

A SERVICE IN CELEBRATION OF
THE LIFE OF



Beverly Ann Harris

JUNE 25, 1950 - JUNE 20, 2026

Eliot Congregational Church of Roxbury

120 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury Massachusetts · Wednesday, July 2, 2026 at 11 AM

Reverend Andrew Kimble, Pastor, Officiating · Reverend Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Eulogist

Order of Service

MUSICAL MEDITATION Daniel Powell

INVOCATION. Rev. Andrew Kimble
Pastor, Eliot Congregational Church of Roxbury

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “How Great Thou Art” | #2

SCRIPTURE

OLD TESTAMENT: **Psalms 23** India Bethly

NEW TESTAMENT: **Titus 2:7-8**. Alisa R. Drayton

SOLO “The Lord’s Prayer”
Marilyn Andry

PRAYER OF COMFORT Rev. Dr. Glenn Campbell
Pastor - Bethany U.C.C. Church, Quincy, MA

POEM. “Poem to Ma” by Marjorie Perez
Sandra Malloy Lewis

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “It Is Well With My Soul” | #223

REMARKS BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS

REMARKS BY SONS. Brian Harris
Jason Harris, Sr.

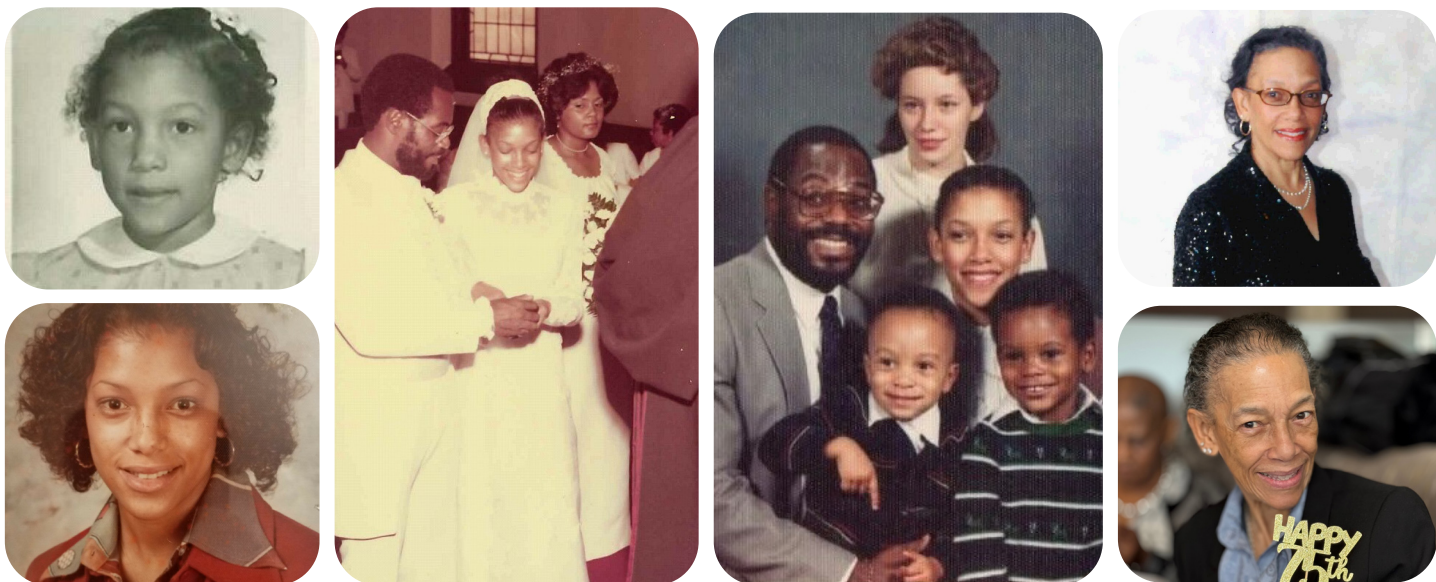
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & OBITUARY Arthur R. Taylor, Jr.

SOLO “Precious Lord”
Ashley Vilard

EULOGY Rev. Dr. Gregory G. Groover, Sr.
Pastor, The Historic Charles Street AME Church

BENEDICTION Rev. Andrew Kimble

RECESSION. “I Will Fly Away”



Prior to the Funeral

Order of Eastern Star Service at 10:15 AM



Pallbearers

Arthur Taylor	Jason Harris, Sr	Jonathan Perez	Jaylen Lark
Sterling Taylor	Brian Harris	Justin Perez	

Honorary Pallbearers

Jason Harris, Jr	Ta'veren Fernandes
Anthony Harris	Jamani Mentor



Family Acknowledgments

The family of Beverly Ann Harris would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all who have offered your love, support, and kindness during this time. Your prayers, comforting messages, and presence have been a great source of strength.



