



MS. BERMA HARPER

September 28, 1944 - November 18, 2025

Berma Harper

Mrs. Berma (Ransom) Harper, age 81, entered eternal rest peacefully on November 18, 2025. She was born on September 28, 1944, in Rembert, South Carolina, to the late Albert Ransom, Sr. and Willie Mae Ransom. Berma accepted Christ at an early age and carried a quiet but unwavering faith throughout her life. She was educated in the South Carolina public school system and later relocated to Washington, DC., it was during this time she met the love of her life and was united in marriage to the late John J. Harper with whom she shared more than 45 years of love and partnership. She attended the Margaret Murray School and received her credentials as a Dental Assistant. She proudly served in that capacity at the Howard University College of Dentistry where she worked faithfully until her retirement in 2006. After retirement, she joyfully continued serving at New Samaritan Baptist Church, volunteering her time and talents singing in multiple choirs, Samaricorp and Missionary Ministry.

Berma was a woman of grace, humility, and gentle strength. She lived a modest and peaceful life, touching others through quiet acts of kindness, compassion, and discernment. She loved her family dearly and was devoted to her children and grandchildren, taking pride in supporting and guiding them throughout their lives. She enjoyed shopping, music, and spending time with

those she loved.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert Ransom, Sr. and Willie Mae Ransom; her husband John J. Harper; and her siblings Tommy Ransom, Albert Ransom Jr., Bernice Westbury, and Carol Davis.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her children, Derrick A. Harper and Stephanie D. (Carlos Jr.) Fields; her grandchildren Carlos L (Heather) Fields III, Corey S. Fields, Ronald T. (Alexis) Kent II, Kayla Harper and Armetria Jones; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Carl Ransom; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Berma will be remembered for her gentle spirit, her steady faith, and the peaceful presence she carried everywhere she went.

“Well done, good and faithful servant.” — Matthew 25:21

Celebration of Life

10am- viewing

11am- Service

New Samaritan Baptist Church

1100 Florida Avenue

Washington DC 20002

Cemetery Details

Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery

11301 Crain Highway
Cheltenham, MD 20623
(301) 372-6398

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Samaritan Baptist Church
1100 Florida Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 397-1870
<http://www.newsamaritan.org/welcome.html>

Funeral service

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

New Samaritan Baptist Church
1100 Florida Ave NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 397-1870
<http://www.newsamaritan.org/welcome.html>

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Was so sorry to hear the news of “Berma’s” passing. Sending our heartfelt sympathy to the entire family.
(Rest In Peace Berma)

Gertrude Ransom and Daughters...

Deborah Ransom-Kelsey - December 01, 2025 at 10:31 PM

SH

“ Sarah Howard purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of MS. BERMA HARPER.



Sarah Howard - December 01, 2025 at 07:37 AM

SC

“ So sorry for this loss, thinking of you and wishing you peace. -S. Cochiara

Stacey Cochiara - November 26, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DM

Stephanie, I loved your mother so much , a very kind spirit, I loved to make her laugh, her obituary describes her just the beautiful woman and cousin she was me! I still am so sad that she is but she with Lord and her family that has gone on be for her! Love to you all

Dianne Mills - November 27, 2025 at 04:54 PM

SM

Stephanie & Derrick, please accept my sincere condolences. Your mom was one special lady, very kind, soft spoken and gentle spirt. Her laughter and smile was like no other. I am reminded of the love she and your dad showed me as a little girl. Praying Gods peace. Love Sherry & family

Sherry Ransom Martin - December 01, 2025 at 10:39 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of MS. BERMA HARPER.



November 26, 2025 at 08:28 AM

KD

“ Kendall and Yvonne Dean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of MS. BERMA HARPER.

Kendall and Yvonne Dean - November 26, 2025 at 08:28 AM

MW

“ My heart goes out to you and your family.” M. Warren

Michael Warren - November 26, 2025 at 07:36 AM