



Order of Service

Officiant, Pastor Otis V. Brandon

Musical Prelude	Remarks.....Marian Reese Nashay Harris
Processional.....Clergy & Family	
Closing of Bier.....G Choice Funeral Chapel	Obituary.....Renee Coleman
Hymn of Comfort.....GEBEC Choir Ensemble	Selection.....GEBEC Choir Ensemble
Scripture Readings	Eulogy.....Pastor Otis V. Brandon
Old Testament.....Ecclesiates 3:1-8	Benediction.....
New Testament.....1 Thessalonians 4:13-15	Recessional.....Clergy & Family
Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Leonard Green	
Selection.....GEBEC Choir Ensemble	
Acknowledgements of Condolences..... Renee Coleman	

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GEBEC Dining Hall
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Philadelphia, PA 19140

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The Family of Essie Teresa Harmon Crockett would like to express our thanks and gratitude for the out-pour of love, support and kindness shown during this time of bereavement.



Acknowledgment

A grandmother will always have a cherished place in our memories and in our hearts. She's someone for whom we want every happiness in return for the joy she always brings. A grandmother is all the dear and precious things in life... When she's a grandmother like you, I love you so much grandma, thank you for being there for me all these years. *Nashay* Love forever,

A grandmother has the wisdom of a teacher, the sincerity of a true friend, and the tenderness of a mother. She's someone we admire, respect and love very much. A grandmother is a remarkable woman. She's a wonderful combination of warmth and kindness, laughter and love. She overlooks our faults, encourages our dreams, and praises our every success.

Wonderful Grandmother

CELEBRATING HER LIFE



Essie HARMON CROCKETT

APRIL 6, 1943 – MARCH 4, 2025

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

VIEWING: 9:00AM | SERVICE: 11:00AM

Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church
3200 N. BROAD STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19140

F O R E V E R I N O U R H E A R T S



Essie's JOURNEY

ESSIE Teresa Harmon Crockett was born in Abbeville, South Carolina on April 6, 1943 and educated in the Greenville, South Carolina school system where she received good grades, did theater and loved going to get ice cream and donuts with her high school sweetheart Robert Crockett.

ESSIE and Robert fell in love, married in 1962 and welcomed their first son. The Crockett family moved to West Philadelphia in 1964 welcoming later two more sons.

ESSIE was a Domestic Engineer for the Gross Family for 32 years. Then, a well-respected Housekeeper at Marriott Hotel for many years and Burlington Coat Factory before she retired. The Crockett family joined Greater Ebenezer Baptist Church in 1969, under the leadership of Pastor Emiritis Fredrick L. Bowers III. Essie served as a willing worker and was appointed President during her service. Essie was on Care Ministry, multiple church choirs and the Kitchen Committee. Essie's hands in the kitchen were unmatched, her meatloaf, stuffing, bread pudding and oh so famous sweet potato pie will be truly missed staples in our lives.

ESSIE filled her days loving The Philadelphia Eagles, The Phillies, soap operas, game shows and those unmatched hands had the same effect with her arts and crafts. Essie was an amazing seamstress and had an extraordinary eye for coloring and an extensive color pencil collection. Her crafts are displayed in the Tioga Presbyterian community center and now on her granddaughter who she raised before the system could, Nashay's, art wall. Essie would spend hours and hours on the phone with her best friends Mary Jasper and Almetta Mack.

ESSIE in her own words was a "devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, friend, companion and co-worker; a good neighbor and great cook." Essie believed her strengths were her convictions, her fear of and love for God, and being a lover of people and of her church family.

ESSIE received The Christ Mandate Bible Study Outreach Certificate of Completion in 2019, Diploma Certificate at Credence Eldercare service in 2024 and contributed to Father Flannigan Boys Home receiving an Appreciation Certificate in 2025.

ESSIE loved serving under the leadership of pastor Emratis Fredrick L. Bowers III and, since 2016, under the leadership of Pastor Otis V. Brandon whom she adored like an added son.

ESSIE was embraced in heaven, on March 4, 2025, by her mother Annie Eloise and father George Harmon, brothers William and James, sister Rose, husband Robert Crockett, son Steven and best friend Mary Jasper. Essie leaves to cherish her memory her brother Fred, sons Anthony and Richard (wife Amanda), grandchildren Duan (mother Evelyn) Eric (mother Amanda) Nashay (mother Shirley) Jeru (mother Jeryl) Jeffery, Jahmal, Shymid (mother Aleena) Ilesha, Anthony, Austyn (mother Tamara) Ameer and Logen, a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family The Gross family, The Presbyterian Apartments family, Greater Ebenezer family and friends.

A note from Essie:

"I love all of you very much, my sons Tony and Leon, Daughter in love Tamara Mingo, Mary Louise Williams, Shelia Brown, Almetta Mack, Linda Spence, Linda Clayton, Joyce Lecato, Burdette Glover, Clarissa Williams, Renee Coleman, Florence Dixon, Catera and Nurse Paoli"
(written 2 years ago)

Lovingly Submitted,

The Family

