

Ada Rose 'Dorothy' Harbin

TRINITY – Ada Rose “Dorothy” Harbin, 56, of Trinity died Monday, Dec. 24, 2007, at her residence.

She was born March 3, 1951 in Riderwood, Ala., the seventh child of Nathaniel Harbin Sr. and Abbie Lee Pearson Harbin.

She grew up in Riderwood, Ala., and received her early education from the Choctaw County Training School in Lisman, Ala. In 1968 she moved to Trinity where she attended and graduated from Westside High School. She continued her education at Angelina Junior College in Lufkin.

Having accepted Christ at an early age, she was a member of the Gilfield Baptist Church in Pushmataha, Ala. She later became a member of the Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church in Trinity where she served as president of the church choir and president of the dietary department. She later became a member of the Bowen Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Trinity.

She was employed as a medical records clerk by the University of Texas Medical Branch at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice’s Estelle Prison Unit.

In 1964, during the Civil Rights Movement, she was selected as one of three Black students to integrate an all white school in the Choctaw County school system in Alabama. She was praised for her service when a book was written about this integration movement in Butler, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her father; her grandfather, Coleman Pearson; two sisters, Ollie Mae Corley and Eddie D. Brown; two brothers, Booker T. Harbin and Willie James Harbin; two brothers-in-law, Willie James Easley and Charles Corley Sr.

Survivors include her special love, the Rev. Jeff Spivey Sr. of Houston; a son and his spouse, Cornelius and Kimberly Harbin of Huntsville; two daughters and their spouses, Meshall and Sam Foster of Houston and JoAnn and Tommy Simmons of Trinity; her mother, Abbie Lee Harbin of Trinity; three brothers and their spouses, the Rev. Cornelius and Pauline Harbin of Trinity, Eugene and Shelia Harbin Sr. of Houston and Murry H. and Felicia Harbin of Trinity; five sisters and their spouses, Lola Easley of Trinity, Claudia Mae and Valrie Smith of Trinity, Minnie and Horace Blakley of Lisman, Ala., Annie and David Bush of Riderwood, Ala., and Juanita Harbin of Trinity; five grandchildren, Kayla Harbin, Brittani Lane, Sheniquia Harbin, Tommy Simmons Jr. and Mia Foster; one great-grandchildren, Keniya Harbin; and a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.