

ORDER OF SERVICE

Minister Kim Edwards, Presiding

Processional

Selection
FBC Combined Choir

Scriptures
Old Testament
Rev. Edward Jackson

New Testament
Rev. Henrietta Lovett

Invocation
Rev. Anthony Maxwell

Selection
FBC Combined Choir

Tribute
Mr. Kevin Collins, Grandson

Solo
Ms. Jennifer Williams

Reflections (3 minutes Please)
As I Knew Her Deaconess Veronica Cook
As A Church Member Dea. Jerry Davis

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Acknowledgements
Ms. Dreidre Jackson

Words of Comfort
Pastor Berry J. Staley

Recessional

PALL BEARERS

Kevin Collins. James Stephens, III
Anthony Garrett NaQuan Boston
Cedrick Lanier Antwon Pratt
Lee Roberts Michael Clark

FLORAL ATTENDANTS

Ushers and Friends

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE

The family extends our heartfelt appreciation to the wonderful caregivers who loved, cared and even pampered our mother during her period of sickness; namely Lori Riley, Barbara Williams, Lachreasha Donaldson, Sharon Spaulding and Kiara Hartwell. The Staff of Amedysis Hospice, Tina Blade, CNA and Annie Nash, PA were excellent.

Will never forget how the Grands "stepped up to the plate."
Evone & Harv

Special thanks to Frank Williams for his unwavering support. As well as Roland and Tess Owens who were always "on call" for numerous tasks and neighbors Willie Roberson and friends who were always there to lend a hand. and Veronica Cook whose expertise was always on time. The continuous visits, cards, calls and baked goods were priceless. They always brightened Mom's day.
"Thanks For Being There For Us".

"You stepped in and fulfilled a promise to our Dad to 'look after' his four girls, whose mother was unable. Your guidance and life lessons helped to make the women we are today. We love you. Thanks to your children for sharing.
Doris, Catherine, Delores and Erma

SERVICE OF INTERMENT

Oak Grove Cemetery
Savannah, GA

There will be a repast in the Annex following the service



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HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

Loretta Reese **HARRIS**



Sunrise July 1, 1929 - Sunset October 20, 2023

The Lord is My Shepherd
Psalms: 23: 1

Fairmount Baptist Church
721 East Bolton Street Savannah, GA 31401

Saturday, October 28, 2023
Eleven O'clock

Pastor Berry J. Staley, Officiating

OBITUARY

Loretta was born July 1, 1929 to loving parents Nathan and Katie Bacon. Affectionately she was called Lolly. She was the sixth of seven children plus one adopted child. Both parents and siblings preceded her in death.

Loretta, along with her siblings were born in Camp Stewart Area (Pembroke, GA); now known as Fort Stewart. She was educated in Liberty County schools. Her family moved to Glennville, GA in the early 1940s where she completed seventh grade. Loretta left home at an early age seeking employment, eventually making Savannah her home. It was there where she met and married Harvey Reese as they worked for the same family in a domestic capacity. To this union three children were born, Berthine, Evone and Harvey. Several years after the death of Loretta's first husband, she was joined in matrimony to Herbert Harris. To this union two families united in love and friendship. They were together until his death. (1997 to 2004)

Loretta was an industrious and determined young lady working in various positions over her life span. Naming a few, she worked as a floral designer and seamstress holding certificates in both. Loretta also worked as a caterer. Later she became the owner/operator of LoReses Beauty Salon by trade for more than 30 years.

While Loretta joined church at an early age in the Pembroke area, she later connected with the Fairmount Baptist Church where her father-in-law was pastor, Charlie Reese. At Fairmount she held numerous titles: Youth & Choir Advisor, Financial Secretary, numerous committee chairs, a member of Intercessory Prayer, President & Founder of the Volunteer Assistance Workers, Deaconess, First Lady and Mother of the Church. She loved Fairmount and remained a faithful and diligent member until her health declined.

Loretta was a sage individual with integrity who was well loved by all she touched; candid, compassionate, outspoken and admired; delighted in talking about the older times and her up-bringing. She loved to cook, and even watched baseball and basketball until the end.

On Friday, October 20, she ascended from this life after a few years of sickness surrounded by her family at Hospice House of Savannah. She leaves to cherish her memories, A daughter, Evone Stephens, of Savannah, Son, Harvey Reese (Contrena), Powder Springs, GA, three GrandSons, Nelson Collins, Jr. (Danyelle) Bear, Delaware, Kevin Collins (Diane) Reading, PA, James Stephens, III (Brittany), Hampton, GA, two GrandDaughters, Tiffany Garrett (Anthony), and Britney Boston (NaQuan), Savannah, GA. Ten Great Grands, the Harris siblings, several nieces and nephews and five Sister-in-laws Sally Golden, Dorothy Martin, Brenda Williams (Ronald), Irma Maxwell and Eva Jackson. And one Brother-in-law, Charles Reese (JoAnn). All of Savannah.



Your Mother
Is Always With You

She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk
Down the street, she's the smell of certain
Foods you remember, flowers you pick,
The fragrance of life itself. She's the cool
Hand on our brow when you're not feeling
well,, she's our breath in the air on a
cold winter's day. She is the sound of the
rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors
of a rainbow, she is Christmas morning.
Your mother lives inside your laughter.
She's the place you came, from your first
Home, and she's the map you follow with
every step you take. She is your first love,
Your first friend, even your first enemy,
But nothing on earth can separate you.
Not time, not space... not even death

God's Garden

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then look down upon the earth
And saw our tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So she closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, "Peace Bethine"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you