



# **Ms. Haroldeen Hartsfield, Esq.**

AUG 6, 2020



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**"**In knowing your loved one is not far away, but she is with you in spirit every hour of the day."

Ms. Haroldeen Hartsfield entered into Eternal Rest on August 6, 2020.

A walk-by visitation will be held Friday, August 14, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. in the Rose Chapel of Mabrie Memorial Mortuary. Her Celebration of Life service will be attended privately; and can be viewed by live stream Friday, August 14, 2020, starting at 11:00 A.M.

Live stream access: <https://www.mabriemortuary.com/HaroldeenHartsfield>

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Haroldeen Hartsfield, affectionately called "Deenie" was born on Friday, November 15, 1946 to Harry and Alberta Murphy Hartsfield in Detroit, MI. Deenie was the first born of seven children. She was baptized in the Roman Catholic faith and attended Catholic school at Sacred Heart and St. Elizabeth High School, graduating from Detroit Central High School in 1964. Growing up in Motown City's west side, Deenie enjoyed music and was an avid photographer, documenting family gatherings and activities with friends, which photos she placed in collections shared for decades. She earned an academic scholarship to Wayne State University (Detroit, MI) where she pledged Delta Sigma Theta, Tau Chapter, and met many of her lifelong friends. After graduation in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, she focused on a career that allowed her to help others and received a Master of Social Work degree two years later.

Deenie's commitment to helping the underserved of her community led her to the law. She began her legal studies in 1971 at Texas Southern University, now Thurgood Marshall School of Law, in Houston, TX. To secure additional financial support for her educational dream, she moved to Des Moines, IA to complete her legal education at Drake University School of Law in 1974. Haroldeen returned to Houston to take the July bar exam and was admitted to practice by



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the State Bar of Texas that October. Attorney Hartsfield worked for the Gulf Coast Legal Foundation in its downtown Fannin Street office and the Acres Homes area before going into private practice.

A chance meeting in the elevator with one of the 18 Houston black women attorneys, Zinetta Burney, resulted in Deenie becoming a founding member of the Law Offices of Burney, Caggins and Hartsfield in 1975. As an attorney, she practiced both civil and criminal law with a concentration in family and probate law. Concerned about the availability of legal services in Houston's northwest side, she and four other black female lawyers, in August 1975, founded the law firm of (Zinetta) Burney, (Joan) Edwards, (Shelvin) Hall, (Haroldeen) Hartsfield and (Algenita) Scott in the Acres Homes area of Houston. Haroldeen insisted that the practice be located in Acres Homes because of the closing of its legal services offices in that neighborhood. For their efforts and focus on the low-income residents, Deenie and her law partners were recognized in a feature article in Ebony magazine in March 1976 entitled, "Sisters in Law." As her law partners expanded their areas of practice and into other careers, Haroldeen remained committed to providing accessible legal services to individuals in need. She became a solo practitioner from 1984 until 2011 when she retired from practicing law. Thereafter, she devoted her energies to improving the welfare of children, becoming the Director of Human Resources for the William Smith Senior's Tri-County Child Development Council, Inc. from 2011-2013.

Always the health enthusiast, she was the original lifestyle "naturalist" --- natural foods, unprocessed vegetables, non-chemical hair products and toiletries, fasting weekly and encouraging her family and reluctant friends to do likewise. As a participant in the National Bar Association International Affiliates Program, Haroldeen traveled to South Africa and also visited Egypt, Jamaica and the Bahamas. A bold, assertive Haroldeen broke Harris County courthouse traditions of staid clothing and restricted appearances. She mentored many young lawyers in acceptable "non-conformity" and set standards regarding which traditions of the rule of law had to be followed based on what was actually written, important and necessary.

The brightest highlight of Haroldeen's life was her children, Tewahado and Solomon, to whom she gave birth at home on Cleburne Street in Houston's historic Third Ward. She was a proud, doting mother, directing her children's every educational endeavor, selecting the "right public schools," attending their programs, enrolling them in the Harris County Aquatics program and driving them to church activities at the Pine Oak Cornerstone Baptist Church. Deenie was a founding member of Pine Oak Cornerstone, which was established by her law partner, the



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Reverend Don R.Caggins and his wife, Mrs. Ruth Caggins. At the church, she served as Director of Christian Education, passing on her strong religious beliefs to her children and other members. Mom Haroldeen made sure her children were exposed to extra-curricular events – museum exhibits, taking music lessons and attendance at African American and other celebrations. Nothing interrupted her presence at their school programs and her helping them with their projects. She was very proud of their work ethic. Small wonder that both Tewahado, a teacher, and Solomon, a lawyer, would embark on careers that make the lives of others better.

Deenie was a funny, giving and loving person. She gave passion, dedication and perseverance to any goal or job she pursued. She lived a life of purpose that focused on helping others, concentrating on her children and family.

