



Alzera Short Harris

February 25, 1928 - July 7, 2016

On Thursday, July 7, 2016, after fighting a courageous battle with cancer, Alzera Short Harris, surrounded by her daughters, took a silent breath as Jesus gently picked her up and carried her to the waiting arms of the God she has loved and trusted all her life... the same God whom she trained her girls to love. From that special love, she built a foundation of discipline, support, respect, and forgiveness. Within those values, she left behind a shining light within their hearts that will never dim.

Alzera was one of nine children born to Waverly and Susie Short of Homestead, PA on February 25, 1928. As a young child, she accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior at Clark Memorial Baptist Church. It was here that the foundation of the Short family grew. Her father, instrumental in the building of her beloved church, and her mother, who worked tirelessly within, taught their children the values of life, which included the presence of Jesus within the home, values and the beauty of a close-knit family.

Alzera graduated from Homestead Senior High School. Soon after, she married the love of her life, Clarence "Honey" Harris on October 19, 1946. From that union, they became the proud parents of five beautiful daughters. Although strict disciplinarians, there was a greater love that existed within their hearts for their girls. In 1970, Alzera accepted a position with PNC Bank in Homestead, retiring in 1992. When her husband passed at the early age of 54, Alzera's strength became evident as she became an even stronger source of encouragement to her daughters, Throughout the years, always perceptive

of the needs of each child, mother, and daughters grew from parent to best friend. In 2011, at the death of her beloved daughter, Joy Denise Harris, she found strength in one of her favorite Bible verses, (Psalms 121: 1-2 "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills from which cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.")

This kind-hearted lady served as a confidante to, not only her girls,, but shared a special and unbreakable bond with her nieces and always enjoyed the company of her nephews. It was a word of encouragement, an unsolicited bit of advice, a strong hug, a gentle kiss, or the sound of laughter that she shared in her own unique way. Her friendships were life-long and her relationship with others was a very personal gift that she received from God. Alzera's first thought was always of others and she was willing to give or share whatever one required. She was a long-time member of The Harmony Club of Homestead and founder of The Joy D. Harris Scholarship.

This devoted mother of five leave to honor and cherish her memory her daughters: Cynthia (Robert) McEnheimer, Karen (the late Richard) Brooks, Allison "Penny" (Theodore) Palm, and Cheryl (Henry Little) Harris. Beloved "Mimi to six grandchildren: Robert (Teresa) McEnheimer, Jr., Michelle McEnheimer, Richard (Gisela) Brooks, Jr., Ryan Palm, Jaison (Karissa) Palm and Rehny Little. She also leaves ten great grand children: Alanys & Aliyah McEnheimer, Richard, Royce & Ryan Brooks, Jaiden & Kailyn Palm, Jackson Palm, and Renata & Sophia McEnheimer. She is survived by brother, Stanley (Margaret) Short of Dallas, TX and sister, Anna Mildred Allen of Pleasant Hills, PA; sisters-in-law, Katherine White of Pittsburgh, PA and Sandra Short of Penn Hills, PA. She also leaves a host of very special nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to her husband, daughter, and parents, she is preceded in death by five brothers: Morris, Joseph, Edward, Herbert and Melvin Short and one sister, Betty Jean Lee.

Cemetery Details

Homestead Cemetery

Homestead, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Tunie Funeral Home, Inc.
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Homestead, PA 15120
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<http://www.tuniefuneralhome.com/Default.aspx>

Service

JUL 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Clark Memorial Baptist Church
1301 Glenn Street
Homestead, PA

Interment

JUL 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

Homestead Cemetery
Homestead, PA

Tribute Wall



“ *Alzera Short Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Alzera Short Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of meeting and knowing Alzera when she worked at PNC bank with my dad. She was one of the nicest and kindest people I have had the honor to know.*

Cyndi Schardt - July 13, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *LaVerne Y. Johnson and Lisa A. Johnson purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Alzera Short Harris.*



LaVerne Y. Johnson and Lisa A. Johnson - July 11, 2016 at 02:14 PM



“ *With Love, Lori, Jason and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Alzera Short Harris.*



With Love, Lori, Jason and Family - July 11, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Alzera Short Harris.*



July 10, 2016 at 04:34 PM



“ *I remember, in my younger years, how I would go to Honey and Alzera's house on Sundays. They lived close to the church. May the peace that passes all understanding be with you. Cousin Fern (Rinsland) Berry*

Fern Rinsland Berry - July 09, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ *Mrs. Harris was truly an angel walking this earth. She was "Mimi" to her grandchildren and great grandchildren and beloved by all who met her. I had the privilege of knowing her through the treasured friendship of her daughter, Joy. I take comfort in knowing she is at peace in Heaven with the Lord and reunited with her husband and Joy. God bless you and your beautiful family Mrs. Harris. My family and I are blessed to have known such an amazing person. You are still an angel, just residing in a different place. Love, peace and prayers for you and your family. We pray that God comforts them in this most difficult time. Sincerely, Ann and Dave Tamasy and family.*

Ann Tamasy - July 09, 2016 at 10:46 AM

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*TO THE FAMILY:
PLEASE KNOW THAT YOU ALL ARE IN MY DEEPEST PRAYERS.
YOUR MOM'S RESTING IN THE ARM'S OF OUR FATHER IN
HEAVEN AND WE'LL ALL JOIN HER SOON. PRAYING FOR
COMFORT AND STRENGTH FOR THE FAMILY.
MARILYN (NEICIE) TYLER &
FAMILY, PITTSBURGH, PA.*

Marilyn Tyler - July 09, 2016 at 09:00 PM

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Allison Palm & Family

Marilyn Tyler - July 09, 2016 at 09:02 PM

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*My heartfelt condolences to the Harris family. May God continue to
comfort and keep you is my prayer.*

*Geraldine Hill Smith Robinson
Arlington Texas*

Geraldine Robinson - July 10, 2016 at 07:44 PM