



## Dora M. Harris

June 19, 1931 - December 5, 2020

The journey of life for Dora M. Harris came to a sunset when God called her from labor to rest on December 5, 2020 surrounded by her family. Dora was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and the youngest of three sisters and two brothers born to the late Riley and Stella McGlone.

Dora received her primary and secondary education in the Portsmouth Public School System. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology from Virginia Union University, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Virginia State University, a Master Degree in Elementary Education from Hampton University and a Masters Degree in Administration from Old Dominion University. Her teaching career began in the Portsmouth School System but has been varied and diversified. She also taught in the elementary school systems in Bad Nauheim, Germany; Fort Riley; and Fort Leavenworth; Kansas and West Virginia State University. After twenty-five years of a most gratifying teaching career in the Portsmouth School System, Dora concluded her service as Principal of Westhaven Elementary School, and retired in May 1991.

Dora was a former member of St. James and St. Mark Episcopal Churches. She served as the first female Vestry person at St. Mark, a position she dearly cherished. Later, she joined her husband at Third Baptist Church and became a member of the Trustee Wives organization and later served as the chairperson. She was also a member of Female Usher Board 2; Sunday School Class 12; Cheerful Givers; former member of the Church Kindergarten Board; and Youth Tutorial Program. One of her most significant accomplishments, on behalf of Third Baptist Church, was coordinating a successful 100-pint blood drive for the American Red Cross in 1999. In January 2003, she became an active and dedicated member of Grove Church and served on the Tribal, Women's, Seniors, Mission Ministries and Church Volunteer, all of which she dearly loved.

Her organization affiliations included: Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Links, Incorporated, Portsmouth Chapter; Pinochle Bugs Incorporated; Jack and Jill Incorporated; and the Holidays Social Club. While teaching, caring and counseling

children were her first love, her most notable accomplishment was serving as Chairperson, Dress and Presentation for the Eureka Debutante Cotillion. While serving in this capacity for over 22 years, she enriched the lives of many of our future leaders of tomorrow. She has also provided her services as a surviving cancer counselor, assisting others who were fighting this dreaded disease. Dora was a very energetic, goal-oriented, loving person who always sought to raise the bar in whatever activity that she was involved in. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband of 65 years, LTC Warren S. Harris (Ret); two sons Warren D. Harris (Gina), of Chesapeake, VA; Derryl C. Harris (Patricia), of Reston, VA; adopted son David Anderson (Rosaland) three grandchildren, Lindsay, Warren D. II, and Derryl C. II, a host of friends and relatives, including our special social group.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Marriner Christian Academy, P.O. Box 6219, Portsmouth, VA 23703

# Previous Events

## Virtual Wake service

DEC 11. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.  
Chesapeake, VA 23323  
(757) 487-3700  
info@jtfisherfuneralservices.com  
<https://www.jtfisherfuneralservices.com>

## Visitation

DEC 11. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Virtual Service

DEC 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel  
1248 N. George Washington Hwy  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



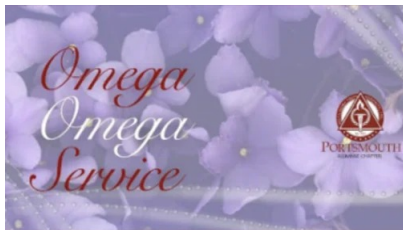
“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Dora M. Harris



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 13, 2020 at 12:49 PM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 09, 2020 at 10:22 PM

EM

*What a beautiful smile on a beautiful soul who will surely be missed. She was truly a gracious soul who touched the life of everyone with whom she came in contact. Heaven has gained an angel. She will, I am sure be working up there just as she did down here. Rest in peace, my phenomenal queen!!!*

Earl Mabry - December 12, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Webcast in memory of Dora M. Harris



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 09, 2020 at 02:05 PM

AY

*Though we could not be physically present, we want to send our love, thoughts and prayers to the Harris and extended family, and friends. Deepest Sympathy, Antoinette & Sidney Young*

Antoinette Young - December 12, 2020 at 12:12 PM

FH

*My heartfelt condolences to the family of Mrs. Dora Harris. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