On Thursday, August 6, 2020, Deenie joined her parents and brother, Richard Alan “Rick” Hartsfield, in the loving arms of the God she served. She leaves to cherish her memories: her daughter, Tewahado Yashimabet Holness Aligaz (son-in-law, Semere Aligaz) of Houston, TX, her son, Solomon Jahshamon Djosimar Holness of Houston, TX, her grandson, Emory Amir Yashua Holness of Fort Worth, TX, her brothers and sisters, Joyce Y. Hartsfield of New York, NY, Albert E. Hartsfield (Gracie) of Detroit, MI, Judy A. Hartsfield (Leon Holmes) of Detroit, MI, Anthony C. Hartsfield (Anita) of Lexington, KY and Roderick T. Hartsfield (Janice) of Detroit, MI, sister-in-law, Joyce Foster-Hartsfield of Southfield, MI, aunt, Olesia Stubblefield of Lincoln, NE, uncle, Henry Murphy (Doris) of Wilmington, DE, many nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends.




## Events

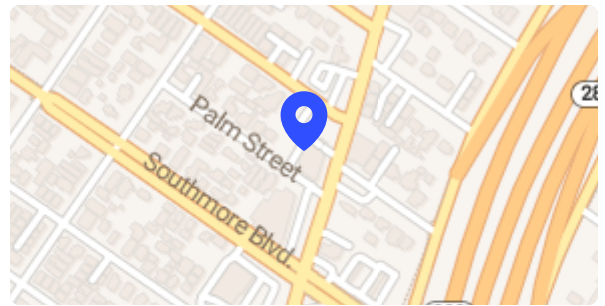
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### Visitation

 **Friday**, August 14, 2020

 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM CT

 **Mabrie Memorial Mortuary**  
5000 Almeda Road, Houston TX 77004





## Tribute Wall

**Ms. Haroldeen Hartsfield, Esq.**

DD

**Debra Deshazor** posted:

Beautiful lady. Watched her in the law office and learned a lots by paying attention to her. She will be missed!!

October 8 at 9:36 AM

JS

**Joanne Shaw** posted:

GRIEF CAN BE SO HARD. BUT OUR SPECIAL MEMORIES HELP US COPE. REMEMBERING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONE TODAY AND ALWAYS. OUR CONDOLENCE TO THE FAMILY

August 29 at 6:41 AM

DC

**Dorothy Carson** lit a candle in honor of Haroldeen.



August 17 at 5:38 AM

LI

**Laura Isom** posted:

it seems like only yesterday when we came together, strangers, apprehensive and uncertain of what the future would hold. We forged a bond through our path to Delta. A bond that would last over 50 years. A bond tempered by the shared experiences, joys and pains that life will most certainly give. As in all successful relationships, everyone has a role to play. For our line, you were the pragmatic one. Decisive, but never timid and maybe just a little bit opinionated. Caring, if not just a bit of a mother hen. Over the years, we came to know and appreciate your feisty sense of humor. But those who knew you well, knew you had a sensitive side. Your love of music, cooking and story telling are the memories of a life time. You loved and were loved dearly in return. Today, this bond brings us together again to mourn your passing and to celebrate the time we had you in our lives. We will cherish forever the time we had together and your memory will live forever in our hearts. Your Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated Tau Chapter Line Sisters, Alice Adderton-Wilson, Cynthia (Stanton) Grant Brown, Krystal Harris, Laura Isom, Dorothy Likely Lindsey, Paulette Steele Moore, Linda Nervis, Jocelyn Richardson, Vickie Walls Slaughter, Teresa Stevenson and Ann C. Williams.

August 16 at 11:02 AM



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TH

**Takiyah Hall** posted:

Ms. Hartsfield, thank you for the seeds you've sewn, one being this scripture: "But as for me and my house we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24:15. You will be missed. My condolences go out to the family at this time. My prayers are with you as you heal in the days to come. 🙏

August 15 at 11:00 AM

AA

**Ann A.** sent a sympathy card to the Hartsfield, family.



August 14 at 8:54 AM

IR

**Ivy Ricketts** posted:

Condolences to the family of Attorney Haroldeen Hartsfield. She was a very caring and conscientious attorney and always took time to "catch up" when I would see her at the courthouse. Always sharing health tips and pearls of wisdom. Sending prayers for peace and strength for her family and friends. Ivy Ricketts

August 14 at 8:01 AM

SB

**Stamina Brooks** posted:

I'm sorry for your loss. May the peace of God be with all of you during this difficult time. Please know that Haroldeen is at peace in the arms of the Almighty. Love Stamina

August 14 at 6:57 AM

EJ

**Erica Johnson** posted:

My heart goes out to the family for their loss. Ms. Hartsfield was a dear friend of the Caggins' family. Praying for you all. Love, Erica Johnson

August 14 at 6:39 AM

JD

**Johnnie F Reed Dorsey** August 14 at 7:50 AM

Family may peace be with you always! Ms. Hartsfield will truly be missed. We thank her always for words of wisdom. Praying for you all!! Love, Johnnie and Eddie Dorsey



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**Sandy, Gloria ,Eric** lit a candle in honor of Haroldeen.

