

## My Grandmother's Poem

If Grandma had a meaning  
I'll tell you what it'd be  
if you were close to yours  
like mine was close to me

Grandmas are always there  
to lend a shoulder and dry your tears  
to comfort you in everything  
and help conquer all your fears

Despite all the wrong you've done  
and all the wrong you'll do  
a grandma will always be there  
and will unconditionally love you

A grandma will inspire you  
to follow your every dream  
She tells you, "you won't be alone,"  
because you're going to be a team

Grandmas are always busy  
although their hearts are tame  
they tell everyone about you  
so everyone knows your name

Grandmas will keep everything  
from when you're young till now  
and when you dance on Broadway  
for her you'll take a bow

Without grandmas we'd be lost  
and our tears would not be dry  
and we would not be encouraged  
to spread our wings and fly

To my grandma I say "Thank you"  
My heart will always be  
with you each and every day,  
and I know you're here with me

## Acknowledgement

We the family of the late Mrs. Fosteen Ward Harriford, also known as "Tina", wish to extend our sincere gratitude for each of your acts of kindness shown to us. We truly appreciate all of the food, the cards, the flowers, the calls, the texts and especially your prayers. To all of Mom's Caregivers over the years: James, Michelle, Medra, Deborah, Kim Kim, and Jordan – thank you for all that you've done. We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our Village: the Walker, Tobin, Johnson, James, Bennett, Jackson, and Sumter families, the Columbia Chapter of the Moles, the Theta Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the Gamma Nu Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Second Calvary Baptist Church, and Leevy's Funeral Home.

Repast for the Family  
James M. Hinton Hall  
Immediately After Service

## *Services Entrusted To:*

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



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Monday, May 6, 2024  
1:00 p.m.

Second Calvary Baptist Church  
1110 Mason Road  
Columbia, South Carolina

Reverend D.S. President  
-Pastor-



# Obituary of Mrs. Fosteen “Tina” Ward Harriford

Mrs. Fosteen “Tina” Ward Harriford was born on March 27, 1938, in Trenton, New Jersey. Fosteen passed away peacefully, at home on Monday, April 29, 2024. She was the daughter of the late Edward and Nannie Ward.

Mrs. Harriford was a graduate of Trenton Central High School. After graduating, she went on to attend Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, where she obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. Mrs. Harriford later obtained her master’s degree in Education from Cambridge College in 1995. It was during her time in Kansas that she met Willie Lloyd Harriford, Jr., who became her loving husband of 57 years. Mr. and Mrs. Harriford initially lived in Atlanta, Georgia, before ultimately making their way to Columbia, South Carolina, in 1972, where they would settle down and raise their family.

Mrs. Harriford spent most of her career in the South Carolina public school system, devoting her time and talents to teaching students with special needs, before ultimately retiring after over thirty years of service. Mrs. Harriford’s passion for nurturing young minds and her natural ability to connect with others extended well beyond her retirement and were some of her best qualities.

When the Harriford Family moved to Columbia, Mrs. Harriford became quite active in the community, both civically and socially. She was a past-president of the Columbia Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc, and was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. One of Mrs. Harriford’s favorite pastimes was playing bridge in numerous clubs throughout Columbia. Mrs. Harriford was also a member of Second Calvary Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Harriford was preceded in death by her brother, Earle Ward, and beloved husband, Dean Willie Lloyd Harriford, Jr.

Mrs. Harriford leaves to mourn her passing: her three children, W. L. “Chip” III, Wendy Lynne, and Ward Langston; two daughters-in-law, Robin Johnson Harriford and Lavita Sumter Harriford; seven grandchildren, Morgan Platt, W. L. “Scott” Harriford IV, Jordan Platt, Caitlin Harriford, Taylor Platt, Lauryn Harriford, and Sarah McCants; great-grandchildren, Silas Kroto and Royal Sims; extended family, Harry Walker, Gloria James, Wilatrel Stockton, Beryl Dakers, Kerry Abel, Dr. Walter and Bernice Tobin, and Fannie and Richard Jackson.

## Memories



## A Service of Remembrance

- Musical Prelude
- Processional
- Musical Selection.....Second Calvary Music Ministry  
“I’ll Fly Away”
- Old Testament.....Psalm 25:1-7.....Minister
- New Testament.....John 14:1-6.....Minister
- Prayer/Remarks.....Deacon Walter Tobin
- Musical Selection.....Second Calvary Music Ministry  
“Hold To God’s Unchanging Hand”
- Remarks.....Harry Walker, Family
- Poem.....Taylor Platt
- Acknowledgments.....Lavita Harriford
- Musical Selection.....Second Calvary Music Ministry  
“Last Mile of The Way”
- Words of Comfort.....Reverend DS President
- Prayer of Strength.....Reverend Joseph Hood
- Committal and Benediction
- Recessional
- Postlude

