

*Order of
Celebration*

Friday, October 16, 2020 - 11:00am
Pipkin Braswell Chapel of Peace
6601 E. Colfax Avenue Denver, Colorado 80220
Reverend Kenneth W. Harper, Eulogist (Son)
Reverend William Rouse, Officiating
Union Baptist Church 3200 Dahlia Street
Denver, Colorado 80207

*CELEBRATING THE
LIFE OF*



Processional Reverend Dr. Michael Williams
"How I Got Over"

A Glimpse Till Glory Funeral Directors
Selection Reverend Dr. Michael Williams

"I Want To Be Worthy"
God's Holy Word Appointees
Old Testament / New Testament

Now God Listens in Prayer Appointee
Selection Nicole McGinnis
"There's A Leak In This Old Building"

Acknowledgements, Condolences, Resolutions, and Obituary Pipkin Braswell Director
Pipkin Braswell Presents "A Moment of Reflection"
Organ Solo Dr. Sylvia Lowe

Special Remarks

Shantelle Lloyd (God-Daughter) Rasheed Gordon (Grandson) Keith Norwood (God-Son)
A Special Tribute Dr. Syl Morgan Smith
Colorado Gospel Music Academy and Hall of Fame Awards

Remarks Honoring Artie

(Two Minute Remarks)

Selection Reverend Dr. Michael Williams
"I Won't Complain"

Eulogy Reverend Kenneth W. Harper
Committal/Closing Prayer/Benediction

Recessional Reverend Dr. Michael Williams
"When We All Get To Heaven"

Honorary Pallbearers

Ricky Brown Minister Amos Norman Deacon Paul White
Kenneth W. Harper, Jr. Antoine Chappell Larry Harper

Final Resting Place

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 - 10:00am Stage Area A
Ft. Logan National Cemetery Denver, Colorado

Acknowledgement

During a time like this, we learn how much
our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy
will always be treasured. May God richly Bless each of you.

The family of Artie Mae Grisby



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*Artie
MAE
Grisby*
August 17, 1933 ~ October 10, 2020

Precious Memories

Artie Mae Grisby

As beautiful as a rose to see, was her life she lived so gracefully. She made things precious by her touch; her selfless love lives on in each of us. The petals of her life fell one by one; each a gift of her heart till there were none. Yet her radiance blooms once again in fields of glory with no end.

Artie Mae Grisby was born on August 17, 1923, in Shreveport, Louisiana to her parents, Will Davis and Allie Canion-Davis. She was one of thirteen children born to this union. She received her early education and graduated from public schools in Shreveport, Louisiana. A constant learner, she earned Bachelor of Arts degree in Early Childhood Learning from the University of Northern Colorado.



Artie united in holy matrimony to Theodess Grisby in Louisiana To this union, two children, William and Elizabeth (Rashada) were born, and they later adopted a son, Kenneth Wayne. Artie Mae was a loving and devoted wife and mother, who took great pride in the care and nurture of her family. She was later blessed with four grandchildren, who brought more joy and pride to her life. The addition of 15 great grandchildren was the fulfillment of her dreams and happiness.

In the early 1960's after relocating to Denver, Colorado, Artie became a Licensed Practical Nurse at St. Josephs Hospital. She also worked for Blue Cross-Blue Shield as a Case Reviewer. For twenty-four years, she owned and operated Grisby's Golden Goose Day Care Center and then spent eight more years as a classroom teacher at the Watchcare Academy School. Whatever tasked to do, Artie was hard-working, dedicated, and performed her duties with meticulous pridel. She served as Region 8 Coordinator for the National Association of Family Care Providers. Deacon Theodess Grisby preceded her in death in 2010.



A woman of faith and belief in the Lord, Artie was an accomplished woman in Christian and professional lives. Her church life never suffered due to professional development and work schedules. She had a melodious voice and was an accomplished pianist. She used these attributes to draw people to the Lord. She was the Minister of Music at Union Baptist Church for 24 years. She is remembered as a rare combination of experience, education, exceptionalism, and enthusiasm. She and her late husband founded Denver's first community choir. "The Denver Community Choir," often was the opening group for many gospel music productions led by radio, television, and newspaper mogul, Freeman "Cosmo" Harris and his on air "Denver's First Lady of Gospel, radio announcer, Dr. Syl Morgan Smith. Artie later became the local choir director for the original Denver Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, under the leadership of the GMWA Founder, the late Reverend Dr. James Cleveland. She was the only Vice President of the Colorado Gospel Music Academy & Hall of Fame Awards, a position she held for 49 years. Dr. Syl Morgan Smith reflects, "Artie was one the most gifted, accomplished, and talented persons that

I've been blessed to call a sister and friend for over 40 years. She is a real treasure of extraordinary value to our church, community, and classes of children, she helped over the years. To know Artie was to love her".

***In Proverbs, Chapter 11:16, we find this recorded word:
"A kindhearted woman gains honor"***

Artie Mae Grisby departed this life to the embrace of the Lord on October 10, 2020, om Denver, Colorado. Those left to cherish her memory and mourn her loss include 2 sons, William Lewis, Jr. and Reverend Kenneth W. Harper, Sr. both of Denver, Colorado; 4 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

