

Active Pallbearers

Orlando Ashford Jimmy Shoulders
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Lance Darnell Lindsey Oliver Marshall Harris, II
Christopher Brett Harris Michael Gilbert Tubbs

Flower Bearers

Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

Honorary Flower Bearers

Professional Women's Club

Arrangements Entrusted to

Peoples Funeral Home
12060 Highway 31 South
Athens, AL

Acknowledgement

The Family of the Late Mildred M. Harris acknowledges the fact that many friends, far and near, have shared our lost and been in constant prayer with and for us during our time of sorrow. We appreciate the prayers, presence and participation to help us through such loss. Whatever your act of kindness, to numerous to mention, we are eternally grateful.

Homegoing Celebration
of

Mildred Marshall Harris



Saturday, June 21, 2008
1:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
208 West Hobbs Street
Athens, AL 35611

Rev. Raphael Gray, Officiating

Miss Me, But Let Me Go

Author Unknown

*When I come to the end of the road,
and the sun has set for me.*

I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.

Why cry for a soul set free?

*Miss me a little—but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low.*

Remember the love that was once shared.

Miss me, but let me go.

*For this is a journey we all must take,
and each must go alone.*

*It's all a part of the master's plan,
a step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know.*

Bear your sorrow in good deeds.

Miss me, but let me go.



Mildred Marshall Harris

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional

Musical Selection

Scripture Old Testament Psalm 23
New Testament Revelations 21:1-4

Prayer

Obituary (Read Silently)

Resolution Naomi Star Chapter #653
Order of Eastern Star

Reflections (2 minutes each)

Community
Church
United Methodist Women
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Professional Women's Club

Words of Encouragement Rev. Watt T. Washington
Former Pastor

Musical Selection

Eulogy Rev. Raphael Gray, Pastor
Village View United Methodist Church

Solo/Musical Selection

Recessional

Interment
Thatch Mann Cemetery

Obituary

"Whatsoever thy hands findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

Ecclesiastes 9:10

Mildred Harris was guided by her conviction that life was meant to be lived fully by helping others and fulfilling God's purpose. Her fruitful life began on February 23, 1923, in Oxmoor, Alabama. She was the tenth of twelve children born to Hattie Sanders and John Sterling Marshall.

In preparation for a lifetime of work and service, she graduated from Immaculate High School in Birmingham, Alabama, earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Alabama State College (now University) and a Master's degree in secondary education from Alabama A. and M. University. She also did graduate study at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and the University of Colorado.

When Mildred enrolled in undergraduate school her goal was to become a medical doctor. Instead, she decided to be a science teacher, a decision she never regretted. The American Missionary Society recruited her to teach at Trinity High School in Athens, Alabama, where she worked from 1944 until the school was closed in 1970. Then she transferred to East Limestone High School, became chair of the Science Department and taught until her retirement in 1982. The classroom was a perfect place

for her to express her zest for life. The opportunity to share her knowledge and wisdom with young people animated her. She loved the discipline and mutual respect that teaching demands.

At Village View United Methodist Church and throughout her church connection, Mildred worked diligently. In her local church she sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, played the piano and organ at various times, served in numerous leadership roles, and vocalized her love for the Lord for more than 50 years. She worked with the United Methodist Women at the District and North Alabama Conference levels, coordinating Spiritual Growth and serving as a popular Women's Day speaker.

Mildred found much to do in her community. An enthusiastic volunteer, she often served through organizations. She was an active member of the Naomi Star Chapter 653, Order of the Eastern Star; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; the Alabama Retired Teachers Association and Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Alpha Kappa Alpha proved to be an excellent outlet for her creativity, which she expressed through such projects such as the Debutante Presentation and Ball. She wrote a collection of meditations for her chapter and some of her writings were published by the sorority's Corporate office.

She was often rewarded for her community service and civic involvement. Among her citations are the National Volunteer Award given by the Alabama State

Senate; the AARP National Community Service Award; the New-Member-of-the-Year Award for the South Eastern Region of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; being named a charter board member for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program; serving as county representative for the Top of Alabama Regional Council of Governments; the Humanitarian Award given by the Community Action Agency of North Alabama, and the NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award. She was named Teacher of the Year twice and is listed in Who's Who of Secondary Educators of America, Outstanding Personalities of the South and Outstanding Secondary Educators of America.

Mildred was preceded in death by her loving husband, Oliver P. Harris. She leaves to cherish her memories and rejoice in her homegoing: her three children, Myrdis Lindsey (Hilman B. III), Oliver Marshall Harris (Wendy) and Harriet Hankerson (Larry); her sister, Ernestine Marshall Brier; her sisters-in-law, Maxine Edmonia Pulley and Ernestine Mack Marshall; seven loving grandchildren, Letitia Marie Lindsey, Lance Darnell Lindsey, Oliver Marshall Harris II, Christopher Brett Harris, Alysia Janell Harris, Michael Gilbert Tubbs and Kaylin Paige Hankerson. She was blessed to have two great-grandchildren, Aaron Haas and Curtis Reynolds Jr. She also leaves a lasting impression on a host of family and friends.

Memories

