

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

– Matthew 25:21

Pallbearers

Edward Allen Jr. | Trae Harris | Paul Harris | Tyrone Harris
Harvey Donald Jr. | Trezeno Harris | Brandon Harris | Nathan Harris
Jahi Ballard

Honorary Pallbearers

John H Harris Jr. | Emanuel Harris | Harvey Donald Sr. | Edward Allen Sr.
Nathan Harris Sr. | James Jelks



Flower Bearers

Friends of the Family

Interment

Forest Lawn Cemetery
3210 South Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48601



Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all of you for your prayers, presence, love, telephone calls and all other expressions of concern that you have shown during our time of bereavement. Never has your kindness been more needed or more appreciated than now.



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Celebrating the Life of
Mother Goldie B. Harris

Sunrise
May 30, 1931

Sunset
May 16, 2025



Tuesday, June 3, 2025 - 11:00 AM

Word of Faith International Ministries
500 N. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan

Dr. Byron C. Hayes, Officiating

Order of Service



Prelude Musician
 Processional Family
 Scripture Reading Psalm 23 Pastor James Snead
 Prayer Dr. Bryon Hayes
 Selection I Won't Complain Pastor Jerry Myles
 Acknowledgements & Obituary Shonta Price & Tamika Wafer
 Expressions (Please Limit to 2 Minutes) Family & Friends
 The Nations Church, Mother Daisy Furlough
 Selection Mother Althea Taylor,
 Pastor Herbert Morris and Family
 Eulogy Dr. Bryon C. Hayes



Committal | Benediction | Recessional



The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
 He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears,
 but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time they spent alive on earth and now only those
 who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house... the cash.
 What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change?
 For you never know how much time is left that still can be rearranged.

To be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people
 in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...
 remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash,
 would you be proud of the things they say about how you lived your dash?



"Her children arise and call her blessed... a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

– Proverbs 31: 28-30



Obituary

With hearts full of love and reverence, we celebrate the life and legacy of Mother Goldie B. Harris, a matriarch of unwavering faith and boundless love, who departed this earthly life and entered into eternal life on May 16, 2025, at the blessed age of 93. She transitioned peacefully at her residence, lovingly surrounded by her devoted family.

Mother Goldie was born on May 30, 1931, in Greenville, Mississippi, to the late Josephine Wilson-Franklin and Taylor Wilson. She was a woman of deep faith, grace, and strength — a true pillar of her family and community. Her life was marked by a spirit of love, service, and unwavering devotion to God.

In 1951, she married the love of her life, John Henry Harris Sr., and together they embarked on a beautiful journey grounded in faith and family. In 1956, they relocated to Saginaw, Michigan, where they initially worshiped at Harris Temple C.O.G.I.C. Soon after, the family became devoted members of Greater All Nation Prayer Tower C.O.G.I.C., faithfully serving under the leadership of the late Pastor W.K. Moore and Elder Louis Bishop for over 70 years. She worshiped at The Nation's Church under Pastor Michael Hayes before transitioning her membership to Word of Faith International Ministries in Saginaw, Michigan, under the leadership of Dr. Byron C. Hayes.

Mother Goldie's joy was rooted in the simple but profound pleasures of life. She loved fishing, gardening, cooking, and most of all, spending time with her family — especially her grandchildren. Her kitchen was a sanctuary where love was served on every plate, and her garden was a place where she nurtured both plants and people. She had a gift for storytelling, shared wisdom with grace, and could always be counted on for a hearty laugh and a kind word.

She leaves to cherish her memory eight amazing children: John H. Harris Jr., Emmanuel (Stephanie) Harris, Glorie (James) Jelks, Brenda (Edward) Allen, Marie Harris, Garyretter (Harvey) Donald, Nathaniel (Angela) Harris, and Tyrone Harris. One brother-in-law, Ollie Blair Sr.

She was also a proud grandmother of 36 grandchildren, and was blessed with many great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and even great-great-great-grandchildren — each of whom carries her legacy forward in spirit, strength, and love. Also, special friends, Sandra Cutwright, Mother Daisy Furlough, and Mother Eva Morris.

Mother Goldie was preceded in death by her husband, John Henry Harris Sr.; her son, William Earl Harris Sr.; two daughters, Pamela Harris and Maxine Robinson, one grandson, William Earl Harris Jr.; great-grandson, William Earl Harris III; her parents, Josephine Wilson-Franklin and Taylor Wilson; three sisters, Alberta (Clarence) Myles, Josephine Blair and Juanita Myles; and one brother, Roosevelt Wilson Sr. and special friends, Mother Bessie Parm, Mother Voncile Bowen, Mother Kelly, Mother Bobbie Williams, and Mother Georgia Turner.

Though she has departed from this earthly realm, Mother Goldie's light continues to shine brightly in the lives of those she loved and served. Rest peacefully, Mother Goldie B. Harris. Your race is won, your work is complete, and your spirit lives on.