

It is in profound sorrow that we announce the passing of

Hattie B. Harris

Which occurred on March 9, 2020



Viewing

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

4:00 PM—7:00 PM

Crawford United Methodist Church

3757 White Plains RD.

Bronx, New York 10467

Funeral Service

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Arrangements Entrusted To:

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Hattie B. Harris

Hattie B. Harris was a native of Paris, MO. Born on September 24th 1920 to the Late Grimsley and Susie Bell, she attended the Crispus Attucks School, she later graduated from Garfield High in Mexico, MO. in 1938. The day that Pearl Harbor was attacked, she was attending Western University in Quadra, Kansas. Later moving to Springfield, IL. She worked in a defense plant after reading about the Army-WAAC'S. She signed up in Springfield, IL. She grew up on a farm and liked the outdoors. After basic training she signed up for motor transport school, traveling on a segregated train to Fort Dix New Jersey, some of the passengers felt sorry for them for having to carry those heavy gas masks. She was very resentful about having to do KP duty in the white mess hall. She said they didn't come to us and I had no problem learning to do things the (Army way) she was assigned to a medical transport unit as a ambulance driver during World War II.

- (Beloved mother) of her church.
- Crawford Memorial Methodist
- Where she had been a member since 1960
- Graduate of Bronx Community College where she received an Associate Degree in Applied Science

When she returned to Springfield she met Will Harris Jr. and relocated to the Bronx. They had two (2) children, Will C. Harris III and Roslyn D. Harris, whom proceeded her. She was very dedicated to her Bronx community and belonged to many organizations as follows:

- N.Y.C. Board of Education, Para-Professional and Assistant Teacher.
- Northeast Bronx Democratic Club under Carl Heastie (NY State Assembly)
- She worked at various polling locations and became a coordinator.
- Crawford Methodist Church day care.
- Bridgefield Civic League founding member and past president.
- NAACP life member.
- Order of Eastern Star Estella Chapter Springfield, IL.
- National Association of Black Military Women (NABMW)
- Auxiliary for the Methodist Church Home (Riverdale) NY, past president for 14 years, Board of Directors.
- Crawford Day Care Center, teacher, treasurer, and president.
- Womens Memorial Foundation Arlington National Cemetery (Washington, D.C.)

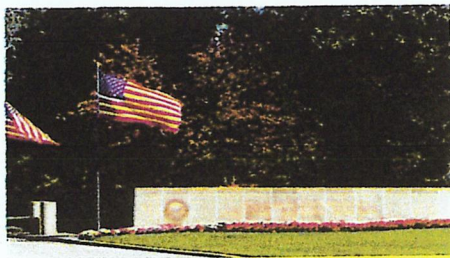
She also received many awards:

- Bridgefield Civic League (Outstanding Leadership) 6/27/1987
- Crawford Community Day dedicated 5/16/1987)
- Certificate of Merit Force Positive North East Bronx form Borough President.
- National Association of Black Military Womens Presented by Brigadier General (ret.) Rosetta Burke, Dedicated Service
- Certificate for Outstanding dedicated Community Service by Bronx Borough President Carrion.
- Crawford Community Day Care for Dedicated Service.
- Crawford Methodist Church in Appreciation of Faithful and Valuable Service to the church.
- Recognition of Outstanding and dedicated commitment to the NAACP Daycare Center and Willambridge Civic League and Workers Mission Inc.
- 369th Historical Society (Honoree) NY, NY.
- American Legion - CO-OP City, Bronx Post # 1871 - Certificate of Service.

She leaves to mourn:

- Will C. Harris III, Niece, Lavern Geanie McClendon, (St. Louis, MO.)
- Sister, Mary B. Troy (Paris, MO.)
- Niece, Donna B. Troy as well as many other family members and friends in Paris, MO. and St. Louis, MO.
- Adopted Daughter, Rev. Lilian Johnson Milwaukee, WI.
- Niece, Gloria (Sebretta Moniogo - Lithonia, GA.)
- Adopted Grandson (Kew) Keith Edward (Washington NY, NY)
- And a host of other relatives and friends throughout the country.

Lovingly Submitted,
Will C. Harris III



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