August 14 at 6:23 AM



**Sharon Drewy** lit a candle in honor of Haroldeen.

August 14 at 6:09 AM



**Aunt Olelia Stubblefield** posted:

Dear Tawada, Solomon & Hartsfield cousin's: Deenie's loss to our family will leave a void because she was our first born cousin in a line of many. Our prayer for you all during this difficult time is for God to fold you in his loving arms and provide you with comfort & loving memories. In Love & Christ, Aunt Olelia & Stubblefield Cousin's & Cousin Ronald Massie, Marilyn, William, Cathy & Dee Dee Rowland.

August 14 at 6:02 AM



**Linda Murphy** posted:

I will miss your wonderful family stories. Rest in Peace.

August 14 at 5:07 AM



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**Mabrie Memorial Mortuary** shared an album called **Loving Memories & Reflections.**



August 13 at 1:16 PM



**Sharlana Jackson** August 14 at 7:31 AM

Rest in Heaven Haroldeen. You never changed and I appreciate you for that. Sharlana Jackson and family



**Iris Worthington** September 3 at 10:16 AM

Deenie was a beautiful soul both inside out. She was kind and caring, giving respect to all. May she rest peacefully in the hands of the Lord. Iris Worthington



**Judy Hartsfield** August 22 at 5:09 AM

What a wonderful sister and aunt who was generous and kind. The memories of our family times will sustain us in the coming days and years. Rest well. God bless you. Love, Judy, Leon and Jessica



**Sharon Douglas** August 14 at 11:07 AM

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**Sandy, Gloria, Eric** August 14 at 6:31 AM

God be with my dear Haroldeen....



**Anthony Hartsfield** August 13 at 2:16 PM

Rest in Peace my Sister Deenie! Love always! Until we see each other face to face in the presence of our LORD and Saviour Christ Jesus. Your brother Anthony, Sister in law Anita, and Family!



**Trodarius Provo** sent a Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket to the Hartsfield, family.



August 13 at 11:26 AM



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KC

**Katrina Carr** lit a candle in honor of Haroldeen.

Solomon you are like a son to me and my family. I pray GOD listens to your prayers and fulfill your heart with memories of your mom. Chris & Trina Carr

August 13 at 10:19 AM



PW

**Priscilla & Stephanie Wallace** lit a candle in honor of Haroldeen.

August 13 at 8:07 AM



PW

**Priscilla Wallace** posted:

Words can never express how much you meant to me and my daughter. During your many visits to Detroit you always took the time to share words of wisdom with me. With each visit for as long as I can remember, I was like a kid anticipating our visit and our chats. I will never forget the day we had a conversation about me returning to school. It was you and your love for education as well as your love for family that encouraged me to pursue my dreams and for that I am forever grateful. Take your rest my dear cousin, for the memories we have shared throughout the years are forever etched in my spirit.

August 13 at 6:58 AM

DM

**Deidre Mooring** posted:

May family and friends bring comfort, and may time bring peace. Deidre Mooring (sister-in-law of David Wallace)

August 12 at 3:20 PM

MF

**Mr. Aligaz Family** sent a Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket to the Hartsfield, family.

August 12 at 2:44 PM





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**Joyce Herron-Taylor** posted:

The world has lost one of its most original, intelligent, and funny individuals. I will always cherish the days we got kicked out of the university library because she caused us to literally laugh out loud, too loudly. And when she'd cram 7-8 people into her tiny Volkswagen Bug, we were a sight to behold. So many memories of a dear and powerful woman. Rest well, Deenie. You will NEVER be forgotten.

August 12 at 10:59 AM



**Melanie Wallace** posted:

May the loving words of our Heavenly Father provide comfort to family & friends. The Wallace Family

August 12 at 9:53 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers to the Hartsfield, family.



August 12 at 1:49 AM



**Olelia A Stubblefield** posted:

Tewado and Solomon, I adored your Mom and enjoyed a many sleepless night talking with her. There will never be another like her. She always was there to help with legal problems I would have. Large or small Would never take a dime. Your Auntie will never forget your mom she was my niece and I'll always love her. May God keep his blessings on you and Solomon forever. To her siblings I love you all and condolences to you and all the Hartsfield's Auntie 🙏

August 11 at 2:00 PM



**Kelly Angel McGhee** posted:

We will certainly miss your wit, humor and brilliant mind. I've known you all of my life and I feel blessed to have known such a great lady. Love you amd will keep you in my heart. Kelly Angel McGhee

August 9 at 7:07 AM



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**Jacqueline McClendon** posted:

Deenie thank you for being such a wonderful and caring Cousin. You were so good to me and my Mama your Auntie. You called her everyday. I miss the good times seeing you at Bert's house directing and telling people what to do. I admired you for all of the things you accomplished in you life time and for being such a great Mother!! WELL DONE Cousin WELL DONE!! Knowing that you are in heaven with Harry, Bert, Ricky and God you are in Good hands. I will miss you and my love and admiration will continue forever!! Love you Cousin!! Your Cousin Jackie

August 9 at 2:08 AM



## Media

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**Mabrie Memorial Mortuary** shared a video to the **Loving Memories & Reflections** album.

August 13 at 1:16 PM



Tribute Video



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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Haroldeen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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