



Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris

January 7, 1950 - December 11, 2021

Mae Catherine “Cat” Williams was born on January 7, 1950, in Forrest City, AR, to the late Louis “Jim” Williams and Millie Hardin-Williams. Mae was the sixth child of the “Grateful Eight.” Jim and Millie had five daughters and three sons.

Mae is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Class of 1968. She attended AM&N College (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) for two years, majoring in Home Economics. In 1970, she married her high school sweetheart, Edward Lee Harris. They were married on May 30, 1970. From this union, one daughter was born, Sherlyn Kimberly Harris.

Mae accepted Christ at an early age at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until retreating in 2016 due to her illness. Mae loved her church. Being a woman of God and His humble servant, she served in multiple roles at the church, President of the Usher Board, Church Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and a member of the Kitchen Committee. She wore many hats, but she perfected the role and duties of an “Usher.” Mae was a long-time member of the Arkansas State Ushers Federation.

She loved her coworkers, clients, and people in general. Mae never met a stranger and always offered a lending hand in any situation. For instance, she

loved cooking and baking for family, friends, and the community. Mae was best known for her lemon and caramel cakes. The greatest joy in her life was spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mae started her career in the manufacturing industry in the early '70s at Reltoc Sewing Factor. She continued her manufacturing career at Thorn Apple Valley, Clarison's, and later retired from Bellville Shoe Factory in 2016. While being wife and mother, Mae had another passion. In 1979, she graduated from the well-known Allura's Beauty School in Memphis, TN. While attending school, she worked as an apprentice alongside Ms. Lois Malone. Mae worked with Ms. Malone for several years before stepping out on faith and becoming the owner and operator of her beauty salon, Mae's Beauty Shop, in 1984. Mae dedicated over 30+ years to serving the community. She scheduled her appointments to satisfy the needs of her clients, and she always did it with a smile.

Mae transitioned to her heavenly home on Saturday, December 11, 2021. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Millie Williams; three sisters, Lillie Mae Nelson, Bertha Lee Williams, and Lorece Withers; three brothers, Charley Louis "Mike" Williams, Verlon Williams, Sylvester "Bruh" Williams, and her sister-in-love, Elnora Austin.

She leaves to cherish loving memories to her husband, Edward Lee Harris, her only child, a daughter, Sherlyn Kimberly Harris, one granddaughter, Darielle Qui'Lahn Morris (Chris), and one grandson, Kenneth Wayne Ward, Jr. (Lil Ken). Five great-grandchildren; Theotis Darryl Thornton, Jr. (TJ), Taylor Dorothy Thornton, Tierney D'Mae Thorton, Kein Lee Ward, and Kynna Jai Ward, all of Little Rock, AR; one sister, Victoria Williams of Cleveland, OH; a special friend, Icyphine Greene, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Forrest City Cemetery

1399 Fletcher Road
Forrest City, AR 72335

Previous Events

Visitation with a requirement of a face covering

DEC 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Miles J. Kimble Mortuary & Cremation
1900 South Washington Street
Forrest City, AR 72335
(870) 633-1914
mjkimble@yahoo.com
<http://www.mjkmortuaryandcremation.com>

Service with a requirement of a face covering

DEC 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church
801 Yocona Road
Forrest City , AR 72335

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Ruthie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris*



Ruthie Watson - December 22, 2021 at 04:45 AM

CD

“ *Christian Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris*



Christian Davis - December 19, 2021 at 01:24 PM

CP

“ *I will never forget how kind Mrs. Harris was when I lost my own mother. I hope that her life of kindness will inspire kindness, love and friendship in the hearts of those she is leaving behind.*

C Y Powell - December 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM

LW

“ *She's always been my favorite Aunt done my hair since I could remember cause my Mom couldn't do it lol every other Saturday was our special time we eat bacon sandwich and watch good lifetime movies I'll miss my auntie she taught me alot LLC*



Laquandra Williams - December 18, 2021 at 09:12 AM

CP

“ Ms Mae was a very beautiful, sweet, kind , loving person. She pressed my adult daughter(who has Autism) hair. Ms. Mae had patience with her❤️ Take Your Rest . Prayers and Condolences To The Family.



Carolyn Palmer - December 17, 2021 at 05:17 PM

TJ

Mrs.Mae Catherine Williams was a Beautiful sweet Lady inside out, I had the opportunity of meeting her and working with the her at Belleville Shoe Co. In Forrest City. She was a cooking Lady,could make those Beautiful cake.She was so nice. She is safe in God arms,Rest in Peace,sweet Lady!

Terry Jones - December 17, 2021 at 06:05 PM

RW

“ Rene' Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris



Rene' Ward - December 16, 2021 at 05:08 PM

RH

“ To classmate Edward Harris and family of classmate Mae Catherine Williams-Harris, We the class of 1868 send our heartfelt sincere condolences. Know that we are praying for you.



Reva Hancock-Wiley - December 15, 2021 at 07:28 PM

RH

Class of 1968

Reva Hancock-Wiley - December 15, 2021 at 07:29 PM

RH

“ *Reva Hancock-Wiley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris*



Reva Hancock-Wiley - December 15, 2021 at 07:22 PM

BJ

“ *Betty Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris*



Betty Jackson - December 15, 2021 at 07:18 PM

BW

“ *Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris*



Bonnie Watson - December 15, 2021 at 05:33 PM

BW

“ *Bonnie Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris*



Bonnie Watson - December 15, 2021 at 05:32 PM

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“ *Lincoln High Class Of 1967 lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris*



Lincoln High Class of 1967 - December 15, 2021 at 05:26 PM

PS

“ *Phyllis Suggs lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Mae Catherine Williams Harris*



Phyllis Suggs - December 15, 2021 at 03:40 PM

MJ

“ To the Williams and Harris family, I send my sincere condolences.

My prayer is that you will find peace and comfort in God's grace, as He walks with you or He may need to carry you through this dark tunnel. You will find light at the end and when you do, hopefully every time you share a memory, you will recall a moment of laughter or find yourself doing something that reminds you of the times you spent together.

My memory dates back to elementary school, next door neighbors and college roommates. This memory brings a smile to my face.

Marilyn Jones Jackson (class of '68).



Marilyn Jackson - December 14, 2021 at 07:24 PM

MG

“A word of comfort and of hope, that in your deepest sorrow, you will find new strength and peace of mind and courage for tomorrow.” Please know that you are in our prayers.

Sending condolences to the family of Mae Catherine Williams Harris on behalf of The Lincoln High School - Maroon & Gold National Alumni Association, Inc. (MGNAAI), Forrest City, Arkansas. Mae Catherine was a member of the Lincoln High School Class of 1968.”

MGNAAI

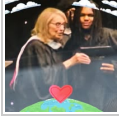


Maroon & Gold - December 13, 2021 at 02:02 PM



Sincere condolences and prayers for the Williams and Harris family.

cassie Lewis - December 13, 2021 at 02:23 PM



Thank you very much!

MickiBsoreal Hozfke - December 17, 2021 at 07:03 PM