



Mrs. Julia Dinkins Harrell

January 3, 1927 - December 31, 2013

Mrs. Julia Margaret Dinkins Harrell was born in Hopkins, SC on January 3, 1927 to the late Mr. Jesse Marion Dinkins and Mrs. Mattie Hills Dinkins. She departed this life on December 31, 2013 in the Richland Memorial Hospital surrounded by family.

Julia, one of nine children, was affectionately called “Baby Sister” by her family. She began her education at the Siloam Church School, from there she went on to graduate from Booker T. Washington High School in Columbia, SC.

Her love of cooking led her into employment with the public schools of Richland School District One. She served as a cafeteria manager/dietician for elementary, middle, and high schools at different times during her career. She retired from Richland One Schools in 1980. After a few years of retirement, she went to V.V. Reid Nursery and Elementary School where she assisted with the set-up, design, and management of their kitchen. She retired in 1994 to care for her terminally ill daughter. Julia found so much enjoyment in working with her hands, cooking for family and friends, and in helping others, especially her church family. She was very active with the Eastern Stars, where she served in various leadership roles. She enjoyed reading, gardening, and quilting.

Julia was baptized at an early age at Siloam Baptist Church in Hopkins, SC. She was a faithful member of the Siloam Baptist Church until she moved her

membership to the Gill Creek Baptist Church. At Gill Creek, she served as a deacon, a missionary, a member of the Jubilee Choir, a Sunday school and Bible study teacher, and was a member of the Pulpit Aide Committee. She also founded the Outreach Ministry to provide clothing to the less fortunate. On July 29, 1947, Julia was united in Holy Matrimony to Clarence Eugene Harrell, Jr. This union was blessed with almost 65 years of marriage, six children, eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her husband; a son, Thomas Harrell; and two daughters, Sandra Leysath and Joyce Reed.

Left to cherish fond and precious memories of "Baby Sister" are two daughters, Evelyn Moore and Harriett (Benjamin) Roach; a son; Clarence (Gail) Harrell, III; eight grandchildren, Patrick (Shavonne) Reed of Lithonia, GA; Xavier (Mandy) Harrell of Rowlett, TX; Dr. Aneidra N. Leysath and Marcus J. Leysath of Pensacola, FL; Ashley Harrell of Greensboro, NC; Andrea (Edward) McDowell, Nakia (Kershaw) Washington, and Christopher A. H. Moore, all of Columbia, SC; ten great grandchildren; two sisters; Martha Thompson of Hopkins, SC and Ethel Harris of Mount Laurel, NJ; one brother, Robert Dinkins of Kansas City, KS; a very special former son-in-law, Ceasar J. Leysath, III, who was like a son; and a host of nieces, nephews, four sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; other relatives and friends, all of whom join the family in sharing the grief caused by her departure.

Services will be held 12 noon on Monday, January 6, 2014 at Gill Creek Baptist Church, with interment to follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. The family will receive friends 6-8:00 pm Sunday, January 5, 2014 at Palmer Memorial Chapel. The family request that condolences and memorials be made to their web page @www.palmermemorialchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Julia Dinkins Harrell*

October 04, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Harrell family. Mrs Harrell has always been the most stalwart friend of our family and the members of The Professional Club. Even while dealing with her own health issues and those of her family, she always found enough love to give to others. She was a great leader, friend, confidant and advisor. We thought of her as family.*

She touched so many lives and we know that we will miss one of God's special angels.

*Love,
Mrs. Garrick's daughters (Bettye and Lucille)*

Lucille Gaither - January 07, 2014 at 09:09 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts are always with you but especially so during the home-going of Mrs. Harrell - such a wonderful Saint! We deeply loved her and her entire family. We will miss her earthly presence, but spiritually, she will forever be with each of us for she dearly loved everybody! Thank God for having been loved by her.*

Larry and Sandra Dye Giles

Sandra Dye-Giles - January 07, 2014 at 04:22 AM

MS

“ Deacon Harrell was very dear to my heart. She was one of the people who instilled a love for missions, jubilee singing, Sunday School and VBS in my life. I know that she is at rest and I am so fortunate to have encountered her strong example as a Christian woman! She will be missed!

Min. Roni Fulwood Stearns - January 06, 2014 at 08:26 PM

DS

“ My prayers are with the Harrell family during this difficult time. I will always remember Mrs. Harrell smile and kind words. She was a beautiful woman whom I admired greatly. Please know that my prayers and thoughts are with the Family, In Deepest Sympathy.
Diana Brunson Smith (Florence, SC)

Diana Brunson Smith - January 05, 2014 at 09:26 PM

CG

“ My deepest sympathy to the Harrell family. Deacon Harrell was truly a God fearing woman and will be missed immensely. I'll never forget her words of wisdom and the love she showed to me and my family. Her favorite saying to me was Trust in the Lord!

Cheryl Goodwin - January 05, 2014 at 09:05 PM

CW

“ We offer our sincere sympathy and the prayers of the our family to your family.
Calvin, Iretta and Jonathan Wise



Calvin and Iretta Wise - January 05, 2014 at 06:15 PM

EG

“ Our deepest sympathy to Harrell's family. Hope it comforts you to realize that God is with you every moment along with all the thoughts and prayers of everyone who cares about you. God Bless. *Elijah and Lillian Green*

Elijah & Lillian Green - January 05, 2014 at 03:19 PM

DC

“ In the Old Testament book, the "Proverbs 31 Woman" shines as a bright beacon. In life, Mrs. Harrell's light was that beacon. She possessed the spirit of a woman who embodies the qualities which every believing woman should strive for in her personal life and appearance, in her family life, and in her daily duties. What a blessing to have known such a strong woman with such character and dignity!

Deborah Cherry - January 04, 2014 at 03:01 PM

ML

To the Harrell family,

I pray with you and I will always remember Mother Harrell. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be able to sit and hear her wisdom and her singing and see her passion, dedication and love for others. She share with at the WOS biblestudy somethings that we all took to heart and will cherish forever. Trust God and HE will see you through.

Melinda Legette

Melinda Legette - January 06, 2014 at 11:38 AM