

Eulogistic Services

In Loving Memory
Of

Mr. David Herman Harris, Sr.

Sunrise:
September 24, 1920

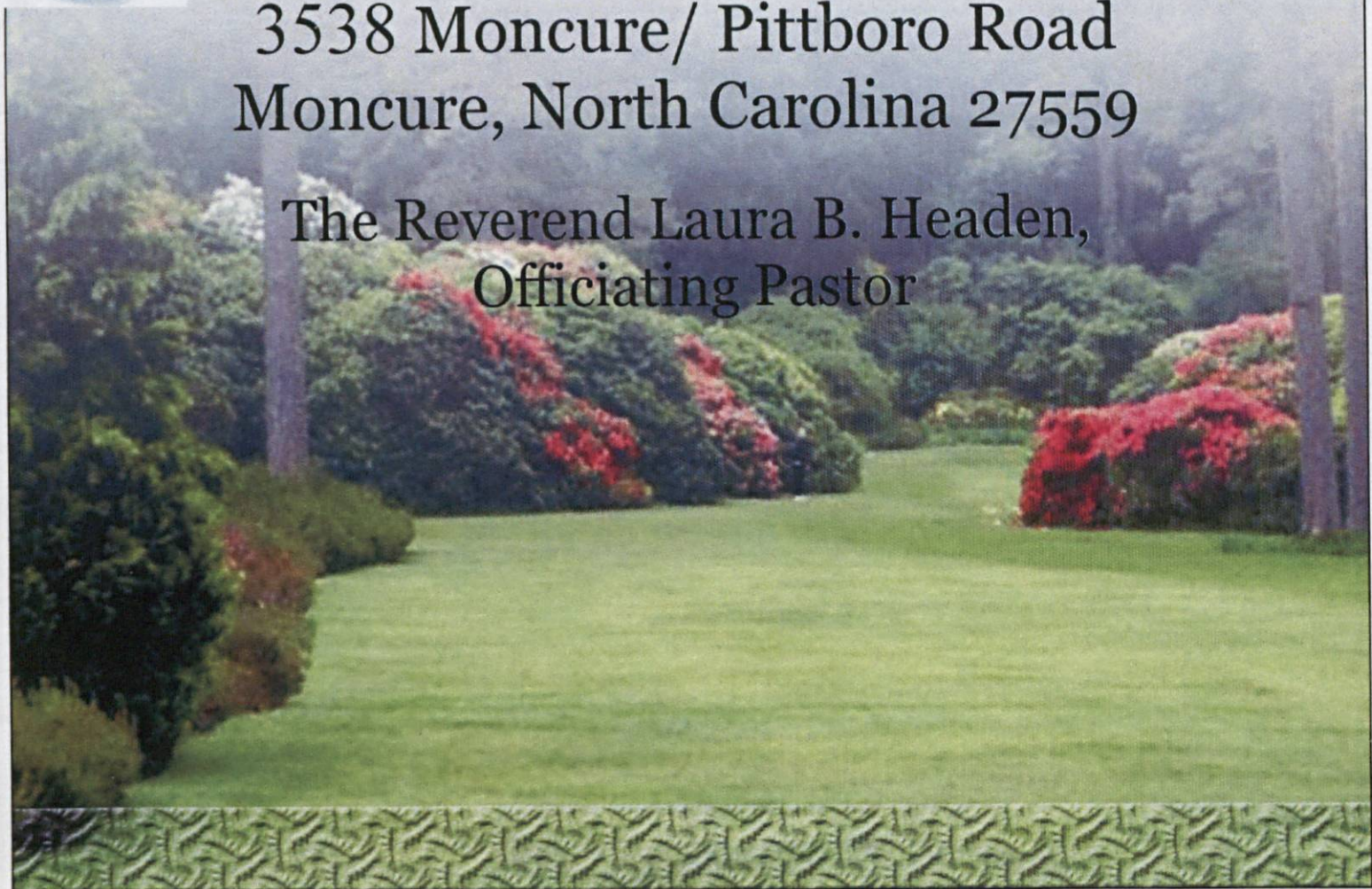
Sunset:
April 20, 2009



Saturday, April 25, 2009
2:00 p.m.

