



Otha Lee Collier (Jones)

April 26, 1927 - January 4, 2019

Otha Lee Collier, the first born of Willie G. Harris and Maereatha Harper, was born on April 26, 1927 in Bainbridge, Georgia. She was called from labor to reward on Friday, January 4, 2019, from the Anchorage Healthcare Center in Salisbury, Maryland following a brief illness.

Otha accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized and joined the Freewill Baptist Church in Bainbridge, GA, where she attended with her family.

Otha was educated in the public schools of Decatur County, Georgia, where she graduated from the Hutto High School in Bainbridge, GA in May 1948. Otha Lee, upon graduation, relocated to the Eastern Shore of Maryland where she met the love of her life, Oliver Collier. They were united in holy matrimony on December 23, 1948, by the late Reverend Jones in Fruitland, MD. In 1952, Otha graduated from the Charm School of Cosmetology in Newark, NJ. She returned to Fruitland, MD and opened The Collier's Charm Beauty and Barber Salon. She opened her beauty salon and began serving her community for more than 50 years.

Otha Lee was raised in a Christian home where early commitment was made to serve the Master, be supportive and active in the church and community, and become personally involved in civic activities. She was taught to love and

to care. The road has not been easy for her, nor did she expect it to be...("For that which we labor in faith through honesty and humbleness bountiful harvest is the reward").

Jobs came in many forms: field work and factory work, to name a few – but a burning desire led her to launch a career based on faith and determination. Otha Lee became a beautician. This gave her the opportunity to meet many people, make money, friends, and learn of the needs and aspirations of others. Oliver and Otha's home became a place of comfort for many – some stopping by just to chat and sit a while.

Not one to accept without giving in return, she had a greater vision to fulfill the needs of children and working parents, and to give to their community of Fruitland a much needed child care center. They saw a central theme of continued growth and enfoldment through the building and opening of the Fruitland Day Care Center in September 1961. Children ranging from age two and above from the Fruitland Community as well as the surrounding communities have been cared for by "Miss Otha Lee and Mr. Oliver" as they were so affectionately called by everyone. The unique thing about the Child Care Center was that there was enough love for all. They administered it with a tenderness and kindness that was endless while providing a female and male role model for children to emulate.

Otha Lee was a member of the Mt. Calvary United Methodist Church in Fruitland, MD. She served on the Council of Ministry, member of the United Methodist Women's organization, The Ten ladies and Adult Choir. Otha Lee continued to inspire others to pray as she so fervently did. She spear-headed many fundraising activities for her church and community.

Otha Lee loved her family and friends. There are children from all across the state and country who came through the Fruitland Day Care Center and

Collier's Charm Beauty and Barber Salon.

She was preceded in death by her husband of over 58 years, Oliver James Collier; her mother, Maereatha Jones (Henry); her father, Willie Harris (Rosebud) as well as five sisters and five brothers.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three sisters, Thelma Scott of Fruitland, MD, Adell Bowers of Panama City, FL and Janie Johnson of Frederica, DE; two brothers, John Harris (Cynthia) of Paterson, NJ and Lee Harris (Betty) of Jacksonville, FL; adopted children, Marvin Parker, Sr., Marvin Parker, Jr. (Uvanda) and Sonya (Emanuel); sister-in-law, Ruby Collier; special nieces, Lorese Bounds (Homer), Keshia Jenkins (Dion), Patricia Mapp and Jona Horsey (David); special God Daughters, Annabelle Watson, Mrs. Mae Johnson and a special Godson, Cliff Jones and a host of relatives, friends and loved ones.

Tribute Wall

PW

“ To the family, My deep condolences in the passing of Ms Otha. Please note the words of Hebrews 6:10, "For God is not unrighteous so as to forget your work and the love you showed for his name by ministering and continuing to minister to the holy ones." Ms Otha gave of herself to serve others. Such a giving spirit will not go unnoticed by God. She will receive life in Paradise. (Luke 23:43)

Phyllis Watson - January 17, 2019 at 01:15 PM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Isaiah 41:10 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - January 13, 2019 at 10:58 AM

JO

“ Dear Family, Grief can be so hard at times, but our cherished memories of Tina Lee Collier (Jones) can help us to cope. Hold tight to those memories. Lean on each other for support. And may you find comfort in God's promise at (John 5: 28, 29).

joyceA - January 12, 2019 at 10:52 AM

CH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Connie Harrell and the Late Peter & Everlena Harris off Springs 4036 Blind Brook Ct; Tallahassee, FL 32303

Connie Harris Harrell - January 10, 2019 at 03:19 PM

BG

“ On behalf of Victory Faith Worship Center, we extend our deepest condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Apostle Matthew Brown Pastor Cora Brown

Barbara Gumby - January 09, 2019 at 08:27 PM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss Jesus Christ Loves Me We Love You

Thomas Widgeon - January 09, 2019 at 05:55 PM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection (Acts 24:15) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one. -Revelation 21:3,4; John 5:28,29; Luke 23:43. May GOD (Psalms 83:18) grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time. -Matthew 5:4.

M Jones - January 09, 2019 at 11:16 AM