

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS OF APPRECIATION

First and foremost, we thank Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our family would like to extend a sincere thank you to each of you for your love, concern, visits, condolences, prayers, and acts of kindness during this difficult time. A special thank you to Rev. Willie Eugene Smith and the New Zion M. B. Church. God Bless You!

The Family

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Craig Roseburgh | Viera Roseburgh | Eddie Westry*

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF



Born into Life:

January 14, 1925

Born into Eternal Life:

July 23, 2025

Otesia Winder
HARPER

*"She stitched love into every seam and left warmth
in every memory. Rest in Jesus."*

Saturday, August 2, 2025 | 11:00 p.m.

NEW ZION M.B. CHURCH

630 12th Street - Yazoo City, MS 39194

Rev. Willie Eugene Smith, Pastor

Rev. Steve Dennis, Eulogist

Her Life Story

Otesia Winder Harper was born in Yazoo County, MS, to the late Mr. Fred Winder and Mrs. Catherine Winder. She was raised in a Christian home and accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age.

She was married to Charles Nolan (Butch) Harper, and to this union, three children were born: Dorothy, Charles, Jr., and Sharon.

Otesia joined the St. Peter M.B. Church in 1958 and was a very active member and was employed at the King Daughter Hospital and Community Action until she retired in 1988. She never hesitated to sacrifice her comfort for the sake of others and always administered tender loving care.

After retirement, she became a member of the Foster's Grandmothers Program.

As a child, she watched her grandmother make quilts. It was not until she received a quilt as a wedding gift that she began to quilt herself. Her work is inspired by illustrated children's Bibles. It depicts subjects such as Adam and Eve and Noah's Ark. She also portrays patriotic subjects, such as the Statue of Liberty, as well as themes from popular culture, including Coca-Cola. Her quilts have been displayed at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC, Ricks Memorial Library, and the Columbus Public Library.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Charles Harper, Jr.; her brother, George; and her sister, Annie Bell.

She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memories: two daughters, Dorothy Roseburgh of Columbus, MS, and Sharon Westry of Daphne, AL, and a brother, Joe Johnson of Satartia, MS; four grandchildren, Marcus Harper, Tracey Westry, Andrew Harper, and Julian Harper, and other extended relatives and friends.

The Service of Memory

Processional

*Scripture Reading
(Soft Music)*

Prayer

Special Tribute | Craig Rosenbaugh

*Obituary and Acknowledgements
(Read Silently)*

Solo | Dorothy Smith

Eulogy | Rev. Steve Dennis

Recessional



"Our Mother, our best friend...We love you and will miss you dearly. | Dorothy & Faye



Memories



Don't

Don't spend too much time in the mourning, tears are for the sad. I've left to be with Jesus, and that should make you glad.

Don't waste your hours in grieving, no need to feel distressed. I've dealt with life's frustrations and in my happiness, God gave me rest.

Don't vex, yourself with Questions, or try to reason why. Life here for me was ended, it came my time to die.

Don't lose the love I gave you, feed it with your care. Grow it with devotion and spread it everywhere.

Don't fret because my leaving came in such a way; we'll have Another meeting in God's eternal day.

