



# Ms. Bessie Lee Artis

JAN 19, 1943 - FEB 14, 2024



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**F**remont - Ms. Bessie L. Harvey Artis, 81, completed her earthly journey and transitioned from labor to reward on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at UNC Wayne Health, Goldsboro, NC. The celebration of her life will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024 at 12:00pm with a viewing from 11:00am to 11:50am at Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association Headquarters, 1800 S. Slocumb Street, Goldsboro, NC. She will be laid to rest at the Hooks Grove Church Cemetery, 290 Hooks Grove Road, Pikeville, NC.

Bessie Lee Harvey Artis was born January 19, 1943, in Wayne County as the third of thirteen children to the late Noah and Annie Lee Dobson Harvey. Preceding her in death are three brothers: Nathaniel Harvey, James Harvey and Bobby Harvey, and one sister: Betty Joyce Blacknall.

Bessie was married to the late Melvin Artis to through which this union four children were born. Leaving to cherish her life and memory are two sons, Melvin Artis (Yolanda), Edward Artis (Thomisene) and two daughters, Sherby Artis and Amanda Artis; four grandchildren: Keosha Smith (Tommy), DaLonda Artis, Jalen Artis and Sterling Artis. 4 Great-Grandchildren: Kanysia Smith, Khyan Smith, Raelynn Smith and Bryce Harris; four sisters, Mary Chapman, Willie Mae Shehee (James), Ann Harvey, Gloria Shelton; four brothers, Earl Harvey, Billy Harvey (Cora), Noah Harvey and Larry Harvey; one brother-in law, Wiley Artis and two aunts, Ella Dobson and Adell Harvey, over 50 nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Services of caring, compassionate and distinguished class entrusted to J.B. Rhodes Funeral Home & Cremations of Goldsboro.



# Events

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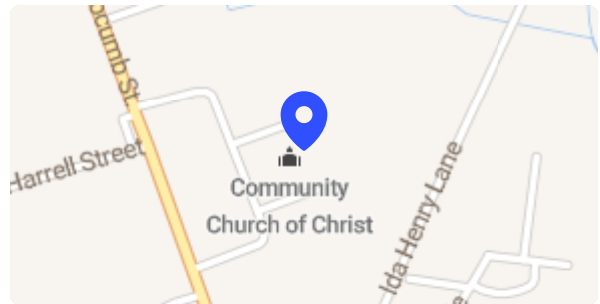
## Church Viewing

**Saturday**, February 24, 2024

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM ET

**Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association  
Headquarters**

1800 S. Slocumb Street, Goldsboro NC 27530



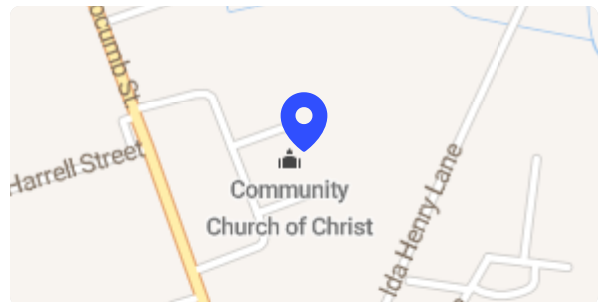
## Celebration of Life

**Saturday**, February 24, 2024

12:00 PM ET

**Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association  
Headquarters**

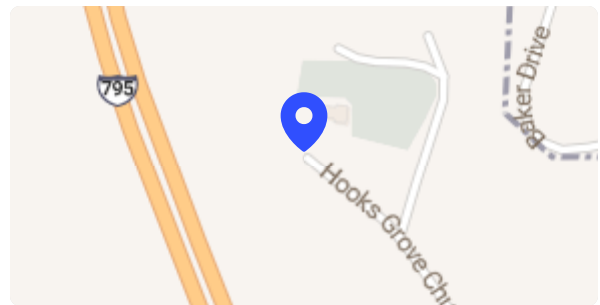
1800 S. Slocumb Street, Goldsboro NC 27530



## Cemetery Details

**Hooks Grove Church Cemetery**

290 Hooks Grove Road, Pikeville NC 27863





## Tribute Wall

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DL

**Debra Harvey Little** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 28 at 9:22 AM



DF

**Doris Reid-Ford** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 24 at 6:48 PM



NA

**Natasha** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 23 at 6:53 PM



NA

**Natasha** February 23 at 7:09 PM

For at least the past 30 years, Aunt Bessie and I had nicknames for each other. I called her my Bessu and she called me her TashieBoshie(We never spelled it, but that's how I imagined it would be from the sound 😊). She had a sweet spirit just like her mom, whom some of us grandkids called Sweet Pea. My heart hurts because I will never see her smile again, hug her, or hear her say, "you're my TashieBoshie". But my heart is at peace because she is no longer in pain and with her mother again. I'm thankful I had the opportunity to say goodbye and tell her once again that I love her and that she was My Bessu. ❤️

