



Jlettia A. Harris

August 16, 1921 - May 28, 2011

On Saturday (May 28, 2011) surrounded by four of her grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Angels came and carried Jlettia Arlene Harris to Heaven. The eldest of six children of the Rev. Elvin and Sarah (Newell) Adams, she was born Aug. 16, 1921, in Advance, Mo. She was 89 years old. She was the wife of Welman Dee Harris, who died in 1985. She was the mother of Robert Dee, who died in 1986; and Patricia Arlene, who died in 1996; and mother to Dianna Dee, her granddaughter whom she raised.

She left behind six grandchildren, Dianna (Paul) McDaniel, Robin (Dick) Diepeveen, Tina Harris, Bobbi (Robert) Haggard, Kirk Stewart and Jason Whitehead. She also has eight great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Louise Swinford, of Kankakee, aunt, Ada Chapman, of Rolla, Mo.; daughter-in-law caregiver, Sherry Helmle; and many nephews and nieces and friends whose lives she touched at Bradley Royale Health Care Center, where she resided the last 15 years due to Alzheimer's disease.

She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Lloyd, Virgil and Harlan; and a sister, Geneva Wilkins.

Jlettia was a caregiver to everyone: she took care of her siblings when they got ill, took care of her parents after they aged and cared for her mother for 21 years after her father's death. Her father was the founding father of The

Kankakee Gospel Assembly Church.

She was an aide at St. Mary's Hospital for 14 years. If you had the pleasure of meeting her, we know she touched your heart; she was special beyond words.

Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the family or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ *Joan Gehm lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris*



Joan Gehm - June 02, 2011 at 10:56 PM

DC

“ *Donna Cole lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris*



Donna Cole - June 01, 2011 at 12:46 PM

BS

“ *Robin,*

We're sorry for your loss of your Grandmother. God bless.

Love, Brian and Denise

Brian Simeur - June 01, 2011 at 06:55 AM

DM

“ *Deb Mitsdarffer lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris*



Deb Mitsdarffer - May 31, 2011 at 10:32 PM

DM

We are so Heartfully sorry for your loss Dede and also to your family, You are in our Prayers!!! xoxoxox

Deb Mitsdarffer - May 31, 2011 at 10:34 PM

BK

“ *Bruce Kirk lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris*



Bruce Kirk - May 31, 2011 at 09:11 PM

KS

“ *Kirk Stewart lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris*



Kirk Stewart - May 31, 2011 at 08:48 PM

RD

“ *Robin (Kirk) Diepeveen lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris*



Robin (Kirk) Diepeveen - May 31, 2011 at 12:44 PM

RP

“ Roland (Ron) Porter lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris



Roland (Ron) Porter - May 31, 2011 at 03:18 AM

RP

So sorry for you loss DEDE. There are some very special Gramma's in this world and she was one of them.....

Roland Porter - May 31, 2011 at 03:29 AM

DM

“ Diana Mecila lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris



Diana Mecila - May 30, 2011 at 11:56 PM

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“ Dianna Dee McDaniel (Harris) lit a candle in memory of Jlettia A. Harris



Dianna Dee McDaniel (Harris) - May 30, 2011 at 11:05 PM

DM

Love and Prayers to you DeDe~~I felt the love you have for your Gram every time you spoke her name. I bet you learned that from the love she had for you.

Diana Mecila - May 30, 2011 at 11:56 PM



Prayers are with you DeDe! My love goes out to you!

Patricia Adams Grant - May 31, 2011 at 05:39 AM