

*A Celebration of Life  
In Loving Memory  
of*

**MRS. MARIAN CHRISTINE HARPER GEORGE**



**Special Acknowledgments**

The George and Harper families are brimming with gratitude and overflowing with thanksgiving for the unwavering support, kind words, and thoughtful deeds extended on behalf of my mom, Marian Harper George. The outpouring of love we have received has truly been overwhelming, a testament to the depth of her impact on others. It's heartwarming to witness the love she gave returning to her tenfold.

A heartfelt thank you goes to my personal Circle of Trust. The COT has shown up for me and my family in countless ways, each gesture a reminder of the loving friendship that binds us all together.

To my mom's dedicated caregiver, Ms. Chat, thank you for your support and reassurance during the difficult moments. A special note of gratitude extends to the Palmetto Senior Care Center of Laurel Street for their exceptional care and support. I also want to express my gratitude to my colleagues at Webster University for their unwavering support and understanding during this time of need.

While it's impossible to list all the individuals from our neighborhood who have shown us kindness, we are particularly thankful for the Goodwins, Lyles, and McClerklin Families.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024  
11:00 A.M.**

**LEEYVS FUNERAL HOME  
1831 TAYLOR STREET  
COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA**

**REVEREND SAMUEL K. LEWIS  
-OFFICIATING-**

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1831 Taylor Street  
Columbia, SC 29201  
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## Reflections of the Life

Marian Harper George, a beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend, peacefully passed away on Sunday, January 28, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Marian was born on July 26, 1945, in Newnan, Georgia, to her loving mother, Annie C. Harper. She spent her formative years in Newnan, attending Newnan High School before pursuing higher education at Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia.

During her youth, Marian developed a passion for Algebra and French classes, igniting a lifelong love for learning. As an adult, Marian cherished simple pleasures and found joy in gardening, quilting, mall walking, and baking. And friends raved over her cornbread especially. She had a knack for cooking and canning fruits and vegetables, often sharing her culinary delights with family and friends. Marian was also known for her love of gifting cookbooks and handmade quilts, a reflection of her generous nature.

Throughout her professional career spanning 34 years at Westinghouse, Marian formed lasting bonds with her colleagues, enjoying memorable travels and companionship with her work buddies. It was at a Benedict College baseball game where Marian met the love of her life, Odelle "Chest" George. They embarked on a journey together, eventually settling in Columbia to start a family.

Marian and Odelle welcomed their son Frederick in November 1969, followed by their daughter Rebecca in 1971. The family initially resided with Odelle's parents Lillian and Zellie George before establishing their first apartment and later their family home in northeast Columbia South Carolina. They created countless cherished memories in their family home, which remained a source of comfort and joy for many years. Typical Sundays revolved around Marian making dinner for her family while enjoying playing solitaire as the food simmered.

To foster well-being, Marian and Odelle sought solace and support with their daughter, Rebecca, eventually relocating to live with her. Marian's legacy of warmth, kindness, and resilience lives on through her husband Odelle, sons Terry Green and Frederick George, daughter Rebecca George, loving grandson Jonathan Harper Vessell. She leaves behind to celebrate her life are her brother Willie Joe Harper. Her brother, Frank Harper preceded her in death.

We are eternally grateful for Christine Harper Allen, Frank (Karen) Harper, and Coretta Harper McDowell for answering the call and showing up immediately to support Odelle and me. Your instinctive understanding of our needs meant the world to us. Christine's presence, holding Marian's hand until she was ready to let go, will forever be cherished.

Lovingly, Marian shared a special bond with her grandchildren: Lakeisha Green Ballard, Tierani Green, Tia Green, Curtis Cannon, Shanna Cannon, Bria Kitt, and Fredrick Kitt. Additionally, Odelle's siblings Yvonne, Lynn, and Marshall's support has made all the difference.

Marian will be remembered for her fiery spirit, sweet disposition, and infectious laughter that could brighten any room. Her generosity, caring nature, and unwavering love for her family and friends leave an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

## To the Very Best Mom

Thank you for a lifetime of loving me; for believing in me and putting my hopes, dreams, and needs ahead of your own. I have a thousand memories I will cherish forever because of the love you put into all you've done. Thank you for being the very best mother in the world!

-Jason Blume

## If Flowers Grow In Heaven- *\*modified*

If flowers grow in heaven,  
Lord please pick a bunch for me,  
Place them in my grandmother's arms  
and tell her they're from me.  
Tell her I love her and miss her,  
and when she turns to smile,  
place a kiss upon her cheek  
and hold her for awhile.  
Because remembering her is easy,  
I do it every day,  
but there's an ache within my heart  
that will never go away.

-Jonathan Harper Vessell

# Memories



# Order of Service

Prelude.....“Your Grace and Mercy”  
*Recording by: The Mississippi Mass Choir*

Processional

Viewing.....Funeral Directors

Opening Selection.....“Precious Lord”.....Ms. Tasha Bowman

Old Testament.....Pastor Ronald McFadden, Brown Chapel AME Church

New Testament..... Pastor Darrell Jackson, Bible Way Church of Atlas Road

Prayer of Comfort.....Pastor Darrell Jackson, Bible Way Church of Atlas Road

Musical Selection.....“When I Rose This Morning”.....Ms. Tasha Bowman  
 Ms. Renee [REDACTED]

Remarks.....Mrs. Elma Shannon  
 Ms. Sara Lyles

Musical Selection.....“How I Got Over”.....Ms. Tasha Bowman

Words of Comfort .....Reverend Samuel K. Lewis, Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church

Committal

Benediction

Recessional.....“Stand”  
*Recording by: Donnie McClurkin*

Postlude



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