PR

**Polly Roberts** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 23 at 6:43 PM



OH

**Olinda Harris.** posted:

Olinda Harris. I Am Sending My Heartfelt Condolence To The Artis And Harvey Family. I Am So Sad To Hear About The Passing Of Cousin Bessie.She Had A kind And Loving Spirit She will Definitely Be Missed.Rest in Peace Cousin Bessie..Until We Meet Again.You will Never Be Forgotten.

February 23 at 5:44 PM



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IA

**Irwin Artis** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 23 at 3:20 PM

IA

**Irwin Artis** February 23 at 3:23 PM

Sorry for your loss and hope to hope rejoice with you in the Spirit

BH

**Bobby Holden** posted:

The death of a parent is always hurtful but we must remember all the love they gave us. I Will always remember all the love both your parent showed me

February 22 at 5:03 PM

DS

**Doris Edwards Smith** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 22 at 12:24 PM

CW

**Cynthia Hines Whitley** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 22 at 10:12 AM

BR

**Brenda** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

Our sincerest condolences. Please know you all in our prayers.Love, Mom( Lillie Mae) Leonard, Ruby, Faye and Brenda



February 22 at 8:15 AM



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AA

**Adell Artis** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 21 at 6:42 PM

AA

**Adell Artis** February 21 at 6:45 PM

RIP..such a sweet person! 🙏❤️ Prayers for the family 🙏

AR

**Andranette Revell** posted:

To the Harvey/Artis Family so sorry for the loss of cousin Betsy my heart and prayers goes out to the Entire Family

February 21 at 1:53 PM

AR

**Andranette Revell** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 21 at 1:51 PM

DF

**Deborah Artis Forbes** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 21 at 9:34 AM

SG

**Shirley Sutton Gantt** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

My deepest sympathies on the passing of cousin Bessie. There are so many fond memories of her. Her beautiful spirit, smile, and kind heart will truly be missed. Love and prayers to the family.



February 20 at 12:58 PM



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**Linda Reid Watson** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 20 at 9:09 AM

**LW** **Linda Reid Watson** February 20 at 9:19 AM  
My Sympathy and Prayers to the Artis and Harvey Family



**Leroy & Latarsha Bunn** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



To: Amanda Artis & Family, Amanda, we remember Mrs. Bessie as a great friend to our father, Tom Stewart during their time at Willow Creek. Mrs. Bessie and my father shared many laughs and special moments, especially playing the Bingo Games. They were known as the dynamic duo. We will never forget the day that Mrs. Bessie reached out to purchase a headstone for her husband. Her joy upon learning of our family business was truly touching. Mrs. Bessie's kindness and generosity touched us all. Though she is no longer with us, her memory will live forever! Rest in peace, Mrs. Bessie. You will be truly missed! Leroy & LaTarsha Bunn

February 20 at 8:48 AM



**Leora Sauls Waters** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



To: The Harvey/Artis Family So sorry to hear about the loss of your sister. I extend my heartfelt condolences to all of you. May our Heavenly Father give you peace and comfort. Sadly submitted, Leora Sauls Waters

February 20 at 7:14 AM



**Zola Johnson** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



Rest in Peace Classmate. ❤️❤️ Norwayne High School Class of 1961.

February 20 at 6:09 AM



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**Deborah Suggs-Uzzell** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

On behalf of the Charles B. Aycock High School of 1976, we send our sincerest condolences to the family of our classmate Annie Harvey. We will continue lifting you and your family up in prayer.

February 19 at 5:55 PM



**Cynthia Dickerson** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

My condolences to my Artis/Harvey Family. My God give you strength for the loss of our love one.

February 19 at 5:00 PM



**Stephanie Kent** posted:

Bessie was very caring, compassionate and also smart. She worked for me as a parent volunteer and as a substitute teacher in my classroom at Fremont Elementary School in Fremont, NC. I will never forget how helpful she was to me and my students. With sympathy and love, Stephanie Kent

February 19 at 4:23 PM



**Herlene Lewis** February 22 at 3:10 PM

My condolences to the family, God bless you Sherby First missionary Baptist church Fremont NC.



**Dorissayles824@Gmail.Com** February 21 at 9:27 AM

My condolences to the family.