**Francoise Holley** - December 12, 2020 at 05:25 PM

SH

*My deepest condolences to the Harris family, my thoughts and prayers are with the entire Harris family and friends*

**Sharon D. Holliday** - December 12, 2020 at 07:31 PM

TE

*May the love of God surround this entire family during this difficult time....*

**Thelma L Ervin** - December 13, 2020 at 05:39 PM

SR

*I believe She was my 1st grade teacher in Philadelphia. I always think of her 74 years and counting.*

**Stephen Rodriguez** - January 27, 2025 at 10:54 AM

CD

“ *Dora Harris was my favorite teacher ever, and I mean thru elementary, High school, college, graduate school and earning my doctorate! I have never known a better educator. My love for History first began in her 4th grade classroom. I won the spelling bee that year (1970) because I didn't want to let her down. She was and still is my role model as an educator. I hope she is pleased with what I've done.*

**Calvin Henry Lawrence, Ed. D.** - February 23, 2022 at 09:43 AM

WW

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting her when I became lead trio for the Seniors Ministry. She was Instrumental in helping me plan activities for our seniors. She was always so kind and helpful. I will truly miss her gentle spirit and lovely smile.*



**Wanda Wright** - December 16, 2020 at 11:31 AM

LR

“ I met Mrs. Dora and Col Harris as a Eureka debutante in 1992. Mrs Dora was a true example of a lady. Her elegance and style. Her guidance to us girls is something I will always remember along with her smile. I learned a lot from her and the other Eureka wives that has lasted throughout the years that I now pass on to my daughter. Mrs Dora you will be missed.  
-Lisa Robinson, '92 Eureka Deb

Lisa Robinson - December 12, 2020 at 04:49 PM

DR

“ What a beautiful lady, always smiling and a true Diva. May God bless and comfort the family. Love George and Barbara Robinson..Horne Ave. Neighbors. ( Lisa's Mom and Dad)

Dea.George and Barbara Robinson - December 12, 2020 at 03:42 PM

EE

“ Earl Eley sent a virtual gift in memory of Dora M. Harris



Earl Eley - December 12, 2020 at 11:31 AM

JM

“ We Love you!  
You have inspired me to be the best me possible. Thank you,  
We know your peace, has come rest well.  
Prayers are always with you family.

J.R. (Rick) Malbrough & Family

J. R. Malbrough - December 12, 2020 at 11:15 AM

PS

“ Today my heart is broken at the thought of not being able to hug or experience the most infectious spirit of my Aunt Dora!! I have way too many beautiful memories to share in one message...it would literally take a book!! But the one thing that comes to mind first is the sisterhood and friendship that was shared between her and my mother, Mildred Southall!!!  
I can see them right now laughing and talking on the phone for hours at a time!!!  
Real genuine sisters and friends!!! After, our mother passed, Aunt Dora made sure that Pam and I were taken care of for her Dear Mildred...I will always be forever grateful for that!!!  
Today as we celebrate her beautiful life, our family will be keeping Uncle Warren and the entire family in our prayers!!!!  
We are here for you all!!!  
With Love, Pat Southall Smith and Family

Pat Smith - December 12, 2020 at 10:47 AM

TB

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Dora Harris. This definite includes all of the Hobson Street family members and friends! Prayers are sent out for all!  
Thomasyne Beverly

Thomasyne Beverly - December 11, 2020 at 08:33 PM

VW

“ Aunt Dora, as I will always call you... we send prayers & love to Uncle Warren & family. ~ Veronica R. Williams  
(Corey)



Veronica R. Williams - December 11, 2020 at 06:40 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dora M. Harris.



December 11, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dora M. Harris.*



December 11, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ *Sheryl Hardy-Austin purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Dora M. Harris.*



**Sheryl Hardy-Austin** - December 11, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



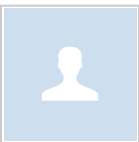
**Sheryl Hardy-Austin** - December 11, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ *Fall 83 Pi Gamma NSU. Butch, Shorty, Moose, Vicgee purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Dora M. Harris.*



**Fall 83 Pi Gamma NSU. Butch, Shorty, Moose, Vicgee** - December 11, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dora M. Harris.*



December 10, 2020 at 07:06 PM

DE

“ Sincere condolences to the Harris family and to our childhood friends, David, Connie, and Beverly, from your Hobson Street neighbors. The Overton family.

