



Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris

August 11, 1943 - January 24, 2024

Memorial Reflections Sunrise: August 11, 1943 — Sunset: January 24, 2024

On January 24, 2024, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the Lord in His infinite wisdom called one of His good and faithful servants home to her eternal rest. Mary JoAnn Lyde Harris was born on August 11, 1943 to the late Martha Daniel Lyde and James Lyde. JoAnn, as she was affectionately called by her family and friends, was a native of Durham, North Carolina and was educated in the Durham Public Schools system. She graduated from Hillside High School in the Class of 1961. JoAnn furthered her education at North Carolina College (now North Carolina Central University). JoAnn was a "woman of love." She was known for having a loving spirit to which people were automatically attached. She found joy in doing for others and was the most selfless angel that anyone on Earth could ever meet. She was an excellent cook and was well-known for the many family and friends' gatherings that she hosted at her home. Her hobbies included creating lovely designs and patterns through needlepoint, reading and residential decorating. JoAnn was preceded in death by her son, Darryl Christopher Harris; her sister, Ella Joyce McAdams-Braswell; two brothers-in-law, Charles Harris and Henry Richard Harris; and one sister-in-law, Martha Nell Harris. On May 2, 1970, JoAnn was joined in marriage to the love of her life, John A. Harris, and relocated to Fort Bragg, North Carolina. JoAnn was employed at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center, Fayetteville, North Carolina for several years in the admission office. She retired from AA All American Healthcare,

Fayetteville, North Carolina on December 29, 2021. JoAnn loved to serve the Lord. She joined First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina at an early age and was a faithful member of the Junior Missionaries, the Young Adult Missionaries and she served as a Vacation Bible School teacher. Because of her great love for her home church, for many years while residing in Fayetteville, she continued to drive to Durham every Sunday morning to worship at First Calvary. She was later encouraged to join a local church and became a member of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC where she served as secretary of the Prison Ministry for several years. She leaves to cherish her memories, a loving husband, John A Harris; one son, John Everette Harris of Dubai, United Arab Emirates; two grandchildren, LaShonda Gibson of Morrisville, NC and Dion Allen of Durham, NC; one great-grandson, Christopher Gibson of Morrisville, NC; one sister, Brenda Lyde of Durham, NC; a sister-cousin, Barbara Rice-Richmond of Durham, NC; two brothers-in-law, Frank Harris (Rose) and Isaac Harris (Nora) both of Atlanta, GA; one nephew, Michael McAdams (Shirlette) of Durham, NC; two nieces, Anita McAdams of Durham, NC and Skye Braswell of Atlanta, GA; two great nephews, Brandon Douglas of Atlanta, GA and Delson McAdams of Burlington, NC; one great niece, Tenetia McAdams of Durham, NC; special friends, Mae Frances Pannell, Terrie Curry, Helen Hill, Juanita Williams, Carmen Johnson and Chrissy Austin; and a host of other loving relatives

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 1. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church
118 Johnson St
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Viewing

FEB 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Colvin Funeral Home Chapel
2010 Murchison Road
Fayetteville, NC 28311

Viewing

FEB 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church
1311 Moorehead Ave
Durham, NC 27707

Funeral

FEB 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

First Calvary Baptist Church
1311 Moore Head St.
Durham, NC 27707

Burial

FEB 2 (ET)

Glenview Memorial Cemetery
Apex Highway
Durham, NC 27707

Tribute Wall



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



H. M. Colvin Funeral Home - January 31, 2024 at 11:25 AM

BW

Avery nice person you will be miss Brenda Williams

Brenda Williams - January 31, 2024 at 04:03 PM

OB

Aunt Joann you will be missed for years to come!!! I'm sending you the sweetest 🍷 heartfelt hugs to heaven!!! Love you and miss you Opici

Opici Becton-Richmond - January 31, 2024 at 10:41 PM

KJ

May You Rest In Peace, Sending Love

Kennedy Jones - February 01, 2024 at 06:05 PM

JH

I am so sorry that I was unable to attend JoAnn's Going Home Service today, but due to medical problems today! My sincere condolences!

Josephine Hayes - February 02, 2024 at 08:39 PM

SB

Deepest condolences.

S. Ray Blackmon - February 06, 2024 at 07:51 PM

TH

Hello my beautiful auntie. I'm just now today hearing that you are no longer here with us. Although, we didn't get much time to see much, your spirit always blessed me when we did meet. You will truly be missed by many. Mary Jo Ann Harris, you were loved and will be missed. Always and forever your niece, Tamara.