**James & Carolyn Chapman** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

To the family of Bessie Lee Harvey Artis, James and I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences on the passing of your love one, may God comfort and strengthen all of you during this most difficult time, know that you all are in our prayers. With Sympathy; James & Carolyn Chapman

February 19 at 4:05 PM





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**Janice Pinder** posted:

Sending my sincere condolences to the Artis & Harvey families during this difficult time. Praying that God will give you strength and peace that surpasses all understanding. Janice Smith Pinder & Family.



February 19 at 3:53 PM



**Sharon Hardy** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

My deepest condolences to the Artist family. Miss Bessie was such a kind lady. I will always remember and cherish the visits that I had with her. Her talks and laughter. We're so contagious. May she rest in peace. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. 🙏🙏



February 19 at 7:09 AM



**Doris Uzzell** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

May God grant you peace during this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Doris Arts Uzzell and family



February 19 at 5:19 AM



**Charita Moore** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

My condolences to the Artis family. May God continue comfort you. RIP Mrs Bessie.



February 18 at 3:57 PM



**Diane Ruffin Coley** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 18 at 3:27 PM



**Jerry Broadhurst** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 18 at 8:16 AM





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**Beatrice Edmundson** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

To: The Artis, Harvey and extended family. Please except my condolences. Praying God will continuously comfort the family.

February 17 at 9:49 PM



**Andrea Bone** posted:

My daughter and I met Ms. Bessie at Britthaven many years ago while visiting friends who also lived there. Back in the day I tried to help her pick out outfits to wear to our church ministry there. To those who knew her...she had a lot of outfits in that tiny closet and purses as well. We also spent time with her at Bingo...back in the good ole days when players actually won 25 cents per game won! We felt like she was part of our family. Bessie always had a smile on her face and positive words...even over the past few months when her health was failing. She spoke so lovingly of all her family over the years. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. -Andrea Bone

February 17 at 7:35 PM



**Darlene McIntyre** February 24 at 1:23 AM

My Condolences To Willie Mae Harvey SheShe And Family My Thoughts And Prayers Darlene Dawson McIntyre



**Cindy Wilder** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 17 at 6:33 PM



**Angeline And Mack Wilder And Family** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 17 at 2:40 PM





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**Joyce Jones** posted:

To The Harvey and Artis Family, We were so sorry to hear of the passing of Bessie. We can not remember a time when Bessie was not a part of our life, we all grew up together, attended church together, shared in each others sorrows and joys. We were family. Bessie's Mother and our Mother were best friends as well as her and Bessie. Bessie will surely be missed. If there is anything we can do for you all, don't hesitate to call, we are here for you. "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord". Rest Easy Bessie in the arms of our Lord and Savior. Until we meet again. Love, The Jones Family, Alphine, Joyce, Patricia, Ronnie, Anthony, Alicia.

February 17 at 9:12 AM



**Joyce Jones** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 17 at 9:03 AM



**Bill & Janice Wilder** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

May God bless and comfort the family in the loss of Bessie. Hold on to all your memories. We will always remember Bessie as family because we lived in the same area and graduated from Norwayne School. We loved her and we love you all Love, Bill & Janice Wilder



February 17 at 7:48 AM



**Sonja Thomas** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

Condolences to the Harvey family.



February 17 at 7:02 AM



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RR

**Roy Reid** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 17 at 4:27 AM

RR

**Roy Reid** February 17 at 4:35 AM

Our sincere condolences to the entire Harvey family for the loss of your sister and mother. We are here for you, as you've always been for us. The Reid family.

JB

**Jackie Hinnant Batts** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 16 at 11:44 PM

SH

**Sheliacoley-Harvey** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

My condolences to the families



February 16 at 10:38 PM

AM

**Angie Pate Marshall** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 16 at 7:00 PM

GW

**Gloria Williams** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 16 at 2:17 PM



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CH

**Claudette Hankerson** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 16 at 1:33 PM



CD

**Cynthia Dickerson** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

My condolences to the Artis Family. May God give you strength for the loss of your love one and my cousin Bestie.

February 16 at 7:39 AM



TL

**Tameka Lee** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 16 at 6:25 AM



TW

**Thea Williams** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

Amica Mary Chapman and Family Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of Goldsboro NC have you in our prayers. 🙏

February 16 at 3:57 AM



TS

**Thelma Smith** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

My thoughts and prayers are with the family during your time of loss. Ms. Bessie was my sister's roommate and I enjoyed talking with her every time I visited my sister. She will be greatly missed.