Doris A. Overton, Ed.D. - December 10, 2020 at 02:39 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dora M. Harris.



December 10, 2020 at 10:58 AM

RB

“ My sincere prayers of comfort to the Col. Harris and the entire Harris Family. I am saddened to hear of Mrs. Dora Harris' passing. As a 1994 Eureka Debutante, she always exemplified and taught the importance of class, grace, and professionalism to us. In more recent years when I would run into her and Col. Harris , she still displayed the same character, always looking great and telling you how proud She was of you. Rest peacefully Queen.

R. Barnes-Hooker - December 09, 2020 at 12:50 PM

BR

My sincere prayers and condolences to Col. Harris and the family of Dora. She was a wonderful friend and mentor to many. She made all who came into her presence feel special. RIP my friend.

Barbara Reynolds - December 11, 2020 at 05:30 PM

PB

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to the Harris Family. My daughter and I will always cherish the moments we spent in Mrs. Dora's presence. Her loving spirit of grace and refinement inspired us.

The Boone Family,

Melvin, Paula and Patrice

Paula Harmon Boone - December 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ 114 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - December 09, 2020 at 11:21 AM



“ Hendri (Drakes) & Jean Williams purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Dora M. Harris.



Hendri (Drakes) & Jean Williams - December 09, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ To Warren and the other family members, you have our condolences and support. Remember the love given by and to the beautiful and vivacious Mrs. Dora Harris. Rest in peace in the arms of our God, Beautiful One!!! Earl, Constance, Cherie, and Darryl Mabry.

Earl Mabry - December 09, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ Mrs. Do a Harris, a phenomenal lady! She always had a smile and a kind and encouraging word for anyone with whom she came in contact. She remembered every young lady whom she mentored working with the Eureka Debutantes. This lovely lady was truly loved and will definitely be missed!

Earl Mabry - December 09, 2020 at 09:22 AM

CL

“ *A lovely flower, picked from the Delta bouquet of life... What a lovely lady, Mrs. Dora Harris. Col. Harris, Warren and Gina and family, my condolences to you and prayers for God's comfort. Dora will be sorely missed. She was a classy lady, well-loved and respected by her sorority sisters. I will never forget the loving support and encouragement she and Celestine Hardy provided me when I was president of Portsmouth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. I admired her as a former president of the chapter, her steadfast active involvement in the chapter activities, and as a role model for more than six decades. Be encouraged that God will continue to bless all of you today, tomorrow, and forever more. Cynthia B. Lewis*

Cynthia B. Lewis - December 08, 2020 at 11:19 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dora M. Harris.*



December 08, 2020 at 06:08 PM

SJ

“ *Proverbs 31:10-12. “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. 11The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. 12She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.”*

*To the family of my magnanimous Soror and Past President of the Portsmouth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.,, my sincerest expressions of condolences in tribute to Soror Harris who spread light and joy as she touched every soul in her life. Her texts of encouragement to me were always spiritually uplifting and I will forever carry her words in my heart. She showed a great capacity to love and share with others. With every star in the sky, her love for family and each of us will always twinkle with the brightness of her amazing smile. Continue to look towards the sky and see her watching over you thru God's shiny stars granting you peace and strength to endure.*

Soror Miriam Jiggetts - December 08, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora M. Harris.*



December 08, 2020 at 02:40 PM

YF

“ *Your Irema Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dora M. Harris.*



**Your Irema Family** - December 08, 2020 at 02:37 PM

MB

“ *Aunt Dora your beautiful smile and warm hugs will be so missed. I loved your encouragement during my journey as an Eureka Debutante '88. You always had kind words whenever I saw you. You were a beautiful person inside and out.*



