

## *Obituary*

Mr. Willie Robert Harris was born on January 20, 1937, in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He was the eldest child of the late Walter Robert Harris and Sallie Padgett Harris. He departed this life on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

Mr. Harris attended public schools in Fairfield and Richland Counties, in South Carolina. He was baptized at an early age, at St. Luke Baptist Church in Fairfield County, and attended services at Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church for over 50 years. After marrying the love of his life, he began a career at SCE&G, where he retired after many years of faithful service.

In addition to his parents, Walter and Sallie, he was preceded in death by his brother, Burnest Harris; sisters, Leila Mae Shepherd and Eartha Lee Farrell; daughters, Kathy Harris and Celeste Phillips, and his great-granddaughter, Amelia Blakeney.

Mr. Harris leaves to honor his memory: his wife of 64 years, 10 months, and 25 days, Bessie Marie Bethel Harris; a brother, Frank Harris, five granddaughters, Kristen Phillips-Wood, Melodee Adams, Raechel Blakeney, Ricki (Brooks) Heard, and Erykah Givens; seven great-grandchildren, Antonio, Kaylen, Te'Yonna, Makayla, Terrell II, Brooklyn, and Brooks Jr; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, to cherish his memory.

## *Memories*



## *Order of Service*

Prelude  
Processional  
Viewing.....Funeral Directors  
Opening Hymn.....RMBC Praise Team  
Scripture Readings.....Minister  
    Old Testament – Psalm 1:1-3  
    New Testament – John 14:1-3  
Prayer.....Minister  
Selection.....RMBC Praise Team  
Words of Comfort.....Reverend Fred W. Coit  
Recessional  
Postlude



## *Committal, Benediction, and Interment*

**Lincoln Cemetery  
4900 Farrow Road  
Columbia, South Carolina**

## When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not here to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes, filled with tears for  
me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,  
and each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the  
hand

The angel said my place was ready in heaven far above  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But when I walked through Heaven's gate, I felt so much at  
home

When God looked down and smiled at me from His great  
golden throne.

He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you."  
Today my life on earth is past, but here it starts anew

I promise no tomorrow but today will always last  
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for  
the past.

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far  
apart,

For every time, you think of me, I'm right there in your  
heart.

## Pallbearers

Family and Friends

## Floral Bearers

Family and Friends

## Acknowledgement

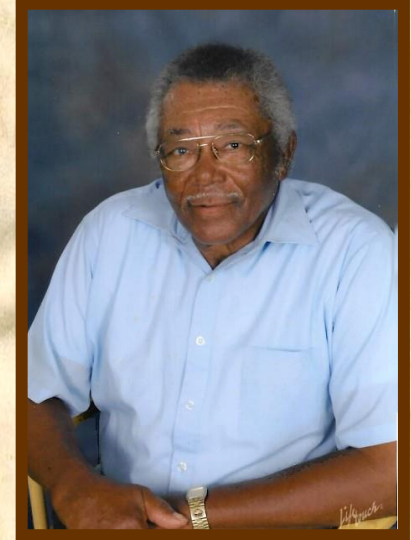
We, the family of Mr. Willie Robert Harris, would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who have shown comforting expressions of love, sympathy, and prayers, during the passing of our loved one. Special thanks to the care teams at National Healthcare at Parklane and Pruitt Health Home Care for providing care to Mr. Harris during his final days.

## Services Entrusted To:

<b>Taylor Street Chapel</b> 1831 Taylor Street Columbia, SC 29201 (803)771-7799 I. S. Leevy Johnson -Owner & Director-	<b>Leevy's</b> FUNERAL HOME Chris Leevy Johnson -President & Managing Director-	<b>Lower Richland Chapel</b> 9120 Garners Ferry Road Hopkins, SC 29061 (803) 776-6922 Leverette A. Williams, II -General Manager-
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## Homegoing Celebration In Loving Memory

of  
Mr. Willie Robert Harris



Wednesday, April 27, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Ridgewood Missionary Baptist Church

5326 Ridgeway Street

Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend Fred W. Coit

-Pastor-