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Please consider a donation to  
First Baptist Church, Scholarship Fund  
700 Highland Avenue  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101



## Acknowledgements

We wish to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love, concern and kindness shown to “Aunt Hat” and the family.



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# *Celebration of Life*



## *Ms. Harriet Edwards Smith*

*November 16, 1920 ~ February 18, 2024*



Saturday, February 24, 2024

11:00 AM

First Baptist Church

700 Highland Avenue

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Rev. Glen Pettiford, Officiating

Rev. Dr. Darryl W. Aaron, Eulogist

## Her Story

Mrs. Harriet Edwards Smith, affectionately known as “Aunt Hat”, daughter of the late Thomas Jefferson Edwards, Sr. and Buena Vista Edwards, was born November 16, 1920 in Henrico County, VA. She passed peacefully on February 18, 2024 at Trinity Glenn Skilled Nursing Facility. She was 103 years old

She graduated from Virginia Randolph High School and attended Virginia Union University in Richmond, VA. In her early 20’s, Harriet moved to New York City to follow her brother, Tommy Edwards, who was beginning his singing career that resulted in the gold record recording “It’s All in the Game”. Harriet blossomed in New York City as she honed her skills as a seamstress, alterations expert, artist and songwriter. She received an associate degree from New York University where she gained additional skills in layout and design leading to employment as a commercial artist.

In 1972, when she was in her early 50’s, her entrepreneurial life began when she started designing, distributing/selling her own collection of African American greeting cards. In fact, several of the original cards were displayed at First Baptist Church’s inaugural Art Exhibit on November 13, 2022.

Harriet relocated to Winston-Salem, NC in 1991 to be close to family. She was an active member of First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue, where she participated in Sunday School and the Senior Adult Ministry. Being self-employed, she used her expertise in clothing alterations to provide services for Smith Dry Cleaners, Elise Marie Boutique and for clients in her home. She was 86 years old when she retired.

Through her active life, she enjoyed church, all forms of art, sewing, cooking, playing bridge and pinochle, reading, word puzzles, politics and socializing. Her favorite expressed thought was “**To GOD Be the Glory**”.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings Buena E. Peace, Jessie L. Edwards, Elizabeth E. Thomas, Thomas J. Edwards, Jr. and Nathaniel Edwards.

She is survived by nephews and nieces, Lloyd T. (Gabrielle) Peace, Sr. of Tokyo, Japan/Fort Washington, MD, Janet P. (Harden) Wheeler of Winston-Salem, NC, Mark A. Thomas, Jr. of Bristow, VA, Allen (Sharon) Thomas, Geralene (James) Freeman of Nokesville, VA; great nephews and great nieces, Lloyd T. (Terumi) Peace, Jr. of Tokyo Japan, Renee P. (Anthony) Carr of Upper Marlboro, MD, Cheryl E. Lindsay of Winston-Salem, NC and James T. Freeman, Jr. of Nokesville, VA.; and several other relatives and many friends.

## Order of Service

**Processional**

Clergy and Family

**Family Visitation**

10:30 AM ~ 11:00 AM

“It’s All In The Game” by Tommy Edwards\*

**Opening Hymn**

“It Is Well” \*

**Prayer of Consolation**

Rev. Dr. A. Ray Campbell

**Scripture Readings**

Rev. Jocelyn Foy

*Old Testament Psalm 23*

*New Testament John 14:1~6*

**Selection**

“Blessed Assurance”

Mrs. D’Walla Simmons-Burke

**Remarks**

Friends and Family

Mrs. Annette Wilson

Mrs. Judith Felder

Mrs. Janet Wheeler

**Acknowledgements**

**Eulogy**

Rev. Dr. Darryl W. Aaron  
Pastor, Providence Baptist Church  
Greensboro, NC

**Closing Selection**

“The Solid Rock”\*

**Recessional**

**Interment**

New Evergreen Cemetery  
Winston-Salem, NC

\* Recorded Music



*Precious Memories*



*Forever in Our Hearts*

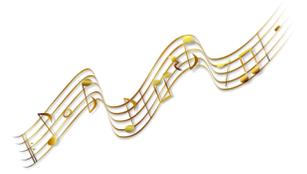
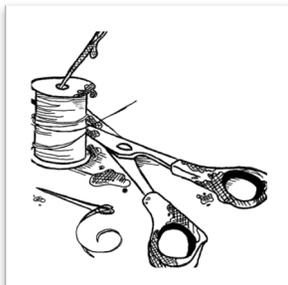
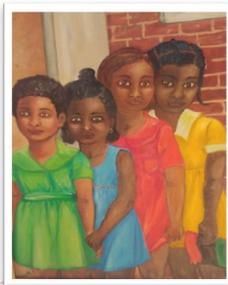




## Amazing Grace

*Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound  
 That saved a wretch like me  
 I once was lost, but now am found  
 Was blind but now I see  
 T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear  
 And Grace, my fears relieved  
 How precious did that Grace appear  
 The hour I first believed*

John Newton



## “It’s All In The Game”

*Many a tear had to fall  
 But it's all in the game  
 All in the wonderful game  
 That we know as love  
 You have words with him  
 And your future's looking dim  
 But these things  
 Your hearts can rise above*

*Once in a while he won't call  
 But it's all in the game  
 Soon he'll be there at your side  
 With a sweet bouquet  
 And he'll kiss your lips  
 And caress your waiting fingertips  
 And your hearts will fly  
 Away*

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 And caress your waiting fingertips  
 And your hearts will fly  
 Away*

Recorded by Tommy Edwards  
1958