



## Mrs. Lakeeta Harrington Nichols

September 26, 1954 - July 16, 2020

Mrs. Lakeeta Harrington Nichols, 65, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died at her residence in Pittsburgh on Thursday, July 16, 2020, due to a cardiac arrest.

Lakeeta was born to Winburn D. Harrington, Sr. and Flora M. Harrington Brown (née Bridges) on her father's birthday, September 26, 1954, in Vereen Memorial Hospital in Moultrie, Georgia.

She was the fifth child of eight children; seven girls and one boy. Her mother notably remarked that Lakeeta was a sweet child. She was so obedient and cooperative that her mom was watchful throughout her life to safeguard her from potential abuse.

She was reared in a Christian home where her parents taught her to live by faith and the value of developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Lakeeta would later testify about God's goodness in healing and protecting her during perilous health crises.

Lakeeta loved to participate in juicy conversations with her childhood friends and siblings regarding personal challenges and social or political injustices; always willing to identify what she believed was the root cause or ideal solution to any situation. She was available to answer your call at all hours and listen until she fell asleep. Keeta was known to invest more time than any

of her siblings to develop deep relationships with individuals. So it was not unusual for her to talk to all six of her sisters daily. The question was not, if you spoke with Keet but, when did you speak with Keeta. "I don't need friends", she often quipped, "I've got sisters!"

Lakeeta attended elementary school at Charlie A. Gray in Moultrie, and middle school at Public Junior High School 99 in New York City. She earned a full academic scholarship to attend high school at The George School, a private boarding school in Newtown, Pennsylvania. Upon graduation from George School, Lakeeta attended Howard University in Washington, D.C. where she received a B.S. in Political Science. While at Howard, she admired and served as an intern in the office of the late Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan during the Watergate hearings. Although Lakeeta served her entire professional career in criminal justice, her passion for the political process never diminished.

She retired as a Senior Probation Officer from Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, where she worked in criminal justice for nearly 40 years. She was an exceptional probation officer, and purposely declined opportunities to move into management or a position at the federal level because she felt she "made the difference" working directly with clients. Compassionate and caring best described Lakeeta's willingness to confront anyone she encountered living what she deemed a "low life." That became her catchphrase for incorrigible unrepentant clients. "Just a Low Life". She believed anyone with the desire and the appropriate support could do better.

Lakeeta was married to John Nichols for over 20 years. Although uncoupled, they remained friends. Lakeeta developed and enjoyed the role of surrogate mother to Angelica Harris. She considered Angie her daughter and her son Richard Harris, her grandson.

She was predeceased by her parents and brother, Captain W. Drew Harrington, Jr.

And now remains; Winifred Yvonne Harrington Wright of New Carrollton, MD, Wilma Joyce Harrington Robinson, Ph.D. (Theodis) of Eagle, WI, Alice Grill Harrington Johnson (Michael, Sr.) of Annapolis, MD, Myrtis Lavern Harrington Walker (Bennie) of Brentwood, TN, Conchita Gatell Harrington Cox (Leslie, III) New York, NY, Revita Jana Harrington of Brentwood, TN; sister-in-law Stephanie Harrington Welch (née Foggie) of Baltimore, Md; and two stepbrothers Charles Brown (Tiffany) of Carson, CA and Walter Brown of Huntington Beach, CA.

Also surviving her is Barbara Lynn Roberts of Hartford, CT who she loved as a sister; five nieces, including her namesake, Sommer Moise Johnson, and nine nephews, a host of cousins and friends, who will miss her.

All services will be private due to the ongoing concerns surrounding COVID-19. Interment will take place in the family burial plot in Strong Memorial Gardens in her hometown Moultrie, Georgia.

To live is to magnify Christ, and to die is gain. (Philippians 1: 21)

# Cemetery Details

## **Strong Memorial Gardens**

Moultrie, GA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Lakeeta Harrington Nichols*

October 04, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *Mrs. Lakeeta Harrington Nichols*

September 18, 2022 at 05:56 AM



“ *Mrs. Lakeeta Harrington Nichols*

September 18, 2022 at 03:24 AM



“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the family during this difficult time*

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