

In Loving Memory

Oddie Belinda Milligan-Harris



MAY 28, 1932 – JUNE 12, 2026

Oddie Belinda Milligan-Harris was born on May 28, 1932, in Mansfield, Louisiana, to the late Silas and Odie Milligan. She was one of twelve children born into this loving family.

At an early age, Oddie accepted Christ as her personal Savior. She moved to Oakland, California, with her family and was later baptized at Mount Zion Baptist Church. Her faith and love of God remained guiding forces throughout her life.

As a young woman, Oddie worked in the family-owned business, Jacob's Bakery, in West Oakland, California. She graduated from McClymonds High School and Merritt College and went on to receive her nursing education at Highland School of Nursing, where she graduated with high honors and earned her Registered Nurse credential.

Shortly after earning her nursing degree, she met and married Alvin J. "Vic" Harris. The couple was united in marriage on March 25, 1954, and began building a life together. In 1958, they relocated from San Jose, California, to Tracy, California, where they established their home and lovingly raised their family.

As the first Black registered nurse at Tracy Memorial Hospital (now known as Sutter Tracy Community Hospital), Oddie was best known for her professional and compassionate dedication as an OB-GYN and general nurse. She also taught nursing courses in the evenings and worked at San Joaquin General Hospital as an IV

specialist and general nurse.

One of Oddie's most memorable opportunities was providing personal nursing care for Vivian Baxter, the mother of Maya Angelou.

A woman of deep faith, her greatest joys were studying and reading the Bible, sharing her knowledge through teaching, exploring her love of linguistics, and tending to her beautiful flower gardens. She found deep fulfillment in learning, nurturing growth in others, and appreciating the beauty of God's creation.

Oddie was preceded in death by her parents, Silas and Odie Milligan; her brothers, Sank Milligan, O.L. Milligan, Archie Jones, Rev. George Milligan, and Wesley Milligan; her sisters, Alma Ruth London, Clementine Milligan, Emma Lee Milligan, Lillie Pearl Mills, and Dorothy Jean Guice; her husband, Alvin "Vic" Harris; stepdaughter Emma Jean Harris; grandson Victor Ramone Richardson; and great-grandson Gabriel Rodriguez.

Oddie leaves to cherish her memory her brother, Silas Milligan Jr.; her sons, Dr. Alvin James Harris II (Stephanie) and Marquis Nathaniel Harris (Zoe); her daughters, Belinda Faye Harris (Anthony), Lau-Rinda Ann Edmonds (Issa), and Donna Marshbanks (David); her grandchildren, Ashanti Townsend, Marquis Harris Jr., AB Andron, Isaiah Woods, Odis (Montrel) Richardson, Marquesa Kajar, Lau-Rinda Woods II, and Donovan Switalski; and a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and in-laws.

Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 South Central Avenue, Tracy, is honored to serve the Harris family. Visitation will be held in the chapel on Friday, June 26, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Funeral services will follow on Saturday, June 27, at 1 p.m., with doors opening one hour prior for visitation.

She will be laid to rest immediately following the service at Tracy Mausoleum, 8842 W. Schulte Road, Tracy.

Chapel services will be livestreamed for family and friends unable to attend via her tribute page at www.frymemorialchapel.com.

An online guestbook is also available for condolences and special messages to the family.