Mt. View A.M.E. Zion Church
3538 Moncure/ Pittboro Road
Moncure, North Carolina 27559

The Reverend Laura B. Headen,
Officiating Pastor



Order of Service

The Prelude.....Lawrence Jeffries, Jr.
(Great Nephew)
Chesterfield, Virginia

The Processional.....Mr. Gene Goldston
Siler City, North Carolina

The Hymn of Celebration....."Precious Lord".....The Male Chorus
Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Moncure, North Carolina

The Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Reading.....Psalm 90
Elder Debbie Lee
Pittsboro, North Carolina

New Testament Reading.....I Corinthians 15: 51 - 58
Mr. Daniel H. Harris
Baltimore, Maryland

The Prayer of Consolation.....The Reverend Stanley Burnette
Moncure, North Carolina

The Selection.....The Male Chorus

The Antiphonal Reading.....Psalm 23.....Mrs. Dorothy Ruffin
Coral Springs, Florida
Dr. Sandra Copeland
Chesapeake, Virginia

The Acknowledgements.....Mrs. Althea Thompson
Sanford, North Carolina

The Selection.....Mr. & Mrs. Gene Goldston

The Obituary.....(Please Read Silently).....A Musical Interlude

The Family Reflections.....Mr. John Ruffin, Jr.
Coral Springs, Florida

The Solo....."Wind Beneath My Wings".....Evangelist Sandra Nettles
Greensboro, North Carolina

The Eulogy.....The Reverend Laura B. Headen
Sanford, North Carolina

The Recessional.....Lawrence Jeffries, Jr.

Interment
The Seymour Cemetery
Moncure, North Carolina

A TRIBUTE OF DEDICATION

David Herman Harris, Sr. was a spiritual and intellectual giant in many capacities. He loved the treasures of life and shared that joy with others.

During his gentle and warm-hearted journey throughout this community, he became actively involved in numerous church undertakings and political ventures.

He served faithfully on many boards and committees in the church. His exceptional carpentry skills are distinctively noticeable. He was the overseer of maintenance for many years until his physical health declined.

Volunteering his time in the political arena of the Chatham County Democratic Party was a rewarding experience. He encouraged voter registration and transported those voters on election day. He also supported qualified candidates who would serve effectively.

He was known for informative conversations, as he recalled historical facts about pioneer families and community events.

His wisdom and knowledge will be greatly missed. However, his warm and compassionate spirit will linger throughout the lives of family and friends.

"What a Champion!"

D - Diligent and Devoted

A - an Advocate of History

V - Vibrant

I - Inspirational

D - Dedicated

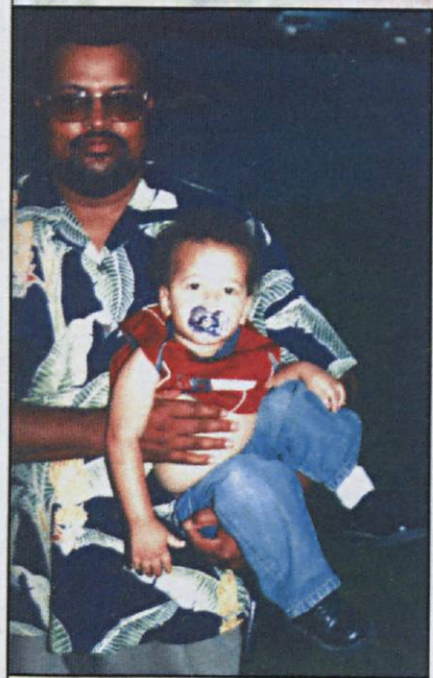
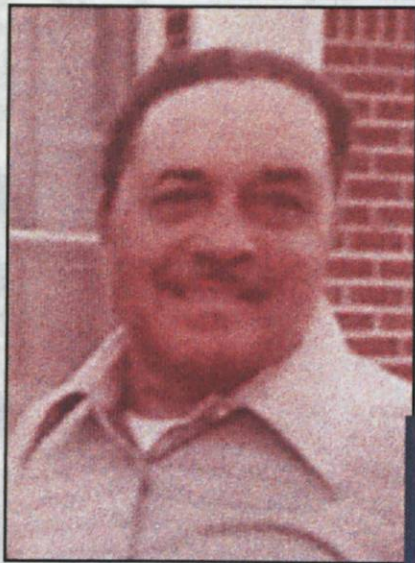
*Your cousin & friend,
Margaret Bryant Pollard*



*A Light from our family is gone
A voice once heard is still
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled...*

*It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

*Lovingly submitted
The Family*



"God grant us the serenity to accept the things that we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Obituary

~~ A life filled with commitment, dignity and respect for mankind. ~~

On September 24, 1920, David Herman Harris, Sr. was the eighth child to the late Oran Green Harris and Eva Jefferson Harris. He peacefully departed this life on Monday, April 20, 2009.

