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A portrait of an elderly woman, Ola Lee Harper, wearing a purple lace dress, glasses, and a purple hat with a large bow. She is smiling slightly. The background is a soft, blue sky with white clouds. A white dove is flying in the lower right corner. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**OLA LEE  
HARPER**

EARTHLY ASSIGNMENT  
February 20, 1933

HEAVENLY REWARD  
July 24, 2018

Remembering  
*Ola Lee Harper*

Ola Lee was born February 20, 1933 to the proud parents of Robert and Hazel Stanford in Birmingham, AL. She was the oldest of two children. Ola accepted Christ at an early age.

The family relocated to Buffalo, NY. Ola attended School #12 and Hutchinson Central High School where she was a straight A student.

For many years Ola worked for the Buffalo Board of Education as a teacher's aide.

Ola united in holy matrimony to David Lee Harper on May 10, 1973. They were married for thirty years until his death on July 30, 2003.

Ola's strong and immovable faith in God, the love of her children and her two favorite hobbies (gardening and fishing) helped her in those dark days after David's death.

Ola was a member of Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist church for 40 years and a trustee for 30 years. Due to her failing health she became unable to climb the stairs at her beloved Mount Moriah. Ola joined Hopewell Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Dennis Lee, Jr. In a short period of time she came to love Hopewell as much as she loved Mount Moriah. Ola remained at Hopewell Baptist Church until her death.

Ola is preceded in death by her daughter, Lynette Crear; brother, Robert Stanford and sister-in-law, Molly Stanford.

Ola leaves to cherish her memory: six children, George (*Kimberly*) White of Buffalo, NY, Pamela Garner of Dallas, TX, Deidre (*Andrew*) Belcher of Buffalo, NY, Renee (*Kenny*) Benning of Dallas, TX, Carmen (*Vernell*) White of Dallas, TX, David Lee Harper, Jr. of Cleveland, OH; seventeen grandchildren; eleven great grand children; and a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2018**

HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH  
1301 Fillmore Avenue | Buffalo, NY 14211

PASTOR DENNIS LEE, JR. | OFFICIANT

*Family and Friends Hour of Visitation* ~ 11:00 a.m.

MUSICAL PRELUDE . . . . . "When the Gates Swing Open"  
Michael Mitchell  
PROCESSIONAL . . . . . Clergy, Family  
RECEIVING OF GUESTS. . . . .

*Order of Celebration Service* ~ 12:00 p.m.

SELECTION . . . . . Choir  
SCRIPTURE READING . . . . .  
Old Testament . . . Psalms 117 . . . . . Reverend Daniel Benning  
New Testament . . . John 14:1-6 . . . . . Reverend Horace Harper  
Prayer of Comfort . . . . . Clergy  
MUSICAL SELECTION . . . . . "God is the Answer"  
Sister Ruth Murphy  
REMARKS . . . . . Family and Friends  
(2 Minutes Please)  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CONDOLENCES  
AND READING OF OBITUARY . . . . . Sister Annie Hooks  
MUSICAL SELECTION . . . . . "When You Hear of My Homegoing"  
Sister Belle Henley  
EULOGY . . . . . Pastor Dennis Lee, Jr.  
RECESSIONAL . . . . .

# *Memories Build a Special Bridge*

Our memories build a special bridge when loved ones have to part to help us feel we're with them still and sooth a grieving heart.

Our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind, They build a special bridge of love and bring us peace of mind.



## *All Bearers*

Myles Benning  
Donald Harper  
David Lee Harper, Jr.

Zanny Harper  
Arthur Mackey  
Isa Rah

## *Our Sincere Thanks*

The family of Ola Lee Harper gratefully acknowledges with sincere appreciation your prayers, acts of kindness, love and concern shown during the bereavement of their loved one. May God bless you all.

## *Arrangements Entrusted to*

T. L. Pickens Mortuary Service  
66 East Utica Street | Buffalo, NY 14209



## *Interment*

Forest Lawn Cemetery  
1411 Delaware Avenue | Buffalo, NY 14209

