



Joann Marva Harris

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Joann Marva Harris, born Marva Joan Gray, passed away in her Fremont, CA home on July 3rd, 2021, after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was born in Venice, IL, to Alice Pinkston and Joseph Benny Gray on September 24, 1941. She was the 5th of seven children born to Alice Pinkston; Hershel Clark (deceased), John Clark (deceased), Charlotte Reynolds (deceased), Joseph Gray (deceased), Charles Gray (deceased) and Marsha Beale (Marsha Gray). She also leaves behind three additional siblings born to Joseph Gray; Catheree Gray, Mattie Lou Lee & Joann Gray.

Joann accepted Christ as her Personal Lord and Savior at the age of 15 in Forrest City, Arkansas and rededicated her life to Him in 2020. Four of her favorite songs were; “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” by Mahalia Jackson, “I think God is Tryin’ to Tell You Somethin’” from the movie, *The Color Purple*, “In the Middle” by Isaac Carree & “Talk to God” by Anthony AK King. She enjoyed playing dominoes & boardgames, especially Mancala, with her children & grandchildren. Three of her favorite tv shows were, *Little House on the Prairie*, *The Waltons* & *Anne of Green Gables*. She could watch them over & over for hours & we liked watching them with her. Thanksgiving was her favorite holiday & she looked forward to planning & spending it with family. The best desserts she ever made were her homemade peach cobbler made with fresh peaches picked from her backyard tree. While living in Memphis, Tenn., she owned a homebased candy store where some of the inventory would magically disappear & her children had no explanation except satisfied tastebuds. Joann moved to the S.F. Bay Area in 1978. She volunteered at the Ecumenical Hunger Program in East Palo Alto, CA helping families in need. The organization was so impressed with her work that they made her an official employee. Her level of dedication and people-loving spirit eventually drove her to opening a home daycare in Stockton, CA with her daughter, Khadijah. She was thought of as everyone’s mother and selflessly took on the responsibility of raising other children. One of her greatest accomplishments was being a Single Parent to her six children which she leaves behind; Deborah Ann Harris, Michelle Harris-Buckner, Thomas Edward Harris, Patricia Denise Harris-Bowman, Doris Marie Harris (Khadijah Abdulhaqq), Sherry Lynette Harris and an adopted daughter, Wendy Roundtree. She also leaves



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12 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild, as well as other relatives, friends, and well-wishers.

In Lieu of Flowers & Cards the family would greatly appreciate a donation, to help with expenses, via the GoFundMe page. See Link Below:

<https://gofund.me/a32b5e71>

THE FUNERAL WILL BE LIVESTREAMED VIA ZOOM.

Faith Fellowship is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Joann Harris Funeral Service - July 28th 2021

Time: Jul 28, 2021 10:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81850331919?pwd=TnA3c2dhOUthTnlac2V6bEhxcWdMQT09>

Meeting ID: 818 5033 1919

Passcode: 577577

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Events

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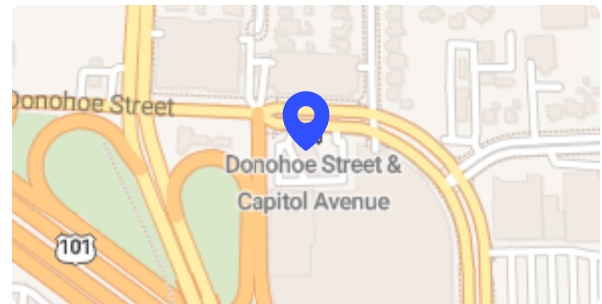
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Viewing

