



Annie Laverne Harper

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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.

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Events


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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, November 16, 2024

 3:00 PM ET

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3417 Wilcox Boulevard, Chattanooga TN 37411





Tribute Wall

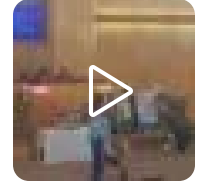
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November 23 at 7:25 PM



Taylor Funeral Home Of Chattanooga, Inc. shared an album called **Camera2-MemorialService-AnnieHarper.**

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Robbie Dixie Toney lit a candle in honor of Annie.

November 18 at 7:39 PM



Wilma Poole lit a candle in honor of Annie.

November 16 at 9:54 PM



Emma Wheeler Homes First Families shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

EMMA WHEELER HOMES FAMILIES

November 16 at 9:42 AM



Glenda Faye Stoudemire lit a candle in honor of Annie.

November 16 at 6:31 AM





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Leigh/Chris Jackson, &Richard Cole Iii sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Harper family.



November 16 at 6:01 AM



Dionne Young posted:

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.

November 15 at 1:05 PM



Elizabeth Hill-Ringer lit a candle in honor of Annie.

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



November 14 at 8:07 PM



Lillie Sampson-Roshell lit a candle in honor of Annie.



November 14 at 11:33 AM



Lillie Sampson-Roshell November 14 at 11:35 AM

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



Falethia Outley posted:

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

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Eric Church sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Harper family.

November 14 at 8:24 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Harper family.

November 14 at 6:56 AM



Ben & Glenda Morgan lit a candle in honor of Annie.
Prayers, love and condolences to the entire family. Pop & Mama Glenda

November 14 at 5:51 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Annie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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