



## Catrina Yvette Harper

December 13, 1969 - May 20, 2024

<https://www.flipsnack.com/alcbf/catrina-harper-funeral-program/full-view.html>

Catrina Yvette Pickens Harper was born on Saturday, December 13, 1969 at Burns Hospital, Cuero, TX to Willie “Poochie” Clifford Pickens Jr. and Carol Annette Ross Pickens. At the age 6, Catrina had one of her kidneys removed due to a Wilms tumor. She underwent chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Decades went by without any known medical issues.

She was baptized at an early age by the late Dr. G. V. Clark of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Austin, TX. Her family later united with Greater Union Baptist Church where she remained until her passing. She loved the Lord and worked diligently at church. She attended Sunday School and was the “reader” until her health failed. She was once a part of God’s Anointed praise dance team and the former Jr. Mission. Her forte was ushering where she served as president for many years. For a couple of years Greater Union won the Usher’s attendance awards from the St. John Northeast District. Even when her health was deteriorating and she really wasn’t feeling well, she would usher when she could. She worked in the church wherever she was needed.

She attended T. A. Brown Elementary, Pecan Springs Elementary, Blanton Elementary, Pearce Middle School and L. B. J. High School. She was a part of the L. B.J. First Lady drill team. Go Jaguars! To further her education, she

attended Nixon Clay Business School and Austin Community College for an Applied Science Degree as a Paralegal.

She worked and retired from the State of Texas Attorney General's Office as a legal secretary. There she had the opportunity to meet and bond with some great people. She loved making her own money. It was difficult for her not to be able to work and drive due to her health. She tried several times to work. The most rewarding was sitting with patients. Doing that she was able to help other people and at the same time experience self-worth.

Due to her experiencing medical problems at an early age, Catrina learned to be an overcomer and a fighter. She was a very loving, caring, resourceful, independent, hardworking, and responsible young lady. She took the initiative and got her first job at Dairy Queen. She saved her money and bought her first car. She loved to shop which was exemplified in the fashionable way she dressed. She not only shopped for herself but also for others, especially her mother, brother, nieces and nephews. She was a giver. She was an expert hula hooper and nobody could match her skills. She loved to travel. Two of her most memorable excursions were an Alaskan Cruise and a trip to Honolulu, Hawaii.

She met Issac W. Harper in her early years. Later in life, their paths crossed again, and they were married. Issac stood by Catrina for many years as a diligent attentive husband and her caregiver.

Catrina loved her family and friends. Her pride and joy was her brother "chipmunk", her "Four Heartbeats" nephews and nieces, grandsons and Savannah "her dog". She loved people in general. She would support her nieces and nephews for sporting events and extracurricular activities. She looked forward to her yearly birthday celebrations and couldn't wait to put in her menu order and party themes. Catrina was a blessing to those who knew

her. She touched many lives.

Catrina leaves to cherish her memory, Her husband, Issac Harper; Her mother, Carol Ross Pickens (Fiancé Leon Brookens Jr.); Brother, Shay J. Pickens Sr.; Step-daughters, Mae Alexis Harper and Maci Elizabeth Harper; Grandsons, Isaiah Harper and Carmelo Harper; Nephews, Shay J. Pickens Jr. and Willie C. Pickens III; Nieces, Sierra J. Pickens, Shaniya J. Pickens and Breiah Harper; Sister-In-Love, Monica D. Gentry; In-Laws, Henry D. Harper Sr. and Lillie Mae Harper; Brother-In-Laws, Anthony (Shameika) Harper and Henry Don (Tonya) Harper; Uncles, Mitchell Ross and Derrick Ross; Great Uncles, Bobby Lewis, and Thomas Johnson; Aunts, Dorothy F. Brown, Ivory Jean Eldridge, Linda Ross, Gloria Pickens-Cunningham, Joice Pickens, Helen Battles Ross, P. Pearl Ross Johnson, Anita Trevino; Great Aunts, Buelah King and Ora Lee Littles; and many cousins; bonus mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, God Children and friends.