**MICHELLE BRYANT** - December 08, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dora M. Harris.*



December 07, 2020 at 10:05 PM



“ *Mom Dora was such a gem. I hear her voice now. She was always so giving and such a creative treasure. She was an integral part of our family and we will miss her so much. Terry and I would always stop by on Christmas Day to say Hello on our way to our Mom's. She always greeted us with such happiness. I pray for the family that they will be able to navigate this difficult time as best as possible. Know that we are there for you with whatever you need. We love you.*

*Sheryl and Terry Austin*

**Sheryl Hardy-Austin** - December 07, 2020 at 09:25 PM

LB

“ I remember Mrs. Dora Harris from many years ago when she was a member of Third Bapt. Church. She was always jolly when ever I saw Her. May the Family find comfort in knowing that although Their hearts are heavy there are persons praying and thanking God for the time The have known Mrs. Harris.



Leigh Burton - December 07, 2020 at 01:40 PM

JB

“ I met Mrs. Dora Harris and Colonel Harris when I was a Eureka debutante. What a beautiful and loving couple. I later reconnected with Mrs. Dora when I was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in 2006. She had a loving heart, a warm smile, and a spiritual light that was always shining. I will miss her hugs whenever I saw her. She has fought the good fight and was truly faithful. Rest in peace Mrs. Dora. May God continue to strengthen Colonel Harris and his family during this period of bereavement.

Jackie Barnes

Jackie Barnes - December 07, 2020 at 12:47 PM

SC

“ My prayers are with The Harris Family. I met Mr. and Mrs. Harris when my daughter,  
Krystal was a debutante. Mrs. Dora was so sweet and kind. Rest In Peace.  
Sharon and Krystal Clark

Sharon Clark - December 07, 2020 at 11:36 AM

MF

My deepest condolences to Mr. Warren and the Harris family when I moved to Portsmouth and meet Dora she welcomed me with open arms with a smile . You will be missed!

May you rest now in your Father's House ❤️🙏

Love Margaret Foriest

Margaret Foriest - December 07, 2020 at 03:01 PM

MW

“ Our entire family was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs. Dora! Our memories run deep and will be cherished forever. She was (still is) a real jewel to us. We are yet praying for Brother Harris (Warren S.), her sons (Warren D. and Darryl) and their families.

Words cannot due justice for the heartfelt feelings at this time. Just know that life will never be the same; however, earth has no sorry that heaven cannot heal. With sincere sympathy, much love, and pleasant memories.

Michael (Deacon, Third Baptist Church; Zeta Iota - Omega Psi Phi), Michelle (PAC - DST), and Bria (DST) Williams

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**Michael Williams** - December 07, 2020 at 11:09 AM

DE

“ My prayers and condolences to Mr. Warren Harris and family. I met Mrs. Harris years ago. She always had a beautiful smile , and gentle spirit. Everytime I saw her she always asked about my family. Rest well my dear soror.



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**Delmarene** - December 07, 2020 at 06:05 AM

DM

“ Aunt Dora had a great love for family & friends. A heart of gold. Superior intellect. A wonderful sense of humor. Deep faith in our Creator. Tremendous strength. Service to her community. Beauty, in all aspects. These are things I think of when I remember Aunt Dora. Our family has lost the physical presence of a true jewel. Heaven has gained a true angel.

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**Dave Malbrough** - December 06, 2020 at 04:38 PM

BM

“ My prayers and condolences to the Harris Family in this their time of sorrow. Dora will be truly missed as I reflect on working closely with her on major church projects in promoting the kingdom of God. May she Rest In Peace!

Billy D. McIntyre

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**Billy McIntyre** - December 06, 2020 at 10:27 AM

DD

“ I met Dora, in the '70's, when I worked for Dr. Holley, III. She was kind, funny and delightful. I got a chance to work with/for her, for a short time, when she became principal of Westhaven. She was elegant, kind, compassionate, and always professional. I extend my SINCERE heartfelt condolences to her family!

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**Donna C. Darden** - December 06, 2020 at 09:25 AM

PO

“ I am going to miss you so much, I am so sorry I could not say good by, Rest on Mrs. Dora Harris with Your Beautiful, Graceful, Loving Spirit, Rest on Mrs. Harris.

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**Priscilla ONeal** - December 05, 2020 at 08:01 PM