

~Order of Celebration~

Pastor Jeffery K. Harvard, Greater Full Gospel COGIC, Officiant

Processional

Opening Remarks

Pastor Jeffery K. Harvard
Greater Full Gospel COGIC

Prayer of Comfort

Administrative Assistant Dennis Martin
East Atlanta District

Old Testament (Psalm 90:1-10)

Evangelist Glenda Knight
Temple of Faith COGIC

New Testament (II Corinthians 5:1-6)

District Missionary Nanette Glynn
Atlanta District

Musical Selection

South Central Georgia Mass Choir

"Share Your Story" card

Pastor Jeffery K. Harvard
Greater Full Gospel COGIC

Ecclesiastical Tributes (3 minutes)

Supervisor Dr. Gloria Rodgers, Supervisor of Women, South Central Georgia
Regional Supervisor Mary Tucker, Supervisor of Women, North Central Georgia & Bermuda
Bishop Thomas L. Frazier, Temple of Faith COGIC, East Atlanta District

Friends Tribute (3 minutes)

Mother Arabella Harper, Kelly Lake Cathedral COGIC
Mother Lillie Burton, Triumph COGIC

Musical Selection

South Central Georgia Mass Choir

Civic Tribute (3 minutes)

Sheriff Reginald Scandrett (Henry County), Frederick Douglass High School
Dr. Barbara Woolfolk, Frederick Douglass High School

Family Tribute (3 minutes)

Evangelist Bettye Ficklin, Greater Full Gospel COGIC

Video Presentation/Obituary Reading

Sermonic Selection

June Pace-Martin
Restoration Revival Ministries COGIC

Eulogy

Bishop Norman O. Harper
Pastor Kelly Lake Cathedral COGIC
Prelate South Central Georgia

Final Prayer over family (3 minutes)

Administrative Assistant Alan Robinson
Abundant Life COGIC

Acknowledgments/Resolutions (3 minutes)

Sister Sharon Corbett
Greater Full Gospel COGIC

Recessional

Honorary Pallbearers

Greater Full Gospel COGIC

Flower Bearers

District Missionary COGIC &
Greater Full Gospel COGIC

~Acknowledgement~

The Graham family, her entire Church of God in Christ Family, South Central Georgia Jurisdiction, East Atlanta District, and the Greater Full Gospel Church wishes to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for all of the love, kindness, prayers and comforting words of support shown during our time of bereavement. The Graham family thanks the wonderful staff at Longleaf Hospice and caregiver Shelia Owens for the compassionate care of Mother Graham in her final days. Thank you to Gregory B. Levett for their excellent service. And to our caring friends, neighbors, co-workers and family members – may God bless each of you.

Professional Service Entrusted To:

Gregory B. Levett Funeral Home

4347 Flat Shoals Parkway

Decatur GA 30034

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Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens

5775 Mallory Road

College Park, Georgia 30349

Homegoing Celebration for

District Missionary Leslie Mae Graham



Sunrise

May 12, 1938

Sunset

November 12, 2023

Saturday, November 25, 2023 | 11:00am

Kelly Lake Cathedral COGIC

2411 Whites Mill Road

Decatur, GA 30032

Bishop Norman O. Harper, Pastor
Pastor Jeffery Harvard, Officiant



The Life and Legacy of Leslie Mae Graham

~Precious Memories~

Leslie Mae (Hood) Graham was born May 12, 1938 in Tennille, Georgia to the Superintendent and Mrs. Leslie R. and Christine Hood. She is the first born of eight siblings. She graduated from Oconee High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Fort Valley State University. On July 5, 1959 she married the late Chief of Police Louis "Billy" Graham. From their union came two children: Kevin (Deborah) and Karen. Leslie and Louis were married 52 years.

Her illustrious teaching career started in the mid-1960's in Jackson, Georgia. In 1968 she was one of the first educators hired to teach at the newly built Frederick Douglass High School in Atlanta, Georgia. During her tenure at Douglass, she received a Masters Degree in Mathematics Education from Atlanta University in 1974. That was also the same year she was awarded Teacher of the Year honors. Other accomplishments are: Star Teacher, Incentive Teacher, and "Who's Who Among American High School Teachers". She also did further studies at Emory University, Oglethorpe University, Alabama A&M, Dartmouth University and Central Georgia's Leadership Training Program. She taught for 32 years in the Atlanta Public School System before retiring in 1993. But her "retirement" marked the beginning of a 6 year career as a Mathematics Curriculum Writer, Staff Development and Resource Teacher for Atlanta Public Schools and surrounding metro Atlanta school systems.

She was born, raised, and served in three generations in the Church of God in Christ - first serving faithfully at Greater Union Grove COGIC under the leadership of her father the late Superintendent Leslie R. Hood as a child and lastly at Greater Full Gospel COGIC under the leadership of her nephew and current pastor, Pastor Jeffery K. Harvard. There she served as president of the Women's Fellowship, coordinator of the teacher training program and an instructor of the new member's orientation class.

Outside of her local church, she formerly served as the Jurisdictional Sunday School Field Representative, Director of Christian Education, and Chairperson of the District Missionary Unit. She served as a workshop facilitator, public speaker and organizer extraordinaire. She served in dual roles as District Missionary of the East Atlanta District of the East Atlanta District (coordinator of the District Department of Women), and as Assistant Supervisor of South Central Georgia Jurisdictional Department of Women under the leadership of Bishop Norman O. Harper and Supervisor Gloria J. Rodgers. At the national level, she received recognition as Woman of Achievement in the International District Missionaries Unit, COGIC, Memphis, TN. In 2010, she was awarded the Mother Julia Underwood Servant Award.

Leslie loved interior decorating, playing Sudoku and watching the Game Show Network. She loved singing, listening, and shouting to gospel music. In the late 1980's she, her sisters and children briefly performed at various churches under the name "The L.R. Hood Ensemble."

Leslie Graham peacefully transitioned on November 12, 2023 at 6:38 pm in her home. She leaves to cherish her memory and legacy her son Kevin (Deborah), daughter Karen, granddaughters Nailah Graham and Sheron Williams, grandsons Kyler Hart, Andre Freeman, Christian Freeman and Brandon Freeman, sisters Ernestine Harvard, Bettye Ficklin (Bill - deceased), Anne Ash (Philip), Hazel Pitts (Tallis), Annette Brooks (Gregory) and Linda Barnett (Robert), a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Louis Graham and brothers Elder Willie Rogers Hood and Jimmy Hood.