As a young boy, David worked on the farm along with his family and attended Mt. View A.M.E. Zion Church where he became an active member.

Receiving his educational training in a one-room school facility subsequently initiated early leadership skills that fostered his future decisions.

Upon graduation from high school, securing a job and entering into marriage with his wife, Mary Perry, David's imminent plans were interrupted as he was drafted into the United States Army. That venture was a tremendous challenge filled with new experiences that broadened his horizons as he traveled to France, Belgium and Germany. After serving two years in the military, he received Honorable Discharged Credentials.

Consequently, he moved his family to Portsmouth, Virginia to seek better job opportunities. After several years of working at the Navy Yard and the American Breakshoe Foundry in Norfolk, Virginia, he returned to Moncure, North Carolina and began establishing the groundwork of serving as a prominent, lifelong caring and respectable citizen of the community.

As a concerned and devoted member of Mt. View A.M.E. Zion Church, David resumed his dedicated membership, which placed him in numerous positions: president of the Young Men's Progressive Club, secretary of the Sunday School, treasurer of the Sunday School, member of the Trustee Board, member of the Steward Board, chairperson/ leader of church maintenance and renovation projects. He also functioned extensively and proficiently as church clerk during the latter years of his church responsibilities.

David's civic interests and calm influences extended into the community, as he demonstrated support and loyalty for the Chatham County Democratic Party. He was a member of the NAACP, as he strongly advocated voter registration. He frequently transported voters to the polls on election days, campaigned for Democratic candidates, attended as precinct overseer and served as the president of Three Rivers Precinct, formerly known as the Haw River Precinct. He also served as Parent-Teacher Association vice-president and president of the Parent-Teacher Association Planning Board at Moncure Elementary School in Moncure, North Carolina. While balancing civic interests, church activities, work, his passion for gardening, and family, David attended Central Carolina Technical College in Sanford, North Carolina (presently Central Carolina Community College), and earned a certificate in Business Management in 1971. His life was truly filled with harmony, love and concern for mankind.

As a wonderful attentive husband, father, uncle, cousin and friend, David Herman Harris, Sr. will be dearly missed.

He leaves with cherished memories: a devoted wife of many years, Mary; his children, Hermenia (Charles) of Moncure, North Carolina, David Jr. of Raleigh, North Carolina, Daniel (Vannessa) of Baltimore, Maryland, Lois of Moncure, North Carolina; Adorable grandchildren, Tara, Charisse, Dan Dan, Maria Victoria; great-grandchildren, Brooke, Bryce, Jeremiah, Elijah, and Elizabeth. He also imparts from his sister, Bettie Edwards of Norfolk, Virginia; sisters-in-law, Sister Susie B. Thomas and Novella P. Nettles (Clinton), lovely nieces, special nephews, and a host of extended relatives and friends.

Floral Bearers

Sharlene Hawkins
Darlene Taylor
Edith Wright
Judy Elliott

Madeline Thomas
Tracy Trapp
Pearlene Alston
Rhonda Headen

Honorary Floral Bearers

Wandra Farrell

Roll Bearers

Jerome Thomas
Wallace Britt
Billie Brooks
George Thomas

Darryl Thompson
William Taylor
Alfred Williams
James L. Gunter

Honorary Roll Bearers

Wilbur Bryant

Ushers

Delane Lewis
Jennifer Yancey

Connie Davis
Josephine Headen

Acknowledgments

We wish to thank family members, friends, Wake Medical Heart Center, Liberty Home Care Services, Chatham County Council on Aging, and Liberty Homecare and Hospice Health Care Agencies for the numerous expressions of kindness and sympathy extended to us during our hour of bereavement.

~ The Family ~

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"

Romans 15:13

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