



# **Ann Elizabeth Harris**

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**A**nn Elizabeth Harris was born on December 16, 1919 in Magnolia, Mississippi to Lucille Johnson and William McKinley, and was the only child of this union. She had one sibling, a half-sister Rose McKinley Jean, who preceded her in death. Ann grew up in Magnolia and graduated from high school in Pike County. She went on to continue her education, and she obtained an Elementary Professional License from the State of Mississippi entitling her to teach elementary students in the public schools of Mississippi. In 1946, Ann and her parents moved to Dallas. In January 1955, she made Hamilton Park in Far North Dallas her permanent home. She joined the Hamilton Park United Methodist Church and served in numerous ministries over the past 40 years. Ann enjoyed a prosperous career path after moving to Dallas. She left teaching to work side by side with her father at the historic Meadows Building located at Lovers Lane and University Drive. In the early 70's, she returned to the public school system and began working in food service for DISD. She was employed at SMU for many years before she transferred to RISD. She worked in the cafeteria at Skyline Elementary School doing what she loved most, cooking for others. She worked for RISD until she retired at the age of 76 in order to care for her mother full-time. Ann is the mother of three, Constance Daye (daughter) and Cheryl Smith and Alva Ray Brown (son and daughter who both preceded her in death). She also leaves behind four granddaughters (Sherry Henderson, Kelly Beacham, Sharva Brown, and Delicia Fennessee), a grandson (Anthony Brown), and seven great grandchildren. Ann who was affectionately known by all as "Mama Ann" had one passion that she loved above all others, and that was being surrounded by her family. She loved to cook for her family and enjoyed hosting all special occasions in her home. She also enjoyed working within her community and church family. Lastly, Ann devoted her life to being a constant support to her family 24/7. Miss Ann touched the lives of many and will forever live on in the hearts of those that knew her. We love you MAMA ANN!!!!



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The visitation for Ann Harris will be held from 6:00 to 8:00p.m., Friday, January 27, 2017 at Restland Funeral Home. Funeral service for Ann will be held at 11:00a.m., January 28, 2017 in the Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Restland Funeral Home and Memorial Park, 13005 Greenville Avenue, at Restland Road, Dallas, TX 75243.



## Tribute Wall

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DC

**Debra Canady** posted:

Sherry, I want you to know that I am so sorry that I missed Mama Anne's Homegoing Celebration, but I want you to know that even though I met her once, I will always remember her wonderful presence. Please know that she was blessed in having such a wonderful granddaughter such as you. God bless. ~Debra Canady

February 1 at 5:22 AM

ML

**Marla Lindquist** posted:

This little lady could brighten anyone's day with her smile and a hug! She will truly be missed. Love, Marla

January 26 at 7:08 AM

RD

**Renita Donnell** posted:

Mrs Ann Harris, was our neighbor and church family, we lived across the street from them for over 50 plus years and is so hard to know that she is also gone, I am sending my prayers to the family and want them to know that our hearts are with them....gone but never forgotten resting in the arms of our lord and savior.

January 25 at 3:59 PM

RD

**Renita Donnell** posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Ann Elizabeth Harris

January 25 at 3:49 PM



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DJ

**Denise J** posted:

Mrs. Ann, I was so sad to hear of your passing but I know you have gone on to Glory. I bet you are rejoicing with Cheryl and all of your other family members that have passed on! You were such a joy to know and could light up any room. You always had a smile on your face and kind words on your lips and that laugh would cheer anyone up! I didn't mind doing anything you asked because you were Mrs. Ann..a sweet and kind spirit. I am so glad I got to sing with you for many years..it was such fun and it was a joy. You were our Choir Mother and Grandmother and you have a special place in our hearts! I appreciate all your wisdom and knowledge you would give us. You may have spoken softly but what you would say would be great! Rest well now, you deserve it! You never wanted attention or recognition but you walked the walk as a follower of Christ so you deserved every attention. You are truly an example of "thy good and faithful servant." R.I.P. Prayers for you Dee Dee and the rest of your family. May God comfort and keep you all in the days, weeks and months to come.

January 24 at 9:40 AM

BH

**Bay, Henry & Anthony Henderson** posted:

Bay, Henry & Anthony Henderson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ann Elizabeth Harris.

January 23 at 3:20 PM

GC

**Gretchen Church** posted:

Mama Ann was special. She always greeted me with warm hugs, a smile and sweet words of wisdom. And her potato salad was like no one else's. May she rest in peace. My condolences to Dee and the rest of the family. Until you see her again, she is in your heart. Love , Gretchen

January 23 at 9:29 AM



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**Shauna Morgan** posted:

I have known Mama Ann for nineteen years. Mama Ann became my grandmother the moment I met her. She is actually the only grandmother I've ever known. She has always treated me like family and always made sure that I was included in every family event. When she introduced me to people she always said this is my granddaughter. People always looked at her funny but she didn't care. I have had so many wonderful memories over the years. Mama Ann, I am so happy that I got to spend every moment of those nineteen years being your granddaughter. I will miss her very much. It was a pleasure to see you and care for you each and every day. I love you very much! You're granddaughter Shauna Morgan

January 21 at 9:53 AM



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