February 15 at 8:05 PM



TS

**Thelma Smith** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 15 at 8:00 PM





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AR

**Allen Ruffin** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 15 at 3:07 PM



EH

**Eula T Holden** posted:

Will miss my dear friend Bessie saying ( Hi Darling) when I call her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Eula Teen and Bobby Holden and family, Fremont NC

February 15 at 3:01 PM

DF

**Doris White & Family** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 15 at 2:52 PM



KH

**Kay Hodges** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 15 at 2:30 PM



CA

**Catherine Artis** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 15 at 9:02 AM



DH

**Deborah Hobbs** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 15 at 8:58 AM





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RH

**Retha F Hooper** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

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SY

**Sylvia** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 15 at 7:21 AM



WA

**William Artis** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 15 at 6:09 AM



CD

**Cynthia Dickerson** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

Lots of love from the Dickerson Family, Walter,Cynthia,Sheri & Gary

February 15 at 5:58 AM





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**Debra Little** posted:

Aunt Bessie I will always love ❤️ you and cherish the memories of you. You will call me and say Debra are you going to see me and I said yes Aunt Bessie I will be there. When I get there you would have me to take some things back home with me. My heart is hurting when I had to say to you it's ok get your rest I love you so much and I will miss you calling me. I'm very lucky bless you love your family. Gone but never be forgotten. Debra,Derwin, Darius, And Ms Sadie.

February 15 at 2:38 AM



**Natasha** February 23 at 6:47 PM

For at least the past 30 years or so, Aunt Bessie and I had nicknames for each other. I called her Bessu and she called me her TashieBoshie (we never spelled it, but that's how I imagined it from the sound 😊). She had such a sweet spirit like her mom, whom some of us grandkids grew to call her Sweet Pea. My heart hurts because I will never see her smile, hug her, or hear her say, " you're my TashieBoshie". But my heart rejoices because she is no longer in pain, and she is with her mom again, and resting in the arms of Jesus. I'm thankful I was able to say goodbye and tell her that I love her remind her that she was my Bessu. ❤️



**Olinda Harris.** February 15 at 12:03 PM

Olinda..Harris.To The Artis Family. You Have My Deepest Sympathy..Cousin Bessie Had A Beautiful Soul.May God Comfort You At This Difficult Time.



**Brenda Battle** February 15 at 6:49 AM

Cousin Bessie and I have shared UpS and downs.. Happy times and sad times. I love her laughter. God kept her here 81 years, which is a great blessing .🙏🙏🙏



**Deborah Sykes** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

We extend our sympathy and prayers during this difficult time. Jerry and Deborah Sykes

February 14 at 6:06 PM



**Classic Monument Co.Llc Terry Wynn** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

February 14 at 11:56 AM





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AR

**Angela Reid** posted:

To My Harvey family words can't express how important family is to me. Going up my parents would take US to visit our people. Going over Cousin Bessie house across from Norwayne was special to me. Daddy and Bessie were very close. I am so very thankful to God for allowing my parents to bring Us up to know my family. Prayers out my Cousins

February 14 at 8:43 AM

WK

**Wanda H Kirk** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.



February 14 at 8:37 AM

WS

**Willie Mae Harvey'shehee** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

Bessie, your love of this family has always meant a lot. You loved my husband and son and they love you and will miss you. James and Eric always made sure they saw you whenever they came to Goldsboro and James would grill you whatever you wanted. They know that you deserve your rest and they are thankful for your love. In Love, Loss and Sympathy Willie Mae, James and Eric



February 14 at 8:31 AM



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WS

**Willie Mae Harvey'shehee** lit a candle in honor of Bessie.

Bessie, you are our oldest sister, our second mother and our friend. You loved us and we love you. We watched you suffer and we suffered for and with you. We are thankful that God lent you to our family for 81 years. Your beautiful, loving smile will always be with us and we will never forget you. Enjoy your much deserved rest and love on our parents, siblings and other members who traveled this path before you. God saw your struggles and decided it was time to give you your reward. We are thankful that love, never dies, even though our hearts are breaking. Submitted with Love, Your Siblings Earl, Billy, Noah, Mary, Willie Mae, Ann, Gloria and Larry



February 14 at 8:23 AM

OH

**Olinda Harris.** February 23 at 5:34 PM

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OH

**Olinda Harris.** February 15 at 12:27 PM

Angeline Mack Wilder And Family. We Are Praying that God Will Give you Strength At this Difficult Time.Cousin Bessie Will Truly Be Missed.You Have My Deepest Condolence.Heaven Has Gained An Angel..



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Bessie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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