



Josephine Harmon

May 22, 1924 - September 4, 2025

Homegoing Celebration of the Life of Josephine Cottman Harmon

Josephine Cottman was born on May 22, 1924 to the late Willis Cottman, Jr. and Annie Cannon Cottman. She was the oldest of 14 children from this union. She was wed in Holy Matrimony to Clifford Morris Harmon on December 7, 1940 by the late Reverend Noah H. Brown in Princess Anne, Maryland. God called His servant home on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at Coastal Hospice at the Lake in Salisbury, Maryland after a brief illness.

She was educated in the Somerset County School system, in a one-room schoolhouse on Pete's Hill Road in Princess Anne, Maryland.

Josephine was an active long-time member of St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church at West Post Office, until her health began to fail. She was a member of the Usher Board, the Voices of St. Mary's Choir, the Missionary Society and served as the Church Treasurer. During her lifelong membership at her church, she served under nine (9) pastors.

In her early years, along with being a homemaker, Josephine was employed by Birds Eye Foods, Inc., a domestic worker and later became a foster parent for the Somerset County Department of Social Services, where she received

several commendations for her dedication and service over the years.

On May 11, 2024, Josephine's family and friends came together to help her celebrate her 100th birthday at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, with over 150 people in attendance. She received Citations from President Joe Biden, Maryland Governor, Wes Moore and former President Barack Obama.

Josephine was well-known for her delicious cooking. Everyone enjoyed her greens, lima beans and dumplings, sweet potato biscuits, and folks came from far and near for her famous fried oyster fritters. She had many quotes and sayings, and her favorite saying was, "I'm fine as frog hair, splitting' into, if I get any finer, I wouldn't know what to do." Her favorite programs were the Jimmy Swaggert Ministries and Politics Nation hosted by the Reverend Al Sharpton.

She leaves to cherish her memory: 5 sons, Lloyd Harmon, Gerald Harmon (Connie), Marcus Harmon (Laverne), Lindsay Harmon (Cynthia) and Eric Harmon (Robin), 4 daughters, Laura Fleming (Larry), Cynthia Harris (John), Susan Harmon, and Paulette Cottman (Kevin); 3 sisters, Margaret Grant, Lucille Cook and Betty Cottman and 1 brother, Omar J. Cottman (Joyce). Also left to cherish her memory are: 25 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; 5 great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, many foster children, and a host of friends and acquaintances.

She was predeceased in death by: husband, Clifford Harmon; brothers, Willis Cottman, Randolph Cottman, Alexander Cottman, Preston Cottman, Robert Lee Cottman and Samuel Cottman; sisters, Lennie Cottman, Vida Miles and Elsie Collins; sons, Danny Lee Harmon, Sr. and Clifford Charles Harmon; stepson, Curtis Leroy Harmon, Sr.; grandsons, Danny Lee Harmon, Jr., Terrence Milbourne and Jamar Harmon; great grandson, Marquis Harmon and a longtime friend, Mrs. Peggy Pusey.

Sorrowfully Submitted ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Emmanuel Church
217 Beaglin Park Dr
Salisbury, MD 21804

Funeral Service

SEP **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - September 12, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ *Josephine Miles lit a candle in memory of Josephine Harmon*



Josephine Miles - September 13, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ *We send our regrets for not being able to attend and be with our family at this time. we will miss cousin Jo's kidding and smiles. We send our prayers of comfort.*

U. Edward and Charlotte Cottman - September 13, 2025 at 09:11 AM



“ *Condolences to all of the family. MomMom Josephine will be truly missed. I used to love her Fried Oyster Fritters. No one could make them like her. Wish I could be there with you in person, but I'm there in spirit. Sending much love to you all! Hope to see you soon! Hugs,*

Darlene Thornton - September 13, 2025 at 12:06 AM

FF

“ From the Coles Family purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Josephine Harmon.



From the Coles Family - September 12, 2025 at 01:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Harmon.



September 12, 2025 at 08:15 AM

SS

“ Sharon Corbin Spencer lit a candle in memory of Josephine Harmon



Sharon Corbin Spencer - September 12, 2025 at 05:01 AM

DF

“ Dawn Fountain planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Harmon.

Dawn Fountain - September 11, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DF

“ Dawn Fountain purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Josephine Harmon.



Dawn Fountain - September 11, 2025 at 06:03 PM

NF

“ Naomi Fontaine lit a candle in memory of Josephine Harmon



Naomi Fontaine - September 11, 2025 at 12:13 AM

AW

“ All of us at Culpeper Wood purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Josephine Harmon.



All of us at Culpeper Wood - September 10, 2025 at 01:44 PM

AW

“ All of us at Culpeper Wood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josephine Harmon.

All of us at Culpeper Wood - September 10, 2025 at 01:44 PM

KA

“ *RIP Auntie. Take your well deserved rest. You will be missed and never forgotten.* ”



Kathy - September 10, 2025 at 09:13 AM

TW

“ *Sorry For Your Loss* ”



Thomas Widgeon - September 10, 2025 at 07:40 AM