



## Mary J. Harris

March 29, 1959 - December 29, 2020

Mary Joann Harris was born on March 29, 1959 in Franklin County, North Carolina to the late James R. Hayes Sr. & Bessie Marie Hayes-Allen. Mary was the eldest of her siblings- three brothers and two sisters. At the age of four, her family moved to the Washington D.C. metropolitan.

As a teenager, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at Glendale Baptist Church (now named The Sanctuary at Kingdom Square). There, she served in the usher ministry, the Lot Cary Foreign Mission, and the choir. She graduated from Crossland Senior High School in 1977. She worked in many capacities over the years from within the Department of Defense in the Navy Yard and through hands-on assistance with the campaigns of city officials. Above all, she was a nurturer.

On March 28, 1988, Mary married the love of her life, Augustus Harris Sr. Together, they had eleven children. She raised and supported her children in all of their endeavors. For many years she was considered the “Team Mom” and she attended as many games and events with her children as possible.

Mary had several hobbies. She could often be found shopping or at a cabaret hand-dancing. She also enjoyed watching the Washington Football Team (formerly known as the Washington Redskins). She most enjoyed traveling, whether with friends or family. Mary also enjoyed taking bus trips with close

friends and family to the local casinos.

After losing her battle with cancer, on December 29, 2020, she departed this earth, and gained her wings. Mary leaves to cherish her memories, her loving husband, Augustus Harris Sr.; children, Lorenzo, Gus Jr (Kim), Porsha (Joseph), Nicole (Leonard), James, Ebone' (Wendell), Michael (Tinnell), Kenneth, Charles (Kendra), Timothy, and Michelle; her siblings, Angela (David), James "JR", Michael (Victoria), Vincent (Sharon), Shadonna (Nate); a host of grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends and family.

# Cemetery Details

## National Harmony Memorial Park

7101 Sheriff Rd  
Landover, MD 20785

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 8. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

MARSHALL-MARCH FUNERAL HOME OF MD  
4308 SUITLAND ROAD SUITLAND MARYLAND 20746  
SUITLAND, MD 20746

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary J. Harris*

October 23, 2023 at 08:15 AM



“ *I love and Miss u Joann* 😊

**Cherrida Thomas** - February 03, 2021 at 03:48 PM



“ *Linda Kelly*

*Mary I will miss you more then you know but I do know God have his arms around you and your family.*



**Linda Kelly** - January 08, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Memories shared are forever  
Others true as well  
Times we spent together  
Heart so heavy since you sailed  
Eruption flow these tears of mine  
Rebuke my lonely soul  
I dry my face as you incline  
Together lives you hold*

*-saj*

**Steven Jennings** - January 08, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



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January 08, 2021 at 05:53 AM



“ Besides the fact that Joanna always had a smile on her face the three things I will always remember are: 1) growing up we were in church all day on Sundays. Between services we'd pile into the green stationwagon and head to Cindy Lane. 2) One Easter Monday the girls made pants suits alike and went to “the Battle of the Bands” in Anacostia Park. 3) She blessed me with a wonderful, responsible God-son (Lorenzo Dawon). To the family know that you will forever be in my thoughts and prayers. Let your memories sustain you know she's loved!  
Min. Candy

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Norma D Salley-Bryant (Candy) - January 07, 2021 at 10:35 PM



“ Rosie lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Harris



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rosie - January 07, 2021 at 03:54 PM

NM

“ Missing you girl!! 🕊️💚🕊️💚 Forever in our hearts!!



Nicole Marie - January 07, 2021 at 09:36 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



January 06, 2021 at 06:02 PM

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“ Our prayers are going out to the family at tHis sad time. I grew up with Gus Mary's husband in Fairmont Heights. I remember when he started dating her and the stayed together all these years which is truly a blessing.. Mary was a sweetheart. ❤️

Regina Buie (Bryant) - January 06, 2021 at 03:26 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



January 06, 2021 at 12:52 PM



“ Sending love and prayers to Joanna's (Mary) family. I loved her for just being who she was!! May GOD touch you all and give you comfort and strength now and always❤️

LaWanda Moton & Family - January 06, 2021 at 02:59 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



January 05, 2021 at 05:00 PM



“ You were a second mother to me. Still hard to believe that you are no longer with us. I love you! Until we meet again, rest easy!



Crystal Turner - January 05, 2021 at 09:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



January 05, 2021 at 09:15 AM

KJ

“ My prayer for the Harris's is that you will find peace and strength in the memories knowing that Mary is in a better place where she will no longer suffer but will continue to watch over each and everyone. What i remember is her beautiful smile ,her welcoming and comforting personality. She was a sweetheart and will be truly missed.

**kerris a jennings** - January 04, 2021 at 08:51 PM

EF

“ We would like to extend our condolences to the family continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Truly sorry for your loss.

**Evans family** - January 04, 2021 at 03:51 AM

TF

“ The Young Family purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Mary J. Harris.



**The Young Family** - January 03, 2021 at 09:49 PM

LH

“ Lauren Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary J. Harris



**Lauren Harris** - January 03, 2021 at 09:36 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



January 03, 2021 at 09:11 PM



“ Sending condolences and prayers to the family 🙏🙏🙏

*Rev. Thelma Solomon McClean*

**Thelma Solomon McClean** - January 03, 2021 at 06:42 PM



“ Carolyn Lambert sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary J. Harris



**carolyn lambert** - January 03, 2021 at 06:34 PM



“ Norman, Mary Ann & family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Mary J. Harris.



**Norman, Mary Ann & family** - January 03, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



January 03, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ Mary Ann lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Harris



mary ann - January 03, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ I love u ma and I'm going to miss so much



Barbata thomas - January 03, 2021 at 04:37 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



January 03, 2021 at 04:11 PM

KP

“ Keith Person lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Harris



Keith Person - January 03, 2021 at 03:58 PM

NA

“ My love and condolences to the entire family! I continue to pray for God to comfort you and surround you with his Love!  
Love, Nachele & Emmanuel

Nachele - January 03, 2021 at 03:58 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary J. Harris.



January 03, 2021 at 03:15 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss, Jesus Christ Loves Me,  
We Love You



Thomas Widgeon - January 03, 2021 at 01:32 PM

MH

“ *Michael Hayes lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Harris*



Michael Hayes - January 03, 2021 at 12:38 PM

MD

“ *Forever my 🧑🏻❤️🕊️ I love you*

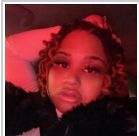
Michelle Denise - January 03, 2021 at 11:59 AM

VW

“ *Victor Witcher lit a candle in memory of Mary J. Harris*



Victor Witcher - January 02, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *I love you, Mommy.*

Ebone Harris - January 02, 2021 at 12:30 PM



“ 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** - January 02, 2021 at 10:56 AM