elementary through high school. She graduated from Mackenzie High School, and continued her education at Wayne State University until she earned her Master's Degree.

Mary began adulthood when she had her first born on September 26, 1968, Mailyne Walker-Green. Mary found love and gave birth to her second daughter, Kiata Harrell, on July 17, 1974. Kiata and her only daughter, Lyric Harrell, both preceded Mary to the Kingdom of Heaven in April, 1998. In 1977, Mary married Warren Griffin, and on May 15, 1980, Mary and Warren had a son, Joseph Harrell-Griffin.

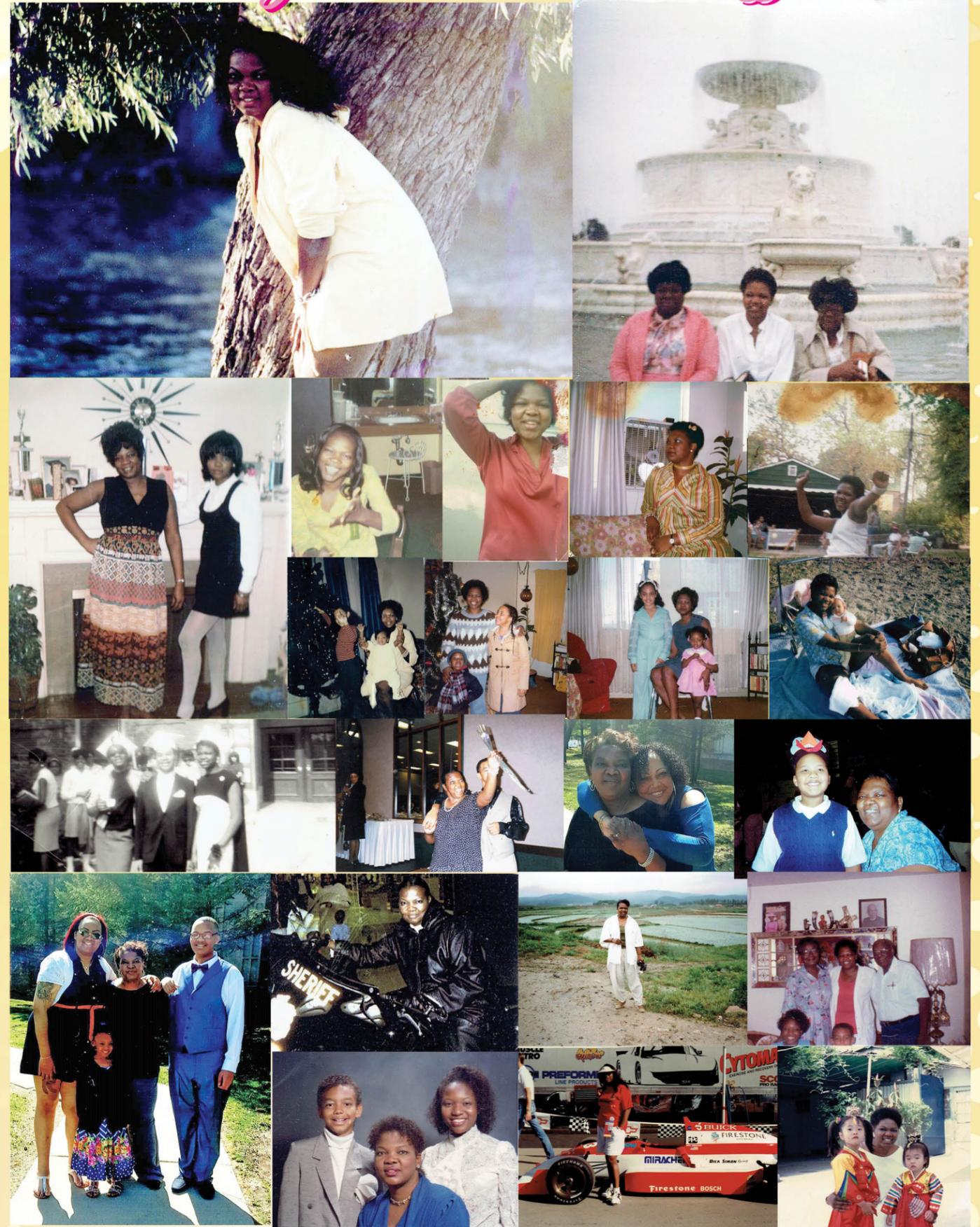
Mary began of her life's work for humanity when she became a social worker for the State of Michigan. She also built businesses as she taught and helped others, socially, politically, and mentally. Mary was always helping others, giving support wherever it was needed.

