



## Carmen Harris

January 30, 2020

### Obituary

#### CARMEN HARRIS

Carmen was born August 17, 1950 from the union of Ernest J. and Marjorie L. Collins. Carmen was called by her middle name, Diane, but was affectionately known as “Dee Dee” by her family. She attended public school in Kansas City, Missouri and graduated from Central High School in 1968. She then attended Penn Valley Community College and was later employed by Sears Roebuck, & Company in the accounting department. After graduation, Diane married James E. Smith and from this union her first born son, James Edward Smith, Jr. (aka Choo Choo) was born. After the painful dissolution of marriage, she later gave birth to a beautiful baby girl, Cherita Danielle Oliver. Both of her children were the love of Diane’s life. In 1997, a newfound love came into Diane’s life and on August 23, 1997, she married Jimmy Lee Harris. Jim was devoted to Diane and honored his vows to her “in sickness and in health....til death do you part.” He loved her til the end. Diane gave her life to the Lord and became a member of New Life In Christ International Ministries. She served at one time in the Usher Ministry and worked as a nursery teacher and cook for Life A-New Preparatory Academy. She was a sweet-spirited woman, a loving wife, mother, and daughter. Diane had a great sense of humor and was THE GREAT COMMUNICATOR” of the family. Being the oldest child, she kept all of her siblings and family “in the

know” and on the right track. We always knew where we could get the “411”. She loved her family and she will be missed by each of us. Diane was loved and cherished by all and was preceded in death by her father, Ernest J. Collins. She is survived by her mother, Marjorie Collins; husband, Jimmy Harris; son, James E. Smith, Jr. (Dallas, TX); daughter, Cherita Nimrod (Edward); 2 step-sons, Michael Harris & Jimmy Harris (Los Angeles, CA) brother, Darryl Collins (Nedra); 3 sisters, Gaile Johnson (Dallas, TX); Lisa Wesley (Keith) and Stephanie Collins; 2 granddaughters, Jamille and Corinne; 3 grandsons, Micah, Milan, and Deven, and a hosts of aunts, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at New Life Church in Grandview, Mo. Visitation 9:00 a.m. Interment 10:00 a.m. Monday, February 3, 2020 in Leavenworth National Cemetery.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Harris Family We are sorry to hear about the recent passing of Carmen Harris. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends during this hour of great sadness. My prayers to the family is that soon we will see the long welcome promise from God becoming a reality. That promise involves the restoring of life back to our love ones and friends who have died. Yes how often I have considered these verses in the scriptures. What two amazing promises these truly are. The first promise God tells us that he would soon rid the earth of all sicknesses and death. (Revelation 21:3-5) Just think, in the near future there will no longer be a need for medical center, doctors or even funeral arrangements. All these services will become a thing of the past. The next promise is truly a remarkable promise for all to know about. The promise states that God would cause a calling to those in the grave, and that our love ones would hear His voice and stand up in life again. (John 5:28-29) Can you envision this arrangement taking place? From the reading of these verses, God is giving us His personal guarantee that Carmen, and billions of others will stand up in life again. That Carmen and a great host of others would be reunited back with their many family members and friends. So the future is really bright for ourselves, and for those who have fallen asleep in death. Reading the nine accounts that speaks about the resurrection blessing helps to build strong faith in this future promise from God. Here is just one such example that is recorded at Acts 9:36-42. I hope that all will get a chance to see how the verses apply to your love ones. So please keep this promise of God near your heart at all times. Remember that God has given us his personal promise. Yes it is impossible for God to lie. (Titus 1:2)

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**Albert Caldwell Jr** - February 01, 2020 at 11:18 AM