A Celebration of Life



Harriet Elizabeth McKinnis

Saturday, May 10, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Mendenhall Bible Church
Mendenhall, MS

"Well done thy good and faithful servant....enter thou into the house of the Lord."

Harriet Elizabeth Christy, affectionately known as "Koot", was born December 21, 1941, to the late Blanche and Elmer Christy. She was one of eight children who would be born to their union. She grew up and attended school in Aberdeen, Maryland. In 1957, she married Israel McKinnis, and shortly thereafter, the first of her six children was born. After spending some time overseas as a military wife, she decided that she preferred life in the U.S. She returned to Maryland and was an active member in Aberdeen Bible Church under the leadership of Pastor Artis Fletcher.

In 1975, after visiting Mendenhall on a mission trip a few years earlier, Harriet relocated to MS permanently.

She became an active member of Mendenhall Bible Church and served in various capacities over the years. She was known for her love of the Lord, welcoming spirit, and her ability to show love to others. Working at the local grocery store, thrift store, and even having a store of her own, cemented her role as a pillar of the community.

Harriet was a woman of many talents, but she will be most remembered for her cooking. There was nothing that she could not make or bake. There are very few people in this community who have not eaten something that she prepared. She truly had a gift.

Second only to her love of the Lord, was the love she had for her family. She spent her life instilling Christian values in her children and modeling an authentic Christian life. Her mission was to ensure that each new generation of her family grew up in the knowledge of the Lord. She succeeded.

After 83 years of living out God's will for her life, on May 5, 2025, Harriet went to be with the Lord. On that glorious day, she was reunited with her son, Troy, daughter, Renata, grandson, James Paul, brothers, June and Richard, sisters, Barbara, Geraldine, Ruth, and Marion, her parents, and a host of other family and friends. She leaves behind to cherish her memory: her sons, Tony (Shirley) and Darryl (Roberta), daughters, Tina and Yolanda (Fred), daughters-in-love Judie and Sharon, and her brother, Russell (Dottie). She leaves behind a legacy of 26 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and loved ones.

Order of Service

Entrance of Clergy.....Soft music
Seating of the Family.....Soft music
Scripture Reading.....Clergy
Scripture .....Clergy
Song.....Choir
Obituary (read silently).....Soft music
"Granny".....Dr. Charity Johnson
Remarks (2 min., please) .....
Song .....Choir
Message .....Pastor Marcus Turner
Closing Remarks .....Pastor Marcus Turner

<u>From the Family</u>

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you for your thoughts, prayers, and kind gestures. We are beyond blessed to have your support as we navigate this difficult time in our lives.