Tamara Harris - February 14, 2024 at 01:16 AM

LL

“ *Lois Leggett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris*



Lois Leggett - February 10, 2024 at 11:32 PM

SW

“ *I'm sick to my stomach to find this out. We had our hair appointment at the same time every other Friday until I got braids. My condolences to the family. Mrs. Joann had the sweetest spirit. She will definitely be missed. 🥹🙏🙏🙏*

Sallie Wright - February 04, 2024 at 08:21 AM

CS

“ *Words can never express the deep sadness that fills my heart ..a bright light has gone ..JoAnn was a caring, loving giving angel. She didn't wait to see what she could do for others, she did it..truly a woman of faith...a giver..she was the hands and feet of Christ. I treasure the happy times...we worked together in the Admissions office at CFVMC and we had stories to tell ! She was a true friend and she will be missed
Prayers for John and Everette and the entire family
I love you*

Chaplain Diana Smith - February 03, 2024 at 08:42 PM

LB

“ *Lena Boone lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris*



Lena Boone - February 01, 2024 at 08:51 PM

TK

“ *Thelma D Kithcart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris*



Thelma D Kithcart - February 01, 2024 at 04:27 PM

DS

“ *Darlene Satchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris*



Darlene Satchell - February 01, 2024 at 12:53 PM

JH

“ *Jacqueline Hill lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris*



Jacqueline Hill - February 01, 2024 at 09:49 AM

SB

“ Stella Boykin lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris



Stella Boykin - February 01, 2024 at 08:39 AM

JH

“ We are very sorry for the loss of our dear friend who was a member of the Fayetteville Senior Federation Club. Our prayers are with her family at this difficult time. My mother and I shared the pew with her and John many Sunday mornings at Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church. RIP my friend.



Jacqueline Hill - January 31, 2024 at 05:43 PM

SZ

“ SKYE AND ZOE purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.



SKYE AND ZOE - January 31, 2024 at 04:07 PM

BB

“ Ben & Dorothy Brown purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.



Ben & Dorothy Brown - January 31, 2024 at 03:13 PM

BB

“ Ben & Dorothy Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.

Ben & Dorothy Brown - January 31, 2024 at 03:13 PM

JF

“ Juliet Harding and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.



Juliet Harding and Family - January 31, 2024 at 01:44 PM

JF

“ Juliet Harding and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.

Juliet Harding and Family - January 31, 2024 at 01:44 PM

RL

“ Robbie and Shayla LaPoint purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.



Robbie and Shayla LaPoint - January 31, 2024 at 01:38 PM



“ They say that life goes on but the pain of her departure will be ever present in this life. She was an Angel, a gift from God, a beloved friend, a loving Mother, Wife, Sister, and Aunt...whose very presence spread joy and love in our families. It is with heartfelt sorrow that I send my condolences and pray for your healing in this time of grief.

Phillip Wood - January 31, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.



January 31, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ Jerome & Jolene Bacon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.

Jerome & Jolene Bacon - January 31, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ Phill Wood Sr purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.



Phill Wood Sr - January 31, 2024 at 10:47 AM

PS

“ *Phill Wood Sr planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.*

Phill Wood Sr - January 31, 2024 at 10:47 AM

JD

“ *I am blessed to have known JoAnn. Prayers to the Harris extended family.*



Jack and Dee DALTON - January 31, 2024 at 08:54 AM

LA

“ *Family of Joanne Harris. I am sorry for the loss of Joanne. She will surely be missed as an usher and member of Mission group #2 Prison Ministry. Joanne was kind and thoughtful. I'll missed her and her smile. May God give you all his peace. Linda Alston*



Linda Alston - January 30, 2024 at 08:54 PM

VO

“ *Veronica Battle Oliver purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.*



Veronica Battle Oliver - January 30, 2024 at 02:07 PM

VO

“ Veronica Battle Oliver planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.

Veronica Battle Oliver - January 30, 2024 at 02:07 PM

JJ

“ Jordan, Trae, Lynette, Ellen, & Jennifer purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.



Jordan, Trae, Lynette, Ellen, & Jennifer - January 30, 2024 at 10:40 AM

BK

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.



Barbara Kelley-King - January 30, 2024 at 02:55 AM

BK

“ Barbara Kelley-King lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris



Barbara Kelley-King - January 30, 2024 at 02:51 AM

TF

“ *The Singleton and Fejerang Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.*



The Singleton and Fejerang Family - January 29, 2024 at 07:19 PM

HS

“ *Hedwig Singleton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris*



Hedwig Singleton - January 29, 2024 at 06:02 PM

AD

“ *Allison and Jante Kissy Cha Dewberry purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.*



Allison and Jante Kissy Cha Dewberry - January 29, 2024 at 03:45 PM

AD

“ *Allison and Jante Kissy Cha Dewberry planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Mary JoAnn Harris.*

Allison and Jante Kissy Cha Dewberry - January 29, 2024 at 03:45 PM