She is preceded in death by her father; maternal grandparents, Joseph J. Ross and Doris Lee Littles Ross; and paternal grandparents, Willie C. Pickens Sr. and Lorraine Lewis Pickens.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

JUN 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Grant A.M.E. Worship Center  
1701 Kramer Lane  
Austin, TX 78758  
<http://gwcaustin.org>

*Under the Auspices of Greater Union Baptist Church*

# Tribute Wall

SL

“ *Sonfa Lovings lit a candle in memory of  
Catrina Yvette Harper*



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**Sonfa Lovings** - June 05, 2024 at 02:26 PM

MC

“ *I could share so many memories but Trina would probably say, now Trena C you don't need to tell everything 😊. Many mornings I would ride to school with her. I remember going to Cuero and meeting the Ross's and Pickens'. Her family became my family and mine hers. We traveled to Houston to see her cousin Sonya Kay! We visited Cuero quite often with her parents. When we got there we hung out with her cousins and Uncle Derrick all of whom she loved dearly. Her uncle had a car named "Jim" and we would all get in that car and ride, playing the song, Wipe Out! We cried together, prayed together, we Toughed through somethings together, and we laughed together. We lost contact a few years as life happened but then God reconned us after I had a dream in 2021. When I called asked me what took me so long 😊. We laughed and talked as if no time had been lost. Rest easy my friend! It's not goodbye but see you later Sheena! Family- I love you and I am sincerely praying for you.*



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**Minister Trena Carter** - June 03, 2024 at 12:45 AM

FM

“ Fifi M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catrina Yvette Harper.

Fifi M. - June 02, 2024 at 05:56 PM

VF

“ V. Lewis & family purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Catrina Yvette Harper.



V. Lewis & family - June 01, 2024 at 01:21 PM

FC

“ Felicia and Frederick Causey and Family. My condolences to the family of Catrina Pickens, she was a beautiful person. May the wonderful memories of her give you strength and comfort and make you smile. She had a wonderful smile and great heart. She is your angel now. God bless you Issac, Ms. Pickens and Lil Brother!



Felicia Causey - May 31, 2024 at 01:08 PM

DP

“ With heartfelt sympathy for Issac, Ms. Pickens and Shay. You are never alone when you have the love and support of those around you. My wish for you at this time is one of peace and comfort as you celebrate the life of someone very special and loved.



*Deborah*

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**Deborah Parks** - May 31, 2024 at 11:46 AM

DF

“ Deborah Parks and family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Catrina Yvette Harper.



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**Deborah Parks and family** - May 31, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MN

“ Catrina.. You are such a sweet soul. You will be truly missed. Hug my mama for me, and tell her it's from me. Sis Pickens, Shay, and Isaac you are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Miosha Newbill** - May 31, 2024 at 08:24 AM

MF

“ Miosha Newbill and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Catrina Yvette Harper.

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**Miosha Newbill and family** - May 31, 2024 at 08:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Catrina Yvette Harper.*



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May 31, 2024 at 08:19 AM



“ *Arthur, Jackie and the Sampson Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Catrina Yvette Harper.*



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**Arthur, Jackie and the Sampson Family** - May 30, 2024 at 05:04 PM



“ *Dr. Sabrina D. Simpson*

*I met Catrina at the St. John District Association at usher meetings and training. She was such a loving and caring person. She will truly be missed. Such a beautiful person inside and out. I will miss her beautiful smile and her phone calls. Rest in Peace my sweet angel. My prayers and thoughts are with the family. May God comfort you during this difficult time. With Deepest Sympathy.*

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**Dr. Sabrina D. Simpson** - May 30, 2024 at 02:18 AM

ZM

“ Zevette Marshall lit a candle in memory of  
Catrina Yvette Harper



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**Zevette Marshall** - May 28, 2024 at 11:51 AM

ZM

“ Catrina was a wonderful sister friend!! My prayers and condolences  
to her family. 🙏

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**Zevette Marshall** - May 28, 2024 at 11:51 AM