

Celebration of Life *for* *Joan Young Harris*

Sunrise

May 18, 1952

Sunset

December 9, 2014



Psalm 27: 1-4 (KJV)

27 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident. 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in his temple.

Life Celebration

Friday, December 19, 2014 ~ 10:00 A.M.

Mount Zion A. M. E. Church

1008-14 Center Street

Darby, PA 19023

Rev. Alberta Jones, Officiating





Life Reflection of Joan Harris

EARLY DECEMBER, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER CALLED ONE OF HIS MOST FAITHFUL SERVANTS HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, giving her everlasting eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven to dwell in His house of many mansions.

GOD directed Joan's journey on this earth placing her in the loving arms of her parents, Andrew S. Young Sr. and Pauline Allen Young, who nurtured and guided her in His ways.

Christ was with Joan before she was born. She accepted Jesus as her LORD and Savior at an early age. She was a loyal and faithful member of Mt. Zion AME Church for many years. Joan looked forward to serving in the church as a Vacation Bible School teacher. After a busy day at work for a two-week period in June, Joan would often rush home from work to teach the youth at Mt. Zion.

Joan was educated in the Darby Colwyn school district, empowering her to continue her education and graduate from Cheyney University and later attended Drexel University. Joan married the love of her life, Steven Harris. From this union, they were blessed with a beautiful daughter, Summer.

Joan's work experience began at the age of 15, working as a candy striper in Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital. She worked at Travelers and Cigna Insurance Companies in positions of authority. After working for at least 44 years, Joan retired in November 2014 from ACE-INA as a supervisor in the actuary department doing statistical reporting.

Joan's life was dedicated to the care and welfare of others, especially family and friends. She had not been retired for a week when she dedicated herself to the care of her 99-year-old mother-in-law. She was already caring for her mother, making sure her clothes were properly laundered for by doing them herself. She also made sure that her mother's hair was done, even if it meant bringing the hairdresser to the facility.

Joan was a loving sister to her brother's. She served as a surrogate mother to her eldest brother's daughters. She was an educational enforcer to her younger brother as he pursued his educational journey. During the care and transition of her aunt, about this time last year, she served as a source of spiritual energy and strength to her cousin. There is nothing that Joan would not do for her daughter, son-in-law, and most precious granddaughter, Winter.

Joan nurtured her many cousins and friends, walking with them, giving them continued support, encouragement and always reminding them of the source of their blessing.

Joan was truly a Servant of GOD.

Joan was preceded into the Kingdom of Heaven by: her father, Andrew S. Young Sr.; her husband, Steven Harris; and her aunt, Helen. One can just imagine that they were in the front of the reception line welcoming her to everlasting eternal life.

Joan leaves to cherish fond memories to: her mother, Pauline Young, her mother-in-law, Beatrice Harris; her brother, Andrew S. Young Jr.; a sister-in-law, Althera Young; a brother Robert "Bobby" Young; a brother-in-law, Thomas Gronczewski; her daughter, Summer Lewis; a son-in-law, Brahim Lewis; and her granddaughter, Winter Lewis.

In addition, two nieces, their spouses and children; along with special cousins and friends, and a host of family members, friends and co-workers. ~ Prayerfully Submitted, The Family



*Her Life is a beautiful memory
Her absence is a silent grief,
Her Soul lives within us
And fills us with everlasting peace*





Celebration of Life

Musical Prelude ~ Elder Michael Nelson

Processional ~ "Oh Happy Day", Clergy & Family

Opening Hymn ~ "Blessed Assurance"

Prayer of Comfort ~ Rev. Vincent P. Oliver

Solo ~ Mrs. Yvonne Davis

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 121: 1-8, Mrs. Kathy Ford

New Testament: John 14: 1-6, Muriel Stockley-Edwards

Acknowledgement of Cards and Resolutions ~ Mrs. Nell Rivers

Reading of Joan's Story (Obituary) ~ Ms. Bernadette Hooks

Solo ~ Minister Glen Washington

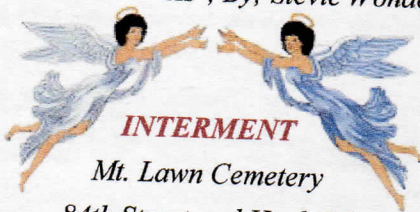
Words of Comfort ~ Reverend John Saunders

Family & Friends Reflections ~ (2 min. Limit Respectfully)

Selection ~ Mr. Terrell Guy

Eulogy ~ Rev. Alberta Jones

Recessional ~ "As", By: Stevie Wonder



INTERMENT

Mt. Lawn Cemetery

84th Street and Hook Rd

Sharon Hill, PA 19079

REPAST

*Following the Interment, Family & Friends will be received at:
Mount Zion A. M. E. Church for Refreshments & Fellowship*

How can you lose someone when you know where they are? We have not lost Joan, we know where she is. Even though we're grieving at this time, there is peace. We know she is at peace, home with her husband for the holiday.



Joan's Heart Beats Within Us

*We won't be able to touch her, or talk to her on the phone
We may often feel abandoned, but she didn't leave us alone
Remember, her heart beats within us, as we journey on our way
She completed her job as GOD's Servant, she didn't come here to stay!
Now placed your hand over your heart, and listen to its words
"I'm tucked away inside you, even though you can't hear my words
Feel my Love, see my Smile, here my Laughter
As you journey on your way
Remember,
My heart beats within you, I'll see you again, one day!"*



Home For The Holiday

The Angels in Heaven were planning their annual holiday celebration. Honored guests were given special invitation to sit at the banquet table with Jesus. Like Jesus, they also celebrated home goings in December. They were given everlasting eternal life to dwell in the Father's house of many mansions.

When aunt Helen, uncle Harold and Delphine received their invitations, they were already aware that GOD was preparing a room for Joan. They sent The Heavenly Father a message requesting him to bring Joan home for the holiday to sit at the banquet table with them.

Andrew Sr, Steven, Arthur, Tangie, Patty, aunt Romaine, and aunt Violet were also given an invitation to sit at the banquet table with the Guest of Honor.

GOD granted their request.

Oh, what a Blessing! Joan has been called home for the holiday to celebrate in the Heavenly Kingdom where she has everlasting eternal life.

Happy Holidays Joan!



Pall Bearers ~ Floral Bearers

Family & Friends



Her Last Request

*Please don't say that I gave up, Just say that I gave in.
Don't say that I lost the battle, for it was God's war to lose or win.
Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best,
Just say that I tried to do what's right, To give the most I could, not less.
Please don't give me wings or halos, That's for God to do
I want no more than I deserve, No extras, just my due.
Please don't give me flowers, or talk in real hush tones,
Don't be concerned about me now, I'm well with God, I've made it home.
Don't talk about what could have been,
It's over and let it be done, just let the work I've done speak for me.
When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint,
I've done some good, I've done some wrong, So use all of your paint.
Not just bright and light tones, use some gray and dark,
In fact, don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart.
Don't just remember good times, but remember the bad,
For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad...
But if you must do something, then I have one request,
Forgive me for the wrongs I've done, and with the love that's left,
Thank God for my soul's resting, Thank God for I've been blessed.
Thank God for all who loved me, Praise God who loved me best...*



A Note Of Thanks & Appreciation

*The family of the late Joan Harris, extend their sincere appreciation to their family members, friends, neighbors and church family for their prayers, expressions of sympathy, and love shown during this time of bereavement.
May God bless and keep you all in His loving grace and care.*

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