Mary's spirit went to rest on April 28, 2020. She joined her siblings who preceded her on this journey; sisters, Elizabeth Sargent, Ursula Dooms, and Diane Harrell.

Mary leaves to cherish her memory, her oldest daughter, Mailyne Walker-Green; her son, Joseph Harrell-Griffin; 3 grandchildren, Anthony II, Alicia, and Avante' Green; 3 great-grandchildren, Anthony III, Aubrie, and Amayia Green; her only brother, Henry Harrell; and baby sister, Elaine Peek, along with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.



# Mary Pearl Harrell-Griffin



# Sentiments

"There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love."

Washington Davis

**Joseph**

"It's been a long day without you my friend and I'll tell you all about it when I see you again. We've come a long way from where we began. Oh, I'll tell you all about it when I see you again. Those were the days hard work forever pays, now I see you're in a better place."

Wiz Khalifa

I'll miss you my Bff

**Love Vivian**

**Auntie Mary,**

There's so much I want to say. I'll sum it all up with this, My family and I truly appreciate all of your support and unconditional love.

Much love

**The Lacy family Aka Stundale & Family**

You're truly going to be missed. Our talks, love for books, writing, music, and your overall positive outlook on life. Your body may not be present, but your beautiful soul lives on with each and every one of us. I love and miss you.

Your granddaughter,

**Alicia Green**

**My mother**

The matriarch of my family

The core of my being, the root of my tree of life.

We were as one as a young child, I've always felt I was your protector as years came and gone, life made us distant. God knew the genuine love that bonded us was there. God spoke to me to come to you as the daughter you dreamed and deserved. Over time, we learned each other in the purest form and understood each other and rebuilt what was once lost. And the love blossomed like the flowers in your garden. Amazingly, I became that protector all over again. In my heart making you proud, was a joy. Making you smile was an honor. Hearing your laugh was my reward. Watching you light up with joy & happiness is a memory keepsake, that I'll always treasure, the love you gave me is priceless.

I admire you in so many ways. You achieved so much in life with the ups and downs life brought you. You persevered, you are a child of God, with your faith your devotion and beliefs have made you the loving woman that I call Momma. We just spoke on God's plans for us. You completed God's assignment with Him just not with me. I'm sorry for being selfish. We have gotten so close over the past several years and every year I hold dear, being the daughter, friend and your confidante has been the most fulfilling moments I could ever ask for, and it will carry on in my heart until I see you again. I'm happy to understand the beautiful woman I called Momma. You are loved by so many, you have touched in one way or another, you gave so much of yourself effortlessly, as you will remain in our hearts and thoughts and prayers.

I love you

Your Baby Girl

**MaiLynne**

**Mary,**

Thank you for being there for me as I grew up.

You always looked out for me as my big sister. I was the only boy in a house full of girls. I could always look to you when Mama wasn't around. I will miss you.

**Henry**

**Mary**

You will always be my Big Sister and I appreciate and love you more than words can say. I will never forget our talks on the phone. You left too soon. Love and miss you always.

Your baby Sis

**Elaine**

**Grandma's Eulogy**

Open your mind to the fact we do not know the truth about life and we are even further from the truth of death ...

Instead, expand your mind to the possibility that you may be, always have been, and will forever remain eternal. Do not be sad, do not be overwhelmed by pain, do not be afraid of what we don't understand. Embrace this situation and let it be the fuel to love one another.

To my grandmother and very close friend, I love you dearly. You will always be remembered. I pray that you are at peace on your journey. You leave behind great memories. We will always love you dearly.

Grandson,

**Anthony Green II**

**Avante'**

Grandma was there for me throughout my entire childhood. We spent a lot of time together. One-on-one went to different restaurants which we loved to do. Traveled to different cities museums, D.I.A., Plays.

Grandma always supported me through my school ceremonies and honor achievements. My school plays and concerts, grandma was always there. We spoke very little by phone but we always stayed connected. I loved her and always treated her like family. I just wish I could talk to her one last time and give her a hug, so tight, I miss you so much grandma xoxo

**Avante' Green**