

Forever In Our Hearts



You Taught Us Well

Flower Bearers

Grandchildren

Casket Bearers

Sons



Acknowledgement

Thank you for every prayer and every act of kindness shown to our family during the illness and since the homegoing of a beloved mother, grandmother and friend.

The Thomas Family

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 *Service of
Love and Remembrance
for*



Mrs. Bobbie Lee Harper-Thomas

December 9, 1934 - February 11, 2021



Saturday, February 27, 2021

11:00 AM

Clark S. Brown & Sons Funeral Home Chapel

727 N. Patterson Avenue

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Pastor Shelton T. Miles, Officiant and Eulogist

Her Story



Bobbie Lee Harper-Thomas, daughter of Dicie and Peter, was born on December 9, 1932 in Winston-Salem, NC.

In 1950, Bobbie graduated from Atkins High School, in Winston-Salem, NC. In 1954, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in early education from Winston-Salem Teachers College, the first Black institution in the nation to grant degrees for teaching in the elementary grades. In 1972, the college was renamed Winston-Salem State University. After earning her degree, Bobbie devoted over 50 years to educating generations of first through sixth graders. During her illustrious career, she taught at North Elementary School, Forest Park Elementary and Cook Middle School. While teaching at North Elementary School, Bobbie taught the majority of the children in her neighborhood. Throughout her career, Bobbie received numerous honors for her extraordinary career in education.

Bobbie accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age, and was a faithful worshipper at St. James AME Church in Winston-Salem, NC. Bobbie loved the Lord, her family, cooking, word search puzzles, and reading. A lifelong learner even in her twilight years, she enjoyed reading and discussing politics, entertainment, and current events. Bobbie's life reflected the principles her parents instilled in her. She was revered as being honest, disciplined, loving, dependable, and trustworthy.

Bobbie departed this life to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 11, 2021, after a courageous period of declining health.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother and grandfather, Betsy and Henry Harper; her parents, Peter and Dicie; her husband, Haywood Thomas Sr.; her son, Haywood Thomas Jr.; and her daughter-in-law, Alfreda Wilson-Thomas.

Bobbie leaves to cherish her memory: sons, Howard, Wayne, and Bryant (Debbie) all of Winston-Salem, NC, Barry (Wanda) of Clarksville, TN, and Williford (Crystal) of Alexandria, VA; fifteen grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; her cousins, Clayborn and Henry Harper; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Order of Service



Processional

Opening Song

“I Understand” by Smokey Norful

Opening Prayer

Reverend Shelton T. Miles
Pastor, St. James AME Church
Winston-Salem, NC

Scripture Readings

Old Testament: Psalm 91
New Testament: John 14:1-3

Prayer

Reverend Miles

Song

“Going Up Yonder” by Tremaine Hawkins

Resolutions and Special Tributes

Family and Friends

Song

“Sovereign” by Daryl Coley

Eulogy

Reverend Miles

Recessional

Interment

Gardens of Memory
Walkertown, NC

In Her Honor



She Shall be Praised

Proverbs 31: 10 and 25-31

A wife of noble character who can find?

She is worth far more than rubies.

She is clothed with strength and dignity;
she can laugh at the days to come.

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful
instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

“Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.