Interment

Forest Hills Cemetery
95 Forest Hills Avenue
Jamaica Plain, MA

Repast

*Following the burial, friends are invited to join
the family for a time of fellowship at:*

Prince Hall Grand Lodge
24 Washington Street, Dorchester, MA





Remembering Beverly Ann Taylor Harris

Beverly Ann (Taylor) Harris was born on Sunday, June 25, 1950 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late Viola E. (Moody) Taylor of Carson, Virginia and Arthur Ray Taylor, Sr. of Cartersville, Virginia. She peacefully departed this life on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Beverly, the only girl and second oldest of four children, grew up in Roxbury, Massachusetts with her three brothers, Arthur Ray Taylor, Jr., Sterling Bernard Taylor, and Ronald (Ronnie) Lee Taylor. Her family home on Tupelo Street was a hub for neighborhood children that is fondly remembered for the many cherished memories everyone shared there during their youth. As a young girl, Beverly worshiped at St. Mark Congregational Church in Roxbury with her extended family. She enjoyed playing volleyball and basketball in community sports leagues at the Roxbury YMCA.

She attended the historic W.L.P. Boardman Elementary School and the Patrick T. Campbell Middle School in Roxbury before attending the all-girls Jeremiah E. Burke High School. She earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1972 from the all-girls Lesley College in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She continued her education at Boston State College.

Beverly launched her career as an educator in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. She began her tenure as an elementary school teacher in the Boston Public Schools System during a difficult period of desegregation. She spent the majority of her career teaching third grade at the Dante Alighieri School in East Boston. In 2010, after 37 years of service, she retired to fully dedicate her time to her family and civic interests.

She was united in holy matrimony with Leslie Earl Harris of Chicago, Illinois on Saturday, August 21, 1976. Together, they shared 49 years of devoted marriage and built a loving home in Roxbury, where they raised three children: Marjorie, Jason, and Brian. She often shared her home and was a nurturing mother figure for several generations of nieces, nephews and extended family members during their adolescent years.

Beverly was a proud lifelong resident of Roxbury, who valued family and community. Beverly, alongside

her mother Viola, was a founding member of the Mount Zion Chapter No. 21 of the Order of the Eastern Star, an affiliate of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. She held numerous positions within the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Matron of the chapter in 1989. She was also an active member of the Eliot Congregational Church in Roxbury for over 50 years. She served on the Usher Board and the founding Board for the Eliot Educational Center. Beverly enjoyed spending time with family and friends, diverse genres of music, watching Sci-Fi movies and Western television shows, and weekly shopping trips to the historic Filene's Basement.

Beverly is survived by her children: Marjorie Ann Perez (John), Jason Leslie Harris, Sr. (Channa), Brian Anthony Harris (Danielle); her grandchildren: Jonathan, Justin, Jason, Jr., Jaylen, Syanna, Ta'veren, Anthony, Jayce, and Bryson; and her great-grandchildren: Milo, Vance, and Chance.

She leaves to mourn her memory, brothers Arthur Ray Taylor, Jr. (Jacqueline) and Sterling Bernard Taylor; nieces and nephews Alisa R. Drayton, Arthur R. Collins, Nicole Fearon, Treneva Jennings, and Jessica Marshall; in-laws, extended family, and friends.

Beverly is predeceased by her beloved husband Leslie, parents Arthur, Sr. and Viola, and younger brother Ronnie.

Beverly will be remembered for her loving warmth, intellect, humor, wit, joyful spirit, infectious smile and laugh, generosity, charm, devotion, and kindness. Those who knew her best know she will be "forever sixteen".



A Note to Mom

I could never have asked for a better Mom. God put us together and he knew what he was doing! Thank you for allowing me to be me, the unconditional love you always shared, the quiet calm nurturing you gave and the listening ear you had when life threw curve balls. I'll miss the hugs and kisses you always had for us. Thanksgiving Dinner will never be the same without you and Dad. That was our family time together, sure there were many other gatherings, but that was our time. It's so hard to say Good-Bye, but we will, knowing you are at peace and reunited with your "Earl" and the rest of the family in heaven. Love you, until we meet again. - Margie