

# CELEBRATION *Home Going*

*Mrs. Annie Mae Perkins Harris*

*Sunrise*  
October 23, 1926



*Sunset*  
October 3, 2008

## SERVICE

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 2:00 p.m.

*Russells Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church*  
Pittsboro, North Carolina

Rev. Sylvia Degraffenreidt ~ Pastor/ Officiating



# Order of Service

Prelude

Processional.....Ministers & Family

Selection.....Choir  
"There Is A Bright Side Somewhere"

Scripture Reading:

OLD TESTAMENT.....Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

NEW TESTAMENT.....John 14: 1-3

Prayer of Comfort.....Rev. Sylvia Degraffereidt

Solo.....Sis Gladys Perkins

Remarks

Acknowledgements & Obituary.....Melissa Simmons

Selection.....Choir  
"O' Lord I'm Your Child"

Eulogy.....Rev. Sylvia Degraffenreidt

Recessional



INTERMENT  
*Russells Chapel A.M.E. Zion  
Church Cemetery*





## *Obituary*

Annie Mae Perkins Harris was born October 23, 1926 in Chatham County to the late Charlie and Melissa Perkins. She was raised alongside her brother Charlie Lee Perkins and made the journey to be with them all  
October 3, 2008.

Many relatives and friends of the family remember this loving kind soul as Sis which is fitting since she was sister friend to so many. A devoted member of Russell Chapel A.M.E. Church since she was a child, Annie Mae, was known to come to the church without being asked just to polish the pews and sweep the floor for her Lord! Her oldest son Joseph remembers hearing her singing softly to herself "This Little Light of Mine." Her daughter Carolyn remembers working alongside her mother as they prepared their red table for the annual Rainbow Tea. Annie Mae delighted in cooking the best food and raising the most funds to support the community. Serving others was her greatest spiritual gift.

Annie Mae's pastor Reverend Sylvia Defraffenreidt credits her for keeping her encouraged in the ministry because she always made her feel completely loved and accepted. Heaven must be rejoicing that one of its most trusted servants is finally receiving a well deserved rest.

Though Annie Mae Perkins Harris may not have spent countless hours with every single grand or great grandchild the one who writes this eulogy reminds us all and the generations to come to remember her whenever we raise our hands in adoration to the Lord, love our spouses unconditionally, and believe the best about our children even when they make mistakes. She did it before us all and I pray we will all continue the tradition.

She awaits the arrival of her beloved husband Steven Edward Harris; five children and their spouses Joseph (Sandra) Perkins Sr., Earl (Gladys) Perkins, Steven (Linda) Harris Jr., Carolyn Penny, and Faydean Harris. She also leaves to God's loving care fifteen grandchildren, Michael, Joyce, Barry, Simone, Vivian, Syconda, Baronica, Melissa, Steven, Joseph, Mark, George, Charlie, Revon, and Lamar; sister-in-law, Thelma Perkins. Annie Mae is also survived by numerous relatives and friends who miss her deeply.

*Floral Bearers*

*Debbie Alston*

*Jessica Alston*

*Frances Baldwin*

*Cantice Nickerson*

*Roxann Alston*

*Roll Bearers*

*Grandsons*

*Family Dinner*

*Pittsboro Church of God*

*89 Milliken Road*

*Pittsboro, North Carolina*

*Immediately after service*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

The family wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to them during this hour of bereavement.

May God Bless and Keep You!

**THE FAMILY**

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