

*Celebrating The Life of*



*Theresa Ann*  
**BURNETT-HARRIS**

Sunrise: April 28, 1946 - Sunset: June 14, 2023


**Saturday, July 1, 2023**

10:00 AM Family Hour 11:00 AM Memorial Service

**Thompson Funeral Home Inc.**

15443 Greenfield Rd. • Detroit, Michigan 48227

*Rev. Warren, Officiating*

A black and white portrait of Theresa Ann Burnett-Harris, a woman with short, light-colored hair, wearing a dark, long-sleeved dress with a light-colored panel on the front. She is standing against a background of large, light-colored flowers.

## Obituary

**Theresa Ann Burnett-Harris** was born April 28, 1946, to the union of William P. Burnett and Norah Gilchrist in the city of River Rouge, Michigan.

Theresa attended East Catholic Elementary and High School graduating in 1963. She continued her education throughout her life obtaining an Associates degree in General Studies becoming a paralegal. She also earned multiple certifications in various fields including mental health, grant writing and was also a notary public.

Theresa had a deep passion for the homeless population in Detroit and was known to aid them in any way she could. She worked for Cass Community Social Services, a member of the street outreach team and was known to meet the individual where they were, that could've been on a street corner or even under a viaduct.

Theresa formed the non-profit organization, Celestial Flight NHC, over two decades ago and was an active participant in the organization until her recent home-going.

Theresa loved gardening and had an outstanding landscape style of her own with the most beautiful lawn on her block. If you were to judge Theresa by her behavior, you would not have ever known that she was ill, she rarely complained. She was the first up and out in the morning watering the grass or tending to her flowers/bushes and the first one taking her trash bin to the curb on trash day. Theresa was very active for her age and was full of zest, energy and determination until her last breath was taken. May God give you rest.

Theresa's husband, Ralph Harris; parents, William P. Burnett and Norah Hall; Aunt Mertis Peacock; Uncle Thomas Peacock; great aunts, Helen Gaines and Beulah Russell; and Cousin Mayola Hicks, preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her loving and precious memory: daughter, Kimlin (wife, Chase) Kennedy; son, Claude (Melissa) Davis III; seven grandchildren, Natasha, Candis, Rosieleta, James Jr., Lexus, Jasia, and Jernea; sixteen great grandchildren, Tahja, Isabella, Madison, Marcino, KJ, James III, Da'Mya, Noelle, Major, Malachi, Zyon, Milan, Malaysia, Adres, Onyx, and Jahzara; one great-great grandchild, Charlston; a host of nephews, nieces, family and friends.

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

*Matthew 11:28-30*

# Order of Service

Organ Prelude.....

Processional.....

Scripture.....Chapel Ministry

Prayer.....Chapel Ministry

Song.....Chapel Ministry

Acknowledgment of Cards and Condolences.....Chapel Ministry

Obituary.....Read in Silence

Remarks.....2 minutes please.....Friends and Family

Song.....Chapel Ministry

Eulogy.....Rev. Warren

Recessional.....

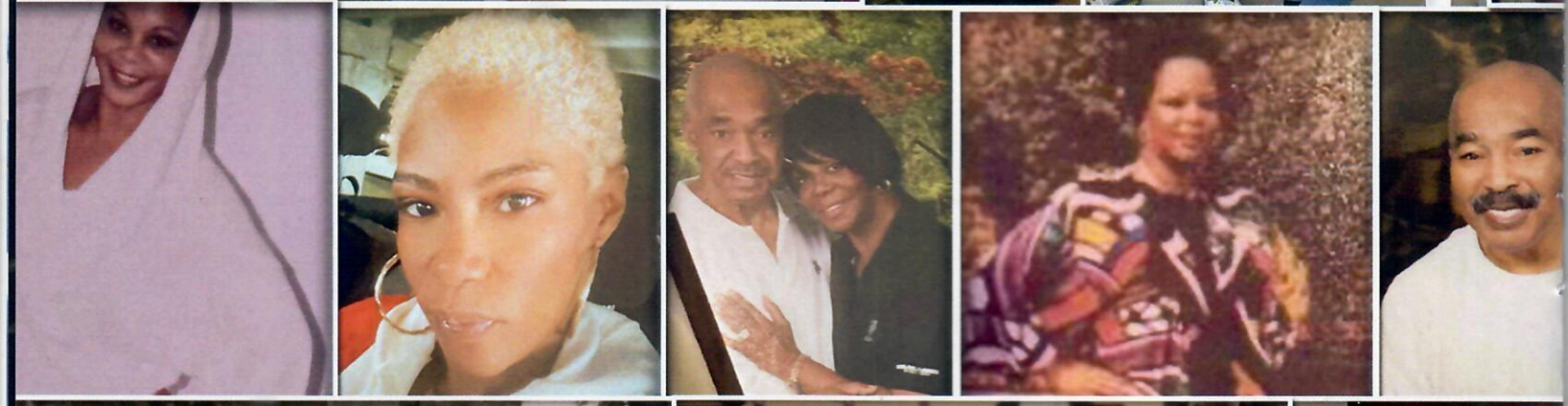
Organ Postlude.....

