

## *Our Grandmother*

Grandma,  
I'm at a loss for words.  
I never imagined that this day would arrive.  
I knew you had to leave us one day  
but I wish we had spent more time together.  
I am going to miss our talks.  
I could talk to you about anything  
and that's what I loved about you.  
It didn't matter what it was,  
you never judged me.  
I'm forever grateful for your  
love, kindness and wisdom.  
I am going to make you proud  
and there is no turning back.  
I will see you again,  
until then, I love you  
and you will truly be missed.

**Love Always,**

*Latricia (Ree)*

## *Pallbearers*

Marvell Ahmad	Joshua Harris
Lilwarren Freeman	Gerrod Ivory
Patrick Freeman	Barry Knowles, Sr
Alexander Harris	Barry Knowles, II

## *Flower Attendants*

Nieces and Granddaughters

## *A Note of Gratitude*

A friendly smile, a casual touch, these are things that mean so much. Thank you for being with us in our time of sorrow and sharing in our prayers today and tomorrow. God gives us comfort in the form of family and friends. May His peace be with you and may his love never end.

## *Services Entrusted to*

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# *A Celebration of Life*



# ESSIE

## MAUDE IVORY HARRIS

**SUNRISE**  
August 17, 1937

**SUNSET**  
July 30, 2024

Saturday, August 10, 2024  
Edwards Small Mortuary Chapel  
1011 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
Fort Valley, GA 31030

Pastor Bobby Ivory, Eulogist





# Remembering Essie

**Essie Maude Ivory-Harris** was born on August 17, 1937, in Fort Valley, Georgia to the late John Henry Ivory, Sr. and Annie Maude Preston-Ivory. Her parents raised her alongside her 12 siblings.

The Ivory siblings share a sacred and unified bond that will never be broken. A bond fostered by their loving and faith filled mother, Annie Maude Preston-Ivory. The siblings grew up with great reference for family and faith. Children and grandchildren alike have recounted stories of Annie Maude's noontday prayers.

Faith was a daily practice and a legacy that was diligently passed on to the children. Essie lived this legacy aloud daily. It was not limited to the House of the Lord on Sundays, or any other day of the week. In fact, it often extended to her living room and sometimes even extended to yours. Friends and family rarely left her house without receiving a word from God. What would start as a prayer circle would quickly progress into hands clapping and raised, feet marching, and Essie prophesying. Essie's faith radiated through her wherever she went. To be in her presence was to experience the humility and servitude first modeled by Jesus Christ. She was a natural caregiver. Anything she had was yours. And if she had nothing else, she had a refrigerator full of food to feed you. No matter who you were, you were encouraged to sit and eat before you walked out of her door, and she was going to tell you she loved you before you left, even if she barely knew you.

In her later years, most were known to her as lil' girl or lil' boy, but whether or not she deemed it necessary to address you by your government name, you knew that you were loved abundantly when in her presence. She had a heart forged by God himself and while she is back at His side today, she leaves behind a lifetime of joy, faith, laughter, and love.

Essie is preceded in death by her parents John Henry and Annie Maude Preston Ivory, eleven siblings: Daisy M. Rumph, Willie J. Ivory, Dorothy White, Bernice Johnson, Ethel M. Burke, Jimmy Ivory, Bertha R. Rumph, Mary J. Pollock, Louis Leon Ivory, Sr., John H. Ivory, Jr. and Charles Ivory; two children: Joann Harris-Freeman, Alexander Bernard Harris, Sr.; as well as one grandson: Major "PeeWee" Freeman.

Essie leaves behind her precious three children: Bobby (Linda) Ivory, Lamar Harris, and Tracie (Barry) Knowles who will forever cherish her memory. She also leaves behind 15 precious grandchildren: Teria Ivory, Rod Ivory, Latricia Ahmad, Lilwarren Freeman, Tenill (Kevin) Smith, Jay Freeman, Jauquese (Glenn) Thomas, Tiffany (Eric) Israel, Pat Freeman, Tareel Harris, Alexander Bernard Harris Jr., Barry Knowles II, Joshua Harris, Yaschica (Craig) Fitzpatrick and Sophia (Philip) Akinsulire and one sibling, Missouri (Eugene) Lowe.



# Order of Service

**Rev. Dr. John Davis, Officiant**

Prelude.....Minister Dexter Davis  
Processional  
Invocation.....Rev. Dr. John Davis

## Scriptures

Old Testament..... Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8 .....Sis. Ann Allison  
New Testament.....John 14: 1-6.....Sis. Linda Ivory  
Selection.....Minister Dexter Davis  
Poem.....Sis. Crystal Ivory

## Reflections

Doris Ivory Thomas, Sister-In-Law  
Teria Ivory, Granddaughter  
Tiffany Israel, Granddaughter

Selection.....Minister Dexter Davis  
Eulogy.....Pastor Bobby Ivory, Son  
Acknowledgements.....Edwards Small Mortuary Staff  
Recessional



## Interment

Willow Lake Memorial Gardens  
1854 Willow Lake Road  
Fort Valley, Georgia 31030