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM PT

Jones Mortuary
660 Donohoe St. , East Palo Alto CA 94303

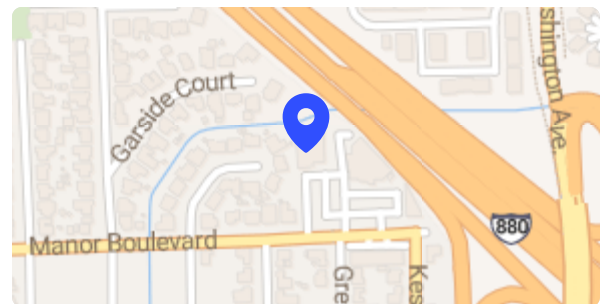


Funeral Service

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

10:00 AM PT

Faith Fellowship Church
577 Manor Blvd., San Leandro CA 94579

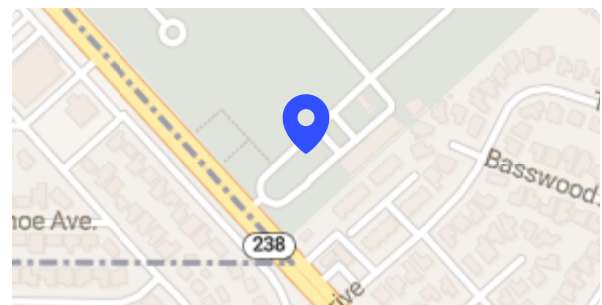


Burial

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

2:00 PM PT

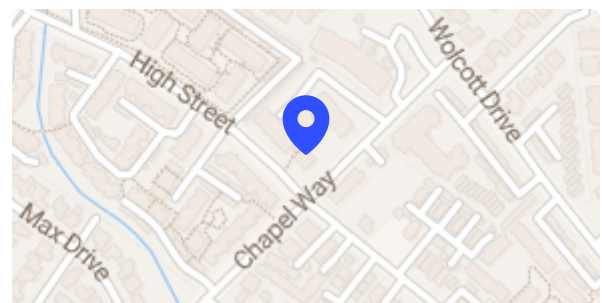
Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park
32992 Mission Boulevard, Hayward CA 94544



Reception

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Chapel Corner Apartment's Club House
40455 Chapel Way, Fremont CA 94538






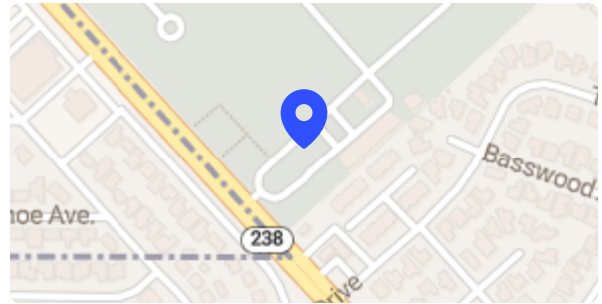
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Cemetery Details

 **Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park**
32992 Mission Boulevard, Hayward CA 94544





Tribute Wall

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Patricia Harris_Bowman posted:

Missing you mom, Guess what mom I found my father's side of my family. I went to visit and meet them in September 2023 it just a warm welcome, I decided to go back again July 27th 2024 for family day this time Frank, Aaron and my Deborah came that all got to meet them, mom it was a beautiful sight to see. I love you and miss you mom!!

August 1 at 1:23 PM



Patricia Harris_Bowman shared 8 photos and 6 videos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Mom, a few snapshots on Thanksgiving,XOXO Patricia,

July 15 at 1:25 PM



Patricia Harris_Bowman lit a candle in honor of Joann.

Mom, we shared Thanksgiving together at your clubhouse. We miss and love you very much.XOXO Patricia,

December 23 at 4:04 AM



Patricia Harris-Bowman shared a video to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I wanted to show this video of mom looking and watching her first granddaughter Tawanna, showing us all her wedding dress.

November 6 at 5:58 AM



Patricia Harris lit a candle in honor of Joann.

September 23 at 4:17 PM



Patricia Harris September 23 at 4:25 PM

Mom, I am coming to your gravesite tomorrow to celebrate your birthday. I love and miss you. Happy Early Birthday!!



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MB

Michelle Buckner posted:

mom i love you more than anyone else on this earth

August 27 at 7:44 AM

JC

Jasper & Mattie Collier sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Harris family.



July 26 at 11:04 AM

FB

Frank Bowman posted:

I really love my Mother-In-law! She was so open and honest. She was a straight forward person. She would let you know exactly how she felt. She was a fun loving person and could make you laugh. I remember while she was visiting us for about a month, she would be eating our Vegan foods. I remember I made her some garbanzo bean tuna salad. She kept asking us how we put the tuna in it. I kept saying taste like tuna but there is no tuna in it at all ,she loved the taste. She had me cracking up. We had a similar occurrence with our homemade Tofu scrambled eggs, another funny episode. Frank Bowman Jr.

