



## Eloise Harris Harrison

December 26, 1922 - January 3, 2009

Portsmouth-Eloise Harris Harrison, 86, of the 4000 block of Breakwater Drive, went home to be with the Lord, January 3, 2009. She was born on December 26, 1922 to the late Nancy and James Harris of Portsmouth. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, George Harrison Jr., and from that union produced eight children, George Harrison III, Brenda E. Elliott, Gregory E. Harrison, Steve T. Harrison, Valerie V. Taylor, Valda Harrison, Michael A. Harrison, and Shelley J. Jackson.

She attended Portsmouth Public Schools and graduated from I.C. Norcom High School in the LPN Nursing program. She also received an Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education at Tidewater Community College in June 1983. Most of her career was spent working at Portsmouth General Hospital where she retired after 24 years.

Eloise had a strong desire to serve and care for others and mastered the art of motherhood and homemaking. She took great pride in decorating her home and was an avid gardener. She had great love for children and cared for many of her grandchildren while the parents worked. She was extremely generous to family, friends, and acquaintances and had many, many friends. She was full of life with never ending energy with the countenance of a much younger person, even into her eighties. She was very active socially and loved to dance, learning line dances well into her eighties. Eloise was an active

member of New Creation Community Church in Portsmouth for several years under the leadership of Pastor Timothy Brassell, and was formerly a member of St. Mark Baptist Church where she served in the Choir, as an Usher, and in the Nurse's Unit. She had a strong sense of community service and served as Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary (DAVA) Unit #27 in Portsmouth for several terms and also served as Adjutant, Chaplain, and Senior Executive Committee Woman. She received numerous awards and certificates on the local and state level for her service to the DAVA, and received an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Auxiliary Member in 2006 on the national level. She was a faithful volunteer to the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Hampton. She volunteered for the Meals on Wheels program and Food Bank, and provided gifts to several residential homes for the elderly. She was a member of the Red Hatter Sassy Snappers for several years and enjoyed participating in the organization's activities. Our Beloved lived a long and wonderful life to the fullest and was a blessing to her family and friends. Praise God who loved her most.

She is survived by two daughters, Valerie (Larry) and Shelley (Lloyd), and three sons, Gregory, Steve and Michael (Colette); a brother, James Harris, and a niece, Ms. Nancy Hunter; 15 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and other relatives, and many devoted friends.

Viewing will be held at J. T. Fisher Funeral Services, 1080 N. George Washington Hwy., Chesapeake on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 from 2 pm until 7 pm. A life celebration service will be held at Grove Baptist Church, 5910 West Norfolk Road, Portsmouth on Thursday, January 8, 2009 at 11 am with Dr. Melvin O. Marriner presiding. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Final care arrangements have been entrusted to J.T. Fisher Funeral Services.



# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grove Church  
5910 West Norfolk Road  
Portsmouth, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Eloise Harris Harrison



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - January 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

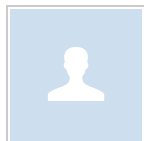


“ We were truly saddened to hear of your loss. Mrs. Harrison was truly a wonderful woman and she will be missed by all. Our condolences go out to your family during this time of great sorrow.

*"To be absent from the body" is to be "present with the Lord." (2Cr 5:8)##imported-begin##Rev & Mrs. Rodney Tolbert, Sr. & Family##imported-end##*

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January 08, 2009 at 11:53 AM



“ God bless you all. Surely, you've done well by your mom. I know that she will be greatly missed. Praise the Lord, we all shall see her again, in Christ. I was sorry to hear of your loss. May the peace of joy of the Lord comfort you at this time, in Jesus Name!

*Love, in Christ,  
Jeannine Gaines and Family##imported-begin##Mrs. Jeannine D. Gaines##imported-end##*

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January 06, 2009 at 11:37 PM



“ Valerie, on behalf of the Walker Family we extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We truly know the pain that you are feeling right now. Even in death we can take refuge in God, for through Christ, death is merely the event that brings us to the presence of the Father. Death is not really the end, but the beginning of life as it should be. We love you, Willie & Joyce##imported-begin##Rev. & Mrs. Willie McNair##imported-end##

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January 06, 2009 at 03:17 PM



“ To the family of Ms. Eloise,  
  
We are so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful person she was. My family and I had the pleasure of living next door to Ms. Eloise for 15 years. She always had a kind word, and a great story to tell. We will miss her!  
The Whitleys  
Magnolia Dr##imported-begin##Lori Whitley##imported-end##

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January 06, 2009 at 02:54 PM



“ Valerie my heart goes out to you and your family right now. I know their are no words that can help right now , but time will heal. I pray for you and the family. GOD bless you all. THE Eiiis and Butts family##imported-begin##Betty G. Ellis Butts##imported-end##

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January 06, 2009 at 11:09 AM



“ Valerie,  
My heart is so saddened for you and your family. I know the pain you are experiencing having lost my Dad and Sister one after the other. I pray God will give you comfort as only he can.  
Love,  
Evelyn###imported-begin###Evelyn Baker###imported-end##

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January 06, 2009 at 09:00 AM



“ My heart goes out to you in this your time of sorrow. May God continually bless all of the family of this beautiful lady who had a heart and soul of gold.###imported-begin###Ann R. Stewart###imported-end##

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January 06, 2009 at 07:18 AM



“ From the bottom of our hearts we send our sympathy to you her family and friends. Eloise was a very special and caring person and she was love by all. Eloise was a wonderful person and it was a true delight to know her through the DAVA. We both will miss her as well as Brenda this is truly a double loss.  
With love at this time  
Sincerely David and Diane Brinkley###imported-begin###Mr. & Mrs David G. Brinkley,Jr###imported-end##

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January 05, 2009 at 10:37 AM