



Hattie Mae Perry (Traynum)

April 17, 2018

Hattie Mae Perry (Traynum) quietly transitioned to eternal life on April 17, 2018, joining her parents, siblings, and husband who all preceded her in death. Born on April 3, 1916 in Williamston, South Carolina to Julia and Pinkney Traynum, Hattie was one of six children, and the oldest girl of the family. She had five siblings, with the youngest brother, Davis Traynum, leaving this life first. The family then lost Gladys Saunders, Robert Traynum, Gertrude White, and lastly, Rev. Twyman Traynum.

Hattie attended and graduated from Libbey High School in Toledo, Ohio. On December 18, 1943, Hattie married the jazz trumpeter Rudolph Perry in Toledo, Ohio and they were married until his death in December 1999, less than two weeks after their 56th wedding anniversary. Hattie worked at Rossford Army Depot, and later attended nursing school. An oncology nurse, Hattie worked until her retirement at the former Riverside Hospital in North Toledo.

She always loved her jewelry and clothes!! In her younger years, she made many of her own outfits. She also very much enjoyed traveling with her sister, Gertrude White, and life long friend, Wanda Penn; they had fun on many cruises in their day! Hattie also had a taste for casinos, and on her 91st birthday, was treated to Las Vegas with nieces, Harriett Brown and Janece Woulard.

She resided for years on Parkside Avenue in West Toledo, then later moved to reside in the upper level of the family home with her brother, Twyman at 1010 Oakwood. She later decided to relocate, and took up residency at The Lakewood Apartments on Arlington Ave. When she began to need some assistance, she chose to move to West Park Place, on Executive Parkway, where she lived until the weekend of her 100th birthday celebration. Then the frailty of age required she move to a facility that could better serve her with 24 hour care. She lived at Heartland of Waterville for two years, and two weeks, until her transition on April 17, 2018.

Being the forward thinker and giving person that she was, and still wishing to be of help and service even after death, she had arranged for her body to be donated to the University of Toledo College of Medicine. She will later have her remains shared with husband, Rudolph and parents, Julia and Pinkney Traynum, all deceased and laid to rest at Woodlawn Cemetery in Toledo, Ohio.

Hattie leaves to celebrate her life: son, Dr. Robert L. Perry (Wife-Dr. D. LaRouth); Grandchildren: Bayé Perry (Wife-Megan), Kai Perry, Dr. Ravi Perry; Nieces: Harriett Brown, Jonette Moss (Special Care Giver), Julia Cooks, Nannette Wooley, Janette Edison, Karen Traynum-Davis; Nephews: Twyman Norman Traynum, Robert Traynum; Great Nieces: Davanna Renee, Ramona Walker, Janece Woulard, Carla Westbrook, Jefani M. Edison, Tiffany Traynum, Robin Moss; Great Nephews: Harold Moss III, John M. Moss, Richard A. Moss, Charles Cooks, Jason Traynum, Jamal M. Edison, Jumoke M. Edison, Brandon Davis; and a host of Great Grandchildren, Great-Great Nieces and Nephews, Cousins among many other family members.

Services celebrating the 102 year beautiful life of Hattie will be held at the church where she was a beloved active member for decades, Third Baptist Church, located at 402 Pinewood Avenue in Toledo, Ohio. The Celebration of Life Memorial Service will take place at 11AM on Thursday, May 24, 2018. Words of Comfort will be offered by Hattie's youngest grandson, Dr. Ravi Perry; the service will be officiated by Rev. Dr. K. David Johnson, Senior Pastor. Cremation arrangements will be handled by the University of Toledo College of Medicine. Memorial Service planning is provided by Dale-Riggs Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers and other bereavement acknowledgements, the family requests that well-wishers please donate in Hattie Perry's name to the Oncology Nursing Society Foundation (ONSF) and/or the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA). Donations to ONSF can be made online at: <http://www.onsfoundation.org/>. Donations to NBNA can be made online at: <http://www.nbna.org/>. The family requests that well-wisher please wear the color purple for the service. The family is grateful for your prayers. The family would like to add a special thanks to the nurses and staff of Heartland of Waterville, and also the nurses of the Hospice staff at Heartland, who gave Hattie special attention.