

O B I T A R Y

Jessie B. Harvin was born in Burgaw, North Carolina, the oldest of three daughters born to Lofton Walker and Rosa Wheeler Walker. When she was 12 the family moved to Roselle New Jersey. She graduated from Abraham Clark High School in 1934 and then attended Union County Junior College for one year.

Jessie married Alfred Cleveland Dunkley in 1935 and moved to Westfield, New Jersey -- Joyce Rosalee and Theresa Anne were born of that union which ended in divorce in 1948.

In 1953 She married Herald O. Harvin and one daughter, Jerri Lynn was born of that union which ended in divorce in 1968.

In 1961 Jessie took a foster child, Mark Watson, an infant and kept him until 1973 when illness forced her to delegate his care to another. She also took a foster child, Linda Washington as an infant and kept her almost three years.

Jessie was an active member of Second Baptist Church, Rosell New Jersey, where she was President of the Mother's Club and member of the Church School Adult Bible Class, which she joined when retiring from teaching Sunday School after 40 years of service. She was formerly a member of Bethel Baptist Church, Westfield, New Jersey and also First Baptist Church, Cranford, New Jersey.

She was a former Girl Scout Leader and Den Mother in Westfield. PTA officer for many years. Presently Vice President of the Westfield Negro History Club and former President. Former President of Westfield Community Center Board of Directors and former Teacher's Aide at the Westfield Day Care Center.

She leavs to morn her loss, three daughters, Joyce R. Peterson, Theresa A. Ross, and Jerri Lynn Mayers; one foster son, Mark Watson, one Foster daughter, Linda Washington. Her Mother, Mrs. Rosa Robinson and two Sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Juckins and Rosetta Tyree and four grand children.