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

*Psalm 23*

*"Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."*

*Psalm 73:25-26*





# Reflections

*I love you Ma and miss your presence on earth. But, before you ascended into the heavenly realm you left with me an abundance of meaningful precious memories. You are one of my greatest teachers of life and what it really means to be human. With intention, you instilled in me that one must have faith, be resilient, and possess the ability to endure and not give up, amongst other valuable precious gems. You left me these valuable possessions influenced by your life that screamed "Run your race to the end with grace." Stand firm in your truth." My interpretation of that is, "Be your best You." In God's arms you've found love, peace, joy and most of all rest. I send my love up to the heavens addressed to you Ma today and always. I miss "You" and you will always live in my "Heart."*

*Until we meet again,*

***Love always, your daughter Kimlin***

*Mom, I wish I could have you back here with me. Although you are not here physically anymore, you will always be with me spiritually. I will miss you immensely until we meet again in heaven. I love you!*

***Your only son***

*To my friend Terry, I always thought you would always be here. Now my heart is broken because my friend is no longer here. I'm going to miss you more than you could ever know. We always said, "I love you" after a long conversation. Love you, sister.*

***Your sister Betty***

*Mama Theresa,*

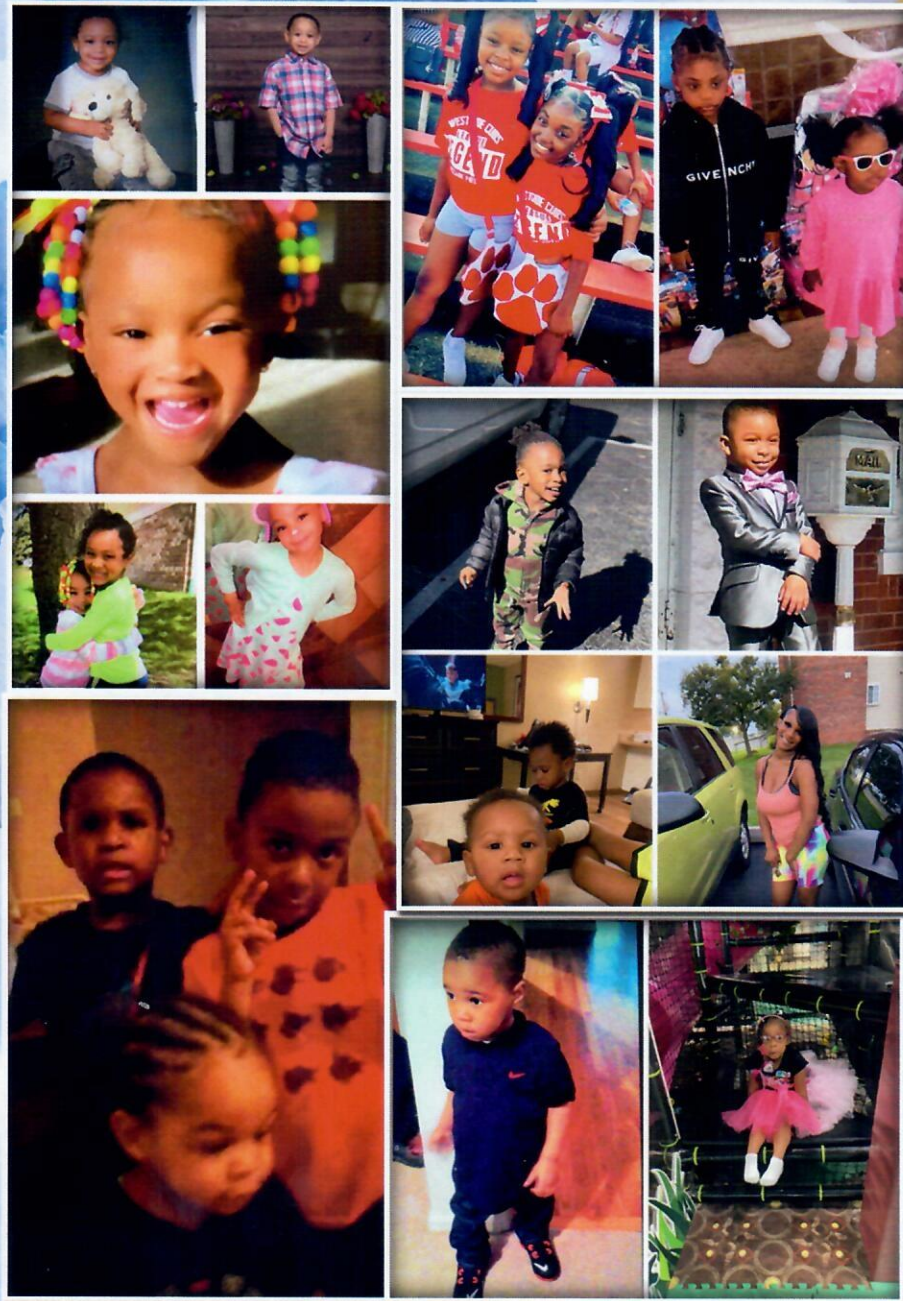
*God saw you getting tired. So He wrapped His arms around you and gave you rest. I know He only takes the best. I won't think of you as gone because your journey has just begun. I will think of you in a place where pain is non-existent, a place that gives you an abundance of comfort and peace... As you are heavy on my mind today my friend, my mother, my support... you will always hold a space in my heart. You believed in me and I will always love you for that. Today, I won't say goodbye, I will simply say, "I love you and I will see you soon, my friend." Until we meet again, I love you now and until the end of time.*

***Chase***

# *I'm Free*

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free  
I'm following the path God has chosen for me.  
I took His hand when I heard him call;  
I turned my back and left it all.  
I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way;  
I've now found peace at the end of day.  
If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss;  
Oh yes, these things, I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much;  
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.  
Perhaps my time seems all to brief;  
Don't lengthen your pain with undue grief.  
Lift up your heart and peace to thee,  
God wanted me now-He set me free  
Thank you for loving me, I will see you again.*





*Final Arrangements Entrusted To*

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*Acknowledgment of Appreciation*

The family of the late **Theresa Ann Burnett-Harris** wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many comforting messages, floral tributes, prayers and many other expressions of kindness and concern evidenced at this time in thought and deed. A more personal acknowledgment will be made at a later date.

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