

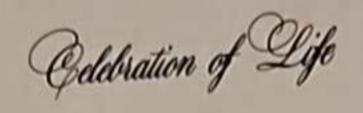
JULY 30, 2024

SATURDAY AUGUST, 10, 2024

ST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH 184 Goodell Street | Buffalo, N

OVERSEER MICHAEL CHAPMAN, PASTOR | OFFICIANT

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## VISITATION ~ 10:30 A.M.

MUSICAL PRELUDE	Minister and, Family
PROCESSIONAL	
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RECEIVING OF GUESTS	
ORDER OF SERVI	CE ~ 12:00 P.M.
FINAL GLIMPSE	
SEALING OF THE BIER	
MUSICAL SELECTION	
SCRIPTURE READING	Old Testament
	New Testament
PRAYER OF COMFORT	
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF CON	DOLENCES
OBITUARY	····· Read Silently
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	. Overseer Michael Chapman
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## REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF \*\*Harris Louise Woods Warris 1932 ~ 2024

Minnie Louise Woods was born December 31, 1932, in Thomasville, AL. She was the oldest of eight children born to the late Mr. Collins and Mrs. Bertha Woods. Minnie transitioned to her heavenly home on July 30, 2024.

Minnie was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend to so many individuals. Affectionately known as "Louise" by her siblings and relatives, she was known for possessing a big heart and sweet disposition as well as a genuine concern and love for others.

Minnie received her early education in Mobile, AL, graduating from Central High School.

She also attended Alabama State University in Montgomery, AL. In 1953, Minnie was pledged into the Beta Pi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She graduated on May 17, 1954, receiving a Bachelor of Science Degree in Secondary Education, and the same month the Reverend Ralph David Abernathy united her and the late Perry G. Harris in marriage. To this union, two children were born, Toni Lynne Harris and Lieutenant Kevin Todd Harris, Sr. retired Buffalo Fire Department.

Before her career in the field of education, Mrs. Harris was employed as an Engineering Clerk with the New York Telephone Company. In 1966, she began teaching English Language Arts at Bishop O'Hern High School; Mrs. Harris also taught at Woodlawn Junior High School; P.S #82 and at Hutchinson Central Technical High School where she was one Hutchinson African American educators. Mrs. Harris received of the first African Canisius College in 1972. She retired in 1996 after M.S. Ed from Canisius College in 1972. She retired in 1996 after having taught for 28 years.

Minnie had been actively involved with the Gamma Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. serving on various committees, including Undergraduate Advisor, and Chaplain. In 2003, she was the recipient of the Ouida Clapp Distinguished Sisterhood Award and in June 2024, she was awarded the Johnnie M. Mayo Strengthening Our Sisterhood Award.

An active member of Saint John Baptist Church for more than 60 years, Mrs. Harris has served on The Board of Christian Education, The Bereavement Committee, The Good Shepherd Society, The Women's Ministry, and The Early Morning Prayer Ministry. She was also active with the Sunday School Department, The Gospel Chorus, as well as The United Mass Choir.

Minnie was preceded in death by her husband Perry G. Harris; parents; Collins and Bertha Woods; sisters, Geraldine Campbell, and Jean Evelyn Buckner; brothers, Collins Jerome Woods, Vincent Woods, and Billie Edward Woods.

She leaves to cherish her loving memories her children, Toni Lynne Harris, and Kevin Todd Harris, Sr.; a loving daughter-in -law, Tina; sister, Linda Elaine Hunter; brother, Calvin Brian (Nadine) Woods. In addition, she is survived by grandchildren, Kevin T. Harris, Jr.; Kiana J.N. Harris; and Terrell D. Harris; three great grandchildren, Kyaire Jackson: Kahnilah Harris; Kamari Meadows and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

ISAIAH 40:31

Pallbearers

George A. Buckner Kevin T. Harris Jr. Terrell D. Harris Wayne K. Harris Rodney Menifee

Honorary Pallbearors

Desiree Breckenridge Barnes Joyce Johnson Nellie King Hattie McCarley Kim McCarley Lavern Merriweather Mary Rice

## **Acknowledgements**

The family of Minnie Louise Woods Harris wish to humbly and gratefully express our appreciation for all the kind and sympathetic gestures during our bereavement. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Funeral Gervices Entrusted to

THOMAS T. EDWARDS FUNERAL HOME 995 Genesee Street | Buffalo, NY 14211

Interment

FOREST LAWN CEMETERY 1990 Main Street | Buffalo, NY 14209