

PSALM 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul,
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies,
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*The family of the late Anna L. Harrison acknowledges,
with sincere appreciation, your understanding, your prayers,
and all acts of kindness shown at this time of bereavement.*



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Sunrise
October 2, 1914

Sunset
September 19, 2015

*In Loving Memory
Of*



Anna L. Harrison

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"Precious Lord"

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Obituary

Anna L. Harrison, 100, of Asbury Park, NJ passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2015 in St. Louis, MO. She was born on October 2, 1914 in Allendale, SC to Tillman and Ella Lofton. She was the eldest of seven children, having two brothers and four sisters. Anne was baptized at Second Baptist Church in 1929, in the midst of the depression, by Reverend Ashby.

Anna lived in South Carolina until the age of fourteen. In 1928 her entire family moved in a friend's car to Asbury Park, NJ. The family had to steal away in the middle of the night because her father owed money to the owner of the land that he farmed.

Anna attended Ridge Avenue Elementary School. Her father got a job with the railroad. When Anna was sixteen she dropped out of school to help the family pay expenses. She later worked as domestic help for a Greek family from 1930 to 1940. The next three years Anna worked as an elevator operator for the Jersey Central Railroad.

In 1945 she applied for and got the job as a Clerical and Administrative Assistant at Fort Monmouth, NJ. She worked there for about three years and was laid off. Her boss was so impressed with her work that he sent a man to her home (she did not have a phone in her home) to offer her reemployment.

Anna's work involved the handling of a significant amount of World War II top secret information. She worked in the bookbindery and photography departments beside employees with college degrees, although she had no formal education herself. Anna was employed at Fort Monmouth for 32 years. She had received numerous awards for her dedication to her work and superior performance.

In 1938, while employed at Fort Monmouth, she met and later married Richard Raisen. He worked on the Central Railroad of New Jersey as a Pullman Porter. It was one of the best jobs a young black man could have at the time. Richard died in 1949 and Anna did not remarry until 1977. She married a longtime friend, William Harrison. Neither of her marriages produced any children.

Anna and William returned to the state of their birth, South Carolina, and took up residence in Mullins, not far from Myrtle Beach. They lived in wedded bliss until 1991 when William passed away.

William was a 32nd Degree Mason and a Shriner, while Anna was very active as an Eastern Star. Needless to say, throughout their marriage they did a considerable amount of entertaining and traveling to conventions for their organizations. After the death of her husband, William, Anna moved to St. Louis, MO and lived with her sister and brother in law.

Anna became known as "Mommy Anna" because of all of the years that she cared for the children of family and friends. She was always a special aunt. Since she did not have children of her own, she took care of everyone else's.

Anna always dressed to impress, was a great entertainer, and would continuously teach the young people around her. She always made sure that her family's stomachs were full, and also fed much of the neighborhood.

She was predeceased by her mother, Ella Parker Lofton; father, Tillman Lofton Sr.; sisters, Lottie Watson, Wilhelmina Gumby, and Viola Throne; brothers, Jessie Lofton and Tillman Lofton Jr. She is survived by sister, Florence Pack; and a host of nieces and nephews.

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