



## Mrs. Lula R. Harris

October 17, 1915 - December 25, 2015

Lula R. Harris peacefully transitioned from this life to eternal rest on Friday, December 25, 2015, at home with her son and daughter-in-law at her side.

She was born on October 17, 1915, in Madison County, Virginia, to the late John and Lillian Roebuck. She was raised in a loving Christian home and was the oldest of 11 children. Four sisters and five brothers preceded Lula in death.

Lula was educated in the public school system in Washington, DC. She fell in love and married the love of her life, Richard S. Harris, Jr., deceased. They had three sons, Richard III, Anthony Ray and Dale. Early on, they lived in Washington, DC but relocated to Arlington, Virginia, where they remained for many years. Lula was a dedicated homemaker who loved her husband and children dearly. For 38 years, Lula worked at the First Virginia Bank. She especially enjoyed her last position in the check processing department.

A devoted Christian, Lula worshipped at Canaan Baptist Church in Washington, DC and Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church in Arlington, VA. She made her church home at St. John's Baptist Church in Arlington, VA, under the pastorate of Rev.

John J. Nicholas, Jr., and was lovingly called “one of the golden girls.”

Affectionately known as “Little Woman, Grandma, Sister and Aunt Lu,” she was truly loved. She was an outstanding cook and had many special recipes she prepared with love. She loved her children, grandchildren, great grands and her grand dogs - - as they brought much joy and laughter to her life.

Lula was meticulous about her appearance and was consistent about having manicures and pedicures. She loved sending and receiving greeting cards -- and saved and reviewed them often. She also enjoyed shopping, eating out, and reading magazines, The Daily Bread and the Bible. A member of the Arlington View Seniors, she enjoyed many social activities; and, also travelled with the “Jolly Hearts.” Lula was independent and though in her 90s, continued to drive.

No longer able to live by herself, her son and wife moved her to New Jersey. Attending Parker Day Care, she was eager to participate in the activities, including dancing. She’d arise in the morning declaring, “I’ve got to get ready to go to school today.” She continued to be helpful -- doing odds and ends around the house. At 100, she planned to renew her license when due at 103. In all her years living through segregation and the civil rights movement, she was excited to vote for the first Black President. On her 100th birthday, she received a birthday greeting from President Barack Obama.

Lula was predeceased by her husband, Richard S. Harris, Jr. and sons,

Richard III,  
and Anthony Ray. She leaves to cherish her memory: Son, Dale (Rita), Sister,  
Betty White; Grandsons, Dale Jr. and Tony Franklin; Granddaughters, Angela  
“Angie” Davis and April Crosby (Danny); Daughter-in-Law, Mary Harris; Great  
Grandchildren, Amani, Chandler, Gavin, Chase and Bryce; and a Great Great  
Grandchild, Micah; Eveline Arocho and Nina; a dear friend, Cassandra  
Thomas;  
and a host of relatives, friends and St. John’s Church family.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Valley Memorial Park

8420 Little River Tpke.  
Annandale, VA 22003

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's Baptist Church  
1905 Columbia Pike  
Arlington, VA 22204

## funeral service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the family of Mrs Lula Harris, our prayers are with you. We have fond memories of social events, meals, trips, and church services, that we enjoyed with Ms. Lulu. Her gentle nature and adventuresome spirit will be remembered.

*Doris 'Golden Girl' Henderson and family*

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**Susan King** - January 08, 2016 at 10:50 AM

BM

“ Dear Angie and family, so sorry for your loss. Praying God will give you peace as you remember your grandmother knowing that she lives on in you. Love "B"

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**Brenda Mitchener** - January 07, 2016 at 03:46 PM

DH

“ I am one of her nieces my name is Danielle I'm her baby sister child an my nick name is Dani that's what my Aunt Lula use to call me we would touch bases a lot with each other an I will truly miss the laughs we shared with each other. I'm was so blessed to have her in my life. She really inspired me to be the woman I am today. RIP  
AUNT LULA

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**Danielle Hayes** - January 06, 2016 at 05:45 PM

JF

“ Dale, Rita and Family,

*The Hollis Family would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you and your family.*

*May God be ever at your side and grant that everyday will bring brighter hours and special thoughts your way. There are times in our lives when the world seems to shift. One's never really ready when it comes the time to part, But Mrs. Lula will liver forever in sweet memories in your heart.*

*Jean Hollis and Family*

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**Jean Hollis and Family** - January 05, 2016 at 06:44 PM