



## Jean H. Harper

January 14, 1921 - August 28, 2014

### Obituary

Jean H. Harper was born January 14, 1921 in Avondale, North Carolina to the late David and Alda Sims Hart. Jean was the fifth child of David and Alda's twelve children. At a young age, Jean relocated to Washington, District of Columbia.

For 32 years Jean worked at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, DC as a dietitian. While working at Freedmen's Hospital, Jean met the love of her life James "Jimmy" Harper. The couple soon married and from this union one daughter was born, Barbara Jean Harper. In 1954, Jean and Jimmy moved to Taylor Street NW where she lived the remainder of her life. Jean was a devoted member of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church where she served as a missionary and worked actively in the Pastor's Aide Ministry.

In addition to working enthusiastically in her church, Jean devoted the majority of her time to her family. She could be found with Barbara, her grandchildren and her great grandson. Jean (best known as Granny) enjoyed traveling, cooking, and socializing with her friends and extended family.

On Thursday August 28, 2014 at 4:31 pm Jean was called from labor to rest and went home to be with God Almighty whom she loved best. Although hearts are heavy and eyes filled with tears, her children rise and call her BLESSED. It is well with our souls.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband James "Jimmy" Harper, parents David and Alda Sims Hart, her brothers Sims, James, Willie, Charles,

and Glen, her sisters Pauline, Alda Mae, Ruth, Dovie and Mamie; and life long friend Frankie Crowe.

To cherish her love are daughter Barbara Jean Harper, her grandsons James Cannady and Linwood Bradford Jr., her great-grandson Linwood III, her son/nephew Percy Ridley Jr. and his wife Wanda and their children Quentin and Keshia, her sister Vivian Ridley, her sisters-in-law Sarah Hart and Dorothy Hart, her brother-in-law Lonnie Dawkins Sr., her step-daughter Frances Armstrong, her godchildren Tracy Ross, Troy Ross, Lori Ross, and Deadra Welcome. Her lifelong devoted friend Helen Pearson, a vast number of nieces, nephews, cousins, Trinity A.M.E. Zion family, Taylor Street NW neighbors, and numerous friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Washington National

4101 Suitland Rd  
Suitland, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity AMEZ Zion Church  
3505 16th ST. NW  
Washington, DC

## Service

SEP 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jean H. Harper*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, may Jehovah give your comfort in your time of need. 1Corinthians 1:3,4.*

**Carolyn** - September 08, 2014 at 12:59 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Granny*



**Robert Dawkins** - September 06, 2014 at 02:24 PM



“ *Met her several times at family gatherings. What a kind lovable woman she was. May God comfort the family as she will be missed. Corria family*

**Carolyn Corria** - September 04, 2014 at 09:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean H. Harper.*



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September 04, 2014 at 02:12 PM



“ *Dear Granny*

*You were such a sweet and wonderful lady! I can still hear you and grandma on the phone laughing and talking all night. From cookouts to holiday events you were there greeting me with a smile. I can remember going over your house as a child playing with Jimmy. I want to thank you for being a joy to your family and a friend to Grandma Bell!*

*We miss you and love you!  
Cheree'*

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**C. Bradford** - September 04, 2014 at 02:09 PM



“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**Lonnie Dawkins** - September 04, 2014 at 09:57 AM

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*So sorry to learn of Mrs. Harper's passing. May she rest in peace. I recall those holiday dinners at her house over the years. We would make the trip from Northern Virginia to DC in all kinds of weather to feast on her delicious meals.*

*To the family, may you feel God's comfort, love, and peace today in the days to come. Winona Thompson, Charlotte, NC*

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**Winona Thompson** - September 11, 2014 at 06:24 PM

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*“ I loved the way she always addressed me "Hey Baby" and the unconditional love she always showed me and my children. She will truly be missed. Such a sweetheart. Rest on Aunt Jean! Love you! Diane Mathis and family*

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**Diane Mathis** - September 04, 2014 at 09:41 AM



*“ We the March Family and Marshall-March Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

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**Marshall-March Funeral Homes** - September 03, 2014 at 02:43 PM