July 25 at 8:16 AM

WR

Wendy Roundtree posted:

This is something I thought I would never be saying but, "I miss you "

July 23 at 7:09 AM

PB

Patricia Harris_Bowman October 29 at 6:10 PM

I too miss mom, never saw mom not being with me and thus no need to miss her.



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IF

I. Jean Floyd posted:

Sending Prayers and Deepest Condolences to the Family of my dear friend. I will always have "Precious Memories" of the times we shared. You always had a kind spirit and you were loved so much. May you R.I.H. Prayerfully, Jean Floyd

July 16 at 4:58 AM



Patricia Harris July 16 at 8:18 AM

Ms. Jean Floyd, I am so glad mom heard your voice days before she passed away. She was unable to speak to you but she could clearly hear your sweet voice. Thank you



Patricia Harris July 16 at 8:11 AM



SC

Sylvia Cooper posted:

I will always remember aunt joann's laughter and never ending ❤️ for my mom, her big sis Charlotte Reynolds. ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

July 15 at 3:53 PM



Patricia Harris July 16 at 8:12 AM



Patricia Harris posted:

https://youtu.be/3jC-U6_3zroMom, I will never be the same without you, I will always remember you. ❤️ ☐

July 15 at 2:29 PM



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Little Debbie lit a candle in honor of Joann.

Grandma, i remember going to your house in Stockton during the summers and you always used to eat the golden puffs cereal in a red Solo cup. Jonan and I would always ask you for some partly because they tasted good but also because I wanted to be like you. I saw them in the store the other day and I bought an entire bag because they reminded me of you. I love and miss you more than anything and I hope to see you again someday ❤️



July 15 at 2:22 PM



Michelle Buckner July 19 at 10:13 AM

I love you so much and I miss more than that but I know I will see you again .



Patricia Harris July 16 at 8:16 AM

Ms. Gloria, Thank you so much.



Patricia Harris July 16 at 8:13 AM



Gloria Smith July 15 at 11:59 PM

I am going to miss my friend of over sixty years we attended the same school in Forrest city Arkansas she was the sweetest person I ever met and also one of the prettiest we love you but God loved you best



Patricia Harris posted:

Mom, I remember when you told me the story about you and your siblings on the farm and you guys telling Mr. Cat that you all will not be going back out to the farm until he comes out to work and not a moment soon. Thinking about that story bought a smile to my face. I Love you mom I miss you, I will see you again. ❤️🌻🌻🌻🌻

July 15 at 1:25 PM



Khadijah Abdulhaqq July 22 at 3:12 PM

Mom, we had some great conversations together and walks together I will miss you dearly.



Marsha Gray-Reynolds-Beale July 15 at 7:50 PM

Sis, I prayed and asked God to allow me to see Love in your eyes, He allowed me to hear love in your voice and to feel it in your hugs. I am so appreciative of our reunion. Praise God from whom all Blessings come Peace!!!



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December 23 at 4:12 AM





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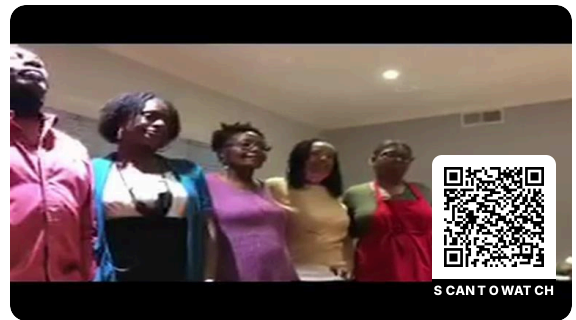
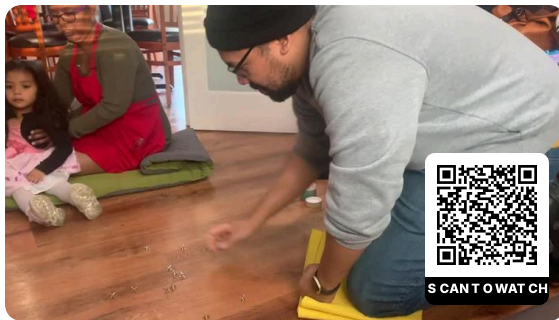


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PB



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November 6 at 5:58 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joann by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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