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**ARRANGEMENTS: VIEWING AND VISITATION, FRIDAY, JULY 12, 2024, 10 AM-12 PM FUNERAL TO FOLLOW AT 12 PM AT BEARDS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 4510 BEARDS CHAPEL ROAD, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE 37172; INTERMENT BELL FAMILY CEMETERY, SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE.**

**Mrs. Lena Mae Harris was born October 9, 1933 in Springfield, TN (Robertson County) to the late Matthew and Beatrice Chapman. She was the eldest of six children. Her parents and two siblings, Lily Mae Chapman (infant) and Eddie Lee Chapman preceded her in death.**

**Lena was united to the love of her life Monroe Harris (deceased) in 1963-to this union no children were born. However, she loved children and showered them with hugs and kisses.**

**Lena attended Krisle and Woodard Elementary Schools and Bransford High School in Springfield, Tennessee. "Sister" as her siblings affectionately called her, helped take care of her younger siblings when their mother was ill or working outside the home. She later became a domestic housekeeper for many years.**

**Lena professed a hope in Christ and was baptized as a teenager at the Beards Chapel Missionary Baptist Church Springfield, TN under the leadership of Reverend Samuel H. Grider, Reverend Terry H. Mincey, Reverend Randy Taylor and currently Reverend Steven Woodson. Lena loved her Pastors and Church Family. A longtime, dedicated member for over 70 years, Lena served as an Usher, worked in the Culinary Ministry, Mother's Ministry, Sunday School and sang in the Choir for many, many years. A few of the songs she led: "I'm Running for My Life," "Through the Years I Keep on Toiling" and "This Little Light of Mine." She attended Church faithfully. Sister was a loving, sweet, caring and giving person who loved her family dearly. She became part-time caregiver to both of her parents before their deaths. As a testament to her devotion, she and her husband uprooted their home to move in and become caregivers for our Dad when he became too ill to be alone. In later years, our brother and sister lived together in the family home until his death.**

**Lena transitioned to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at the NHC Healthcare Facility in Springfield after an extended illness at the age of 90+ years.**

**Lena was the matriarch of our family and will be greatly missed. She was like a grandmother to her nieces and nephews. Left to cherish her memory are her sisters, Pauline Holland (Richard) of Nashville, TN, Virginia Hiser of Indianapolis, IN, Lois Alexander of Phoenix, AZ; nieces and nephews, Kimberly Hiser-Weaver, Keith Holland, Karen McLemore (Anthony), Leon Chapman (Sheena), Christopher Barbee Sr., Jessica Weaver, James Alexander, Allana Lee (Xavier), AJ McLemore, Christopher Barbee Jr., Jalen Chapman; sister-in-law, Lucy Turner, and a host of other family and friends.**

**As we lay Lena to rest today, her spirit and amazing ability to care for others will still carry on. It will live on in the stories we will share of how she loved us and touched all our lives.**