



## Mrs. Ceretta Raines Harris

January 23, 1949 - November 27, 2022

On November 27, 2022 we lost a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend. Ceretta has gone home to be with our Lord and Savior and those that proceeded her in death. Ceretta Raines was born January 23, 1949 at Pittman Hospital in Fayetteville, North Carolina to the late Burrell, Sr. and Daisy Raines.

Ceretta was the 2nd born of 8 children. She took pride in being that older sister who was there for her siblings when needed.

Ceretta was educated in the Cumberland County School System where she attended North Street Elementary, Washington Drive Junior High, and a proud graduate of E.E. Smith Senior High School,

Ceretta married the love of her life and high school sweetheart, James Harris, Jr on February 7, 1970. In their union 2 children were born, Karenda and James III. Ceretta was a loyal and dedicated wife, mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother. She was very proud of her family.

Ceretta began her spiritual journey as small child at the church she was born and raised, John Wesley United Methodist Church. Ceretta is a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church. She was very active in the church serving on many committees and organizations within the church: President of

the United Methodist Women, Sunday School Teacher, Communion Steward, Council on Ministries, and most notably United Methodist Youth Coordinator. She served the church faithfully by doing whatever she was called to do. Ceretta attended Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church in Charlotte, NC where she was a Communion Steward and a member of the United Methodist Women, until her death.

Ceretta began her career in banking more than 40 years ago. She started her career as a teller, then became Head Teller, and was able to work her way up to Branch Manager. She was ecstatic to be in the Customer Service Industry. She was employed by Southern National Bank, BB&T, and Texas Bank. When Ceretta moved to Oklahoma she decided to go in a different direction where she began a new career with HR Block as a Tax Preparer and later Branch Manager. She retired with more than 4 decades providing services to others.

Ceretta was a great person who cherished the times she spent with family and friends. When you needed her, she was just a phone call away and willing to help in any way she could.

Ceretta leaves to cherish her memories her loving husband of 52 years, James Harris Jr, two children, Karenda Harris and James Harris, III, a daughter-in-law Tatjana Hattis, two grandchildren Tyrelle Rackwitz and Kyara Harris; six sisters Louise Green (William), Gloria Hashemi, Yuvone Raines, Marilyn McIntyre (Kenny), Charlotte Robinson, Glenda Ellerbee (Joseph); and the late Burrell Raines Jr., Nieces and Nephews, Olivia Mudd, Cookab Hashemi, David Jones, Marchella Jones, Sema Hashemi (David), Joseph Jones (Christy), Connie Raines, Rev. Monica Raines, Joseph Ellerbee, Jr., Jessica Henderson (Jeff), Janice Raines, the late Lauren Robinson, William Green, III, and a host of great Nieces and Nephews, Cousins, and Friends.

# Cemetery Details

## LaFayette Memorial Park Cemetery

2301 Ramsey Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

# Previous Events

## Viewing

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

John Wesley United Methodist Church  
616 Cumberland St  
Fayetteville, NC

## Funeral

DEC 5. 1:00 PM (ET)

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616 Cumberland St  
Fayetteville, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ Colvin Funeral Homes & Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Ceretta Raines Harris



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - December 03, 2022 at 11:26 AM

CS

“ I just learned that my namesake passed away. I was 12 years old the first time I met her. I had never met another Ceretta. My condolences to her family. Prayers of comfort 🙏🙏🙏

Ceretta Davis Smith - December 05, 2022 at 07:51 PM

SS

“ My deepest sympathy for loss of your loved one. Sending prayers and love for the entire family.



Sis Irene Sansbury - December 05, 2022 at 10:21 AM

JG

“ Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. The relationship between the Raines family and Sansbury family goes way back starting with the special friendship of Mrs. Daisy Raines and our mother, Mrs. Irene Sansbury. We pray that God will comfort each of you and provide you the strength, peace and loving memories of your wife, mom, sister, aunt, friend, Ceretta Raines Harris.



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**Judy Sansbury Godwin** - December 05, 2022 at 10:09 AM

BM

“ We will always remember Ceretta as a gentle, kind person. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harris family.  
Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Morrison, Charlotte NC



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**Brenda Morrison** - December 04, 2022 at 06:55 PM

SS

“ Sandra A. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceretta Raines Harris



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**Sandra A. Smith** - December 04, 2022 at 05:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Ceretta Raines Harris.*



December 04, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *Ruby. C Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceretta Raines Harris*



**Ruby. C Jones** - December 02, 2022 at 12:48 PM



“ *I was so very sorry to hear this news. May God grant you comfort and peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I'll always remember our cherished days on Ramsey Street. Friends forevermore, La'Brenda Barge-Leach Hill and Family.*



**La'Brenda Barge-Leach Hill** - December 01, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ *Clarence&VonzellaWilliamsFAMILY purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Ceretta Raines Harris.*



**Clarence&VonzellaWilliamsFAMILY** - November 30, 2022 at 09:15 PM

EH

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to the family of Ceretta Harris. Very quiet and kind person. Family God will see you through. May Ceretta Rest In Peace. Family You are in my thoughts and prayers. 🙏❤️



Emma Hill Hagans - November 30, 2022 at 08:06 PM

JD

“ Juanita Carroll Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Ceretta Raines Harris



Juanita Carroll Davis - November 30, 2022 at 09:45 AM

PS

“ My heartfelt condolences to the Harris/Raines families at the passing of Ceretta! May you hearts be comforted knowing that though she is not with you physically, her spirit will be with you for a lifetime! May Gods love and grace comfort you all during these difficult hours 🙏



Patrick Smith - November 29, 2022 at 11:34 PM

BF

“ Sorry to hear of my classmates passing. Prayers are being lifted for the family.



barbara covington feemster - November 29, 2022 at 09:39 PM