

“Mary” “Shug”

Sunrise:
June 10, 1942

*Mother
Nellie Mae
Harris*

Sunset:
February 11, 2023



CELEBRATING HER LIFE & LEGACY

Services Held At:
Greater St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church
2835 Indiana, Kansas City, Missouri 64128
Saturday, February 18, 2022 • 1:00 p.m.
Rev. Nathan Buie Sr., Officiating

**If Only You Could
Of Stayed**

*Constantly thinking,
never to be the same.
The tears fall quickly,
just hearing your name.*

*Silence is golden,
yet not anymore.
Silence brings thoughts,
I just can't ignore.*

*The nights are sleepless,
dreams out of reach.
Crying in my pillow,
to you I beseech.*

*Surrounded by family,
I still feel alone.
My heart is so empty,
this pain I must own.*

*I wish I could hug you,
and just see your face.
But now I have memories,
to stand in your place.*

*Gone but not forgotten,
that's what they say.
Of course that is true...
but if only you could of stayed.*

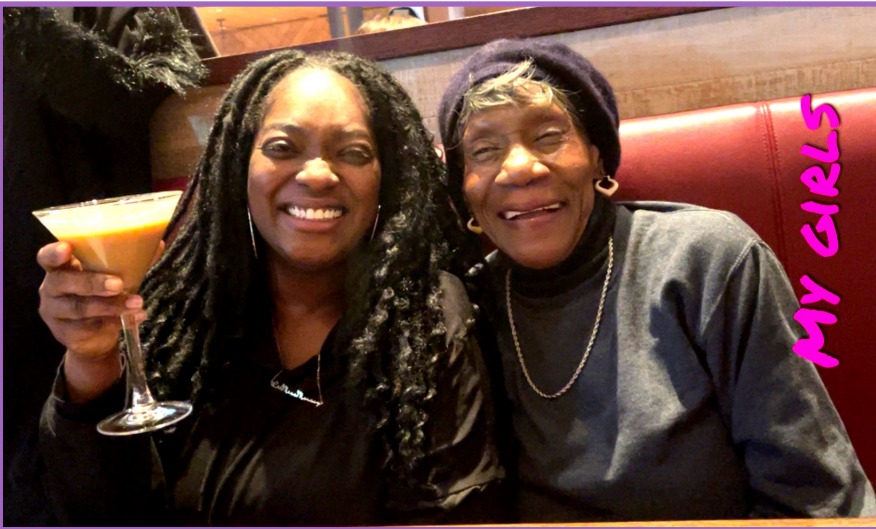


MARY

REMEMBER

SHUG

RAIHOZ



GRANDMA



Life Reflections

Mother Nellie Mae Harris was born June 10th 1942, in Dyersburg Tennessee, to Roman and Lillie Mae Holder. From this union she had four siblings, with her being the youngest. She was preceded in death by her sister Mattie Ruth Robinson; and, brothers James Louis Holder and Hugh Holder. She is survived by her sister Margie Follins, of Dyersburg. Friends and family loving referred to her as either Mary, Aunt Suge, Mama, Grandma, or Mimma.

Mother Harris graduated from Bruce High School, in Dyersburg. Later Mother Harris moved to Milwaukee Wisconsin and later to Kansas City Missouri, where she trained to be a Certified Nursing Aide. Mother Harris and her late husband, David Adkins, planted the roots of their family in Kansas City; where she began her career in OB/GYN Nursing at Saint Luke's hospital. She later moved to Prime Health (Humana), working in the Pediatric department for more than 30 years, caring for thousands of Kansas City area Moms and children.

A lifelong child of God, she was one of the founding members of Greater St. Matthews Missionary Baptist Church (MBC); where she served as a member of the choir, the Greeting Committee, the Mission Ministry, and finally as a Church Mother. With a servant's heart, she opened her home to family and friends in need. Always ready with a kind word and a hug, Mother Harris was a blessing to all who knew her.

Mother Harris was blessed with four children, Jacqueline Burns (Joseph), Cassandra Reed, Emmanuel Holder (Stephanie), and Susan Thompson, all of whom reside in Kansas City.

She was united in matrimony to David Adkins, who preceded her in death. Later in life, she married Deacon Richard Harris. They were high school sweethearts that rekindled their relationship and were married for 15 years before his passing in December of 2022. Mother and Deacon Harris were devoted and loved members of Greater Saint Matthews MBC, under Pastor Nathan Buie, Sr.

Mother Harris transitioned to Glory on Saturday, February 11, 2023, and so shall she forever be with the Lord!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Clergy & The Family

Crowning Ceremony

Golden Gate

Old Testament

Minister Bobbie France

New Testament

Deacon Marlon Cole

Prayer

Pastor Eddie Bush

A & B Selections

SMMBC Choir

Acknowledgements & Condolences

Julia Bray

Life Reflection

*Read In Silence
"Mama" by Boyz II Men*

Remarks

Family & Friends

Remarks (2) Minutes Please

Solo

Julia Bray

Words of Comfort

Pastor Nathan Buie Sr.

Benediction

Recessional



~ Repast ~

**Greater St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church ~ Fellowship Hall
2835 Indiana, Kansas City, Missouri 64128**





MEMORIES



Acknowledgement

The family of Mother Nellie Mae Harris would like to express our sincere appreciation for all prayers, condolences, phone calls and other acts of kindness shown to us during the Home Going of our Mother and Grandmother. May God

Pall Bearers

*Greg Thompson
Emmanuel Holder
Rasheed Thompson
Davon Holder
Rahman Thompson
Marlon Cole*

Honorary Pall Bearers

*Joe Burns
Victor Harris*



HEAVEN'S ROCKING CHAIR

Are there rocking chairs in Heaven
where little babies go?
Do the angels hold you closely
and rock you to and fro?

Do they talk silly baby talk
to get a smile or two,
and sing the sleepy lullabies
I used to sing to you?

My heart is aching for you,
my angel child so dear.
You brought such joy into my life
the short time you were here.

I know you're in a happy place
and in God's loving care.
I dream each night I'm rocking you
in Heaven's rocking chair.



We Entrusted Our Loved One To The Golden Care Of:

Golden Gate Funeral Chapel

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