



## Mrs. Harriett Giles

January 18, 1958 - March 8, 2017

### The Life Of Harriett Giles:

Harriett Giles was born on January 18, 1958 to the union of the late Sealoyd and Alice Jones. She was the seventh child. Harriett grew up in the Detroit Public Schools graduating from Osborn High School in 1975. She also graduated from Wayne State University with a BA in 1980. For a short while she taught English at Cambridge Business School located in downtown Detroit. She was later offered a job at Detroit College of Business which she refused because she decided to accept a Temp Assistant at the Detroit Edison Company which is now DTE Energy. A permanent position was offered to Harriett in January of 1982 and she was employed there for 35 years until she retired.

Harriett grew up at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. B.H. Harris and after his death, the Rev. Odell Jones. While attending Pleasant Grove, she served on the Jr. Usher Board and sang in the Celestial Choir. In 1989, she left Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and joined Unity Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. Valmon D. Stotts. That was her place of worship for 18 years. At Unity Baptist she was a faithful member of the Senior Choir and the Monday Night Bible Class. In 2010, Harriett joined Second Ebenezer Church under the leadership of Bishop Edgar Vann. Her favorite service was the 8:00 A.M. Worship Service...

In 2007, Harriett prayed for the Lord to send her a husband with whom she could spend the rest of her life. But only one line changed in her prayer and that was, she asked the Lord to send her who He wanted her to have, that way she knew it would be right. And it was later that year God had bless her with the love of her life, Mr. Derwin (Babe) William Giles. They met through a longtime friend of hers and brother-in-law. Harriett and Derwin were married on September 2, 2008 at the Stained Glass Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Harriett had three stepsons named Kyle William Giles, Davon Jordan Morrow and Donntae Alan Dumas. Harriett was a traveler before she met Derwin and after marriage he joined in and started traveling too. Some of the places they went to were: Las Vegas, the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Thomas, Miami, San Francisco, New York, etc...

Harriett had dressed and maintained her body well, her second love was selling beauty products and she would sell good quality used clothes from her personal closet, also furniture and jewelry. When she got tired of it, she sold it, if she didn't sell all of it, she donated it to the Good Will and Salvation Army or if she heard someone was struggling for clothes to wear, she would simply give it away to that person. If she liked it, she could sell it. She sold Mary Kay for about ten years and sold, sold beauty products for about six months and sold Jafrá products.

Harriett was a people person. She loved being around God's people, positive people, loving people, people who would make her laugh with that unique and gorgeous smile that would brighten up her and their day. Her gift from God was the ability to see beyond the surface in people (discernment). God shaped her by surrounding her with a very wise mother and later she surrounded herself with other older women that she met on her journey through this life and gained all the knowledge and advice that she could from them and later shared it with others. With her perfect smile she was an easy

person to get along with, people felt it was easy to come up to her and discuss any problems they had. With that unique hardy laughter everyone could surely recognize and she often loved to give you a nickname that suited you. We are going to miss her.

Harriett's spirit departed the earth on March 8, 2017 and is no longer with us, she was a follower of her Lord Jesus Christ, she no longer dwells in a tent here on earth but her spirit now dwells in the bosom of our heavenly Father, the Almighty God.

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Family Hour

Saturday, Mar. **18**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Second Ebenezer Church  
14601 Dequindre  
Detroit, MI 48212

## Funeral Service

Saturday, Mar. **18**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Harriett Giles*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Although I never met Harriet, I had a working relationship with her by phone for many years. I would speak to her regarding DTE disconnections for my job at Able Demolition for five minutes and then speak to her about God for 30 minutes. We spoke about God's grace and His Word every single time we called each other. I know my Sister-In-Christ is singing in heaven's choir and I will see her again one day. - Wendy Sitek, Able Demolition*

Wendy Sitek - April 18, 2017 at 07:50 AM



“ *God Bless Harriett and her family. You are in my prayers.*

*Harriet Manoogian*

Harriet Manoogian - March 20, 2017 at 09:27 AM



“ *To Sealloyd and the Jones family: I pray that God gives you overwhelming peace, comfort and hope during this difficult time.*

*Pat Perdue Clark*

Pat Perdue Clark - March 18, 2017 at 06:57 AM

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“ *Mr. Alvin Earl Jones, please accept my heartfelt condolences in the passing of your dear sister, Harriett. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Shirley Bayne*

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**Shirley Bayne** - March 17, 2017 at 09:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Harriett Giles.*



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March 16, 2017 at 05:43 PM

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“ *A Message Of Sympathy For Your Family : May these few words of sympathy help at least in part, to ease the burden that you bear and the sadness in your heart.....Thinking Of You At This Sad Time. May the God of all tender mercies and hope sustain the family at this time. 2Corinthians. 1:3,4.*

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**psmith** - March 16, 2017 at 05:09 PM