



Annie Laverne Harper

August 25, 1934 - November 6, 2024

Annie Laverne Steens Harper, 90, of Chattanooga, passed away Wednesday, November 6, 2024, in a local hospital. She was born August 25, 1934 as the second living child of Houston Ezell and Matila Rebecca Steens (Nee Warren) in Kosciusko, Mississippi. She grew up in the are working in the fields, doing chores and going to school; dropping out in the 9th grade. She married Wallace Harper, Jr. on December 23, 1954 in Ringgold, Georgia. They welcomed a daughter, Diana, the following year. Annie helped to care for Wallace's 3 older children, Thomas, Jacqueline, and Ellen (Jill) until they separated. Her passion for life was sewing and she worked at several businesses as a seamstress, and doing alterations before opening her own shop—Ann's Tailors—in the Doctor's building on McCallie Avenue. Annie, or Miss Laverne, was a source of comfort and wisdom to many of the children in the neighborhoods in which she resided. Sometimes kind words or a stern warning, but always in love. She was preceded in passing by her father, Houston; her mother, Matilda; her Poppa, Joe Willie Bentley; brother, Victor Bentley I; sister, Minell Erving; brother-in-law, James Erving; daughter, Diana; stepson, Thomas Harper; stepdaughter, Ellen; son-in-law, Lebron Suttles; ex son-in-law, Robert C. Moore; grandsons, Robert T. Moore, Qwanzah Harper, Shaphon Word, and Teddrick Harper; nieces, Diola Bentley and Willie Dean Roundtree; special daughter, Lorrie Lambert; son-in-love, Alfred Waker; a host of relatives and friends. She is survived by her daughters, Jacqueline Harper, of Windsor, NJ, Cassandra Paige, of Atlanta, GA, and Rebecca Suttles and

Beverly Edmunds, both of Chattanooga; her sons, James (Teresa) Harper and Tony Harper, both of Chattanooga; nephews, Charles (Betty) Bentley, of Chicago, IL, and Victor (Debra) Bentley, of Chattanooga; nieces, Lydia Fair of Ethel, MS, Linda (Hal) Smith, Dorothy (Edward) Barksdale, of Knoxville, TN, and Mabel (Carlton) Lamar of Chattanooga. She left to honor her, 24 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, 20+ great-great-grandchildren, her IDMR and Union Grove family, sister-in-love, Betty Bishop; friend, Lille Kern; a host of friends throughout her life experiences. A memorial service will be held for Annie on Saturday, November 16, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of Taylor Funeral Home with Dr. James Harper as eulogist.

DIRECTIONS TO LIVE STREAM: Click the link below.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **16**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Tribute Wall



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Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc. - November 23, 2024 at 11:25 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Camera2-MemorialServivce-AnnieHarper



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RT

“ Robbie Dixie Toney lit a candle in memory of
Annie Laverne Harper



Robbie Dixie Toney - November 18, 2024 at 11:39 PM

WP

“ *Wilma Poole lit a candle in memory of Annie Laverne Harper*



Wilma Poole - November 17, 2024 at 01:54 AM

EF

“ *EMMA WHEELER HOMES FAMILIES*



Emma Wheeler Homes First Families - November 16, 2024 at 01:42 PM

GS

“ *GLEND FAYE STOUDEMIRE lit a candle in memory of Annie Laverne Harper*



GLEND FAYE STOUDEMIRE - November 16, 2024 at 10:31 AM

LI

“ *Leigh/Chris Jackson, &Richard Cole III purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Annie Laverne Harper.*



Leigh/Chris Jackson, &Richard Cole III - November 16, 2024 at 10:01 AM

DY

“Mrs. Laverne was the kindest person that you could ever meet. She was so loving and always had the most beautiful smile. She will surely be missed. We wish you all peace and joy in our heavenly father! Jerry and Dionne Young, Jackson, MS.

Dionne Young - November 15, 2024 at 05:05 PM

EH

“To The Family we send our condolences. Praying for your strength. Elizabeth Hill-Ringer Family



Elizabeth Hill-Ringer - November 15, 2024 at 12:07 AM



“Lillie Sampson-Roshell lit a candle in memory of Annie Laverne Harper



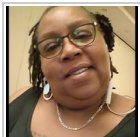
Lillie Sampson-Roshell - November 14, 2024 at 03:33 PM



We were sad to hear about the passing of Miss Laverne. She was a remarkable woman, and her legacy of love and kindness will never be forgotten. We offer our deepest condolences to the Harper family, know that we are grieving with you.

The Sampson Family

Lillie Sampson-Roshell - November 14, 2024 at 03:35 PM



“ We will forever remember your love and kindness! You will always be in our hearts! Miss you mama!
Milton and Renee' Gaines

Falethia Outley - November 14, 2024 at 12:39 PM

EC

“ Eric Church purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Annie Laverne Harper.



Eric Church - November 14, 2024 at 12:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Annie Laverne Harper.



November 14, 2024 at 10:56 AM

BM

“ Prayers, love and condolences to the entire family.
Pop & Mama Glenda



Ben & Glenda Morgan - November 14, 2024 at 09:51 AM