



Deaconess Ida Elizabeth Estelle Farmer Harvin

Ida Elizabeth Estelle Farmer Harvin was born January 10, 1926 in the Home Branch Community of Clarendon County. She was the daughter of the late Jim and Carrie Major Farmer and the wife of Deacon Thomas Harvin, Sr. of Paxville, South Carolina.

Mrs. Ida attended Clarendon County schools and later graduated from Scott's Branch High School in 1975. She was employed by Clarendon Memorial Hospital and retired after 25 years of service. Later, she was employed by Tri-County Hospice and briefly served as a midwife.

Mrs. Ida accepted the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at an early age and was a life-long member of Mt. Zero Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as the following: a member of the Usher Board, Mt. Zero Gospel Choir President and traveled throughout the community singing God's praises, founder and teacher of the Women's Sunday School Class, Missionary Society President, Deaconess and Mother of the Church.

Mrs. Ida was a very active community and civic organization leader and member. Her involvement included being an advisor and anniversary emcee for the Gospel Tones of Manning, "The Gospel 8" Chorale, the Clarendon County Democratic Party, Paxville Precinct; New Light Chapter #254 Order of the Eastern Star, Christian Burial Aid Association Lodge #10, Past President of the Pinewood Lodge #109, Sumter District of Sons and Daughters of Job; Life and Executive Board Member of the Manning Branch of the NAACP, recipient of the NAACP Woman of the Year and traveled to the NAACP National Convention in Denver, CO; Foster Grandparent at Clarendon County District #2 and Paxville Community Development Center, Former Member of

the Clemson Extension Homemakers Council. *Mrs. Ida* traveled extensively throughout the US, the Caribbean Islands, and Mexico. She also traveled with the Paxville Community Center.

Mrs. Ida was a very strong woman who spoke truth and wisdom advising many within her family, church, and community. She had a love for helping those in need and made with her business to be of assistance in any way possible. Her loving spirit was felt by many. *Mrs. Ida* was a great cook, seamstress, baker, canner that provided food to anyone who wanted, especially her grandchildren. She loved her family, family gatherings and family reunions.

Mrs. Ida entered eternal life on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. She was preceded by an infant daughter, Tommie Ann Harvin; one granddaughter, April Renee Hilton; one son-in-law, Jimmie L. Brunson; one sister, Blanche F. Smith; one brother-in-law, Grover Smith; and two brothers, Deacon Jim Ed Farmer and Lowman D. Farmer.

Those left to cherish precious memories are her husband, Thomas Harvin, Sr.; seven children, Lille (Lewis) Roacher, Irene (Reverend Clarence) Hilton, Jr., Gloria (Deacon Alvin) Settles, Deacon Thomas Larry (Christine) Harvin, Raymond (Deborah) Harvin, Brenda (Freddie) Richburg and Jacqueline H. Brunson; two siblings, Rosa (Heinkiser) Brown and Abraham P. Farmer; sisters-in-law, Evelina Farmer, Naomi Farmer Leonard and Martha Rae Farmer; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; a host of the family and friends.