



## State Rep. Esther Harrison

June 10, 1946 - June 10, 2015

The Honorable Esther Kate Mullin Harrison, Mississippi State Representative — District 41 June 10, 1946 - June 10, 2015 The celebration of the life and legacy for State Representative Esther Kate Mullin Harrison will be June 19, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at the Trotter Convention Center, Columbus, MS. Esther was born June 19, 1946, in Columbus, MS to Mr. and Mrs. Elbert (Elizabeth) Mullin Sr. She is survived by daughter, Aubra Berenice Harrison Givens (Andrew); grandson, Alexander Bronte Givens; and siblings, Elbert, Jr., Harold, Elizabeth Dismuke and Aubra Jackson. Esther was a member of Turner Chapel AME Church in Columbus. She served as pianist/organist and secretary for 50 years, and President of the Women's Missionary Society. Harrison was a 1964 graduate of R. E. Hunt High School. She majored in History/Sociology, and minored in Music at Alcorn A & M College, and graduated in 1968. She received her Masters in Gifted Education from Mississippi University for Women in 2000. Her employment experiences include Legal Secretary to Attorney Richard Burdine, Secretary for the MS Health and Economic Development Foundation, Inc., Outreach Specialist for the Federation of Southern Cooperatives (Columbus Business Development Office), Deputy Director of Prairie Business Development Association, Project Director for MS Economic Development Corporation, Tennessee-Tombigbee Division, Executive Director for Tennessee-Tombigbee Construction and Business Assistance Center, Inc. and Project Director of Department of Appalachian Development-Governor's Office of Federal State Programs. She

was a member of the MS Legislature Black Caucus, the MS Legislative Democratic Caucus, the National Association of Black Legislators, the League of Women Voters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) — Life Member, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. — Gamma Gamma Zeta Chapter, Modern Free Eastern Stars, Lowndes County Voters' League, Helping Hands, National Council of Negro Women, Alcorn University National Alumni Association, MS University for Women National Alumni Association, Legacy Education and Community Empowerment Foundation, Inc. Advisory Board, National Federation of Democratic Women, former member of the Mississippi Democratic Party, and the Lowndes County Democratic Executive Committee. She was sworn in as the first Black female Representative for the Mississippi House of Representatives — District 41 in January 2000. Her past and present committee affiliations include State Library (Chair), Education, Interstate Cooperation, Medicaid, Ports, Harbors and Airports, and Universities and Colleges. Some of her awards and honors include NAACP State Conference — Dr. Aaron Henry Award, Winson Hudson Award, Long Distance Runner Award, Outstanding Leadership Award, and Outstanding Branch President Award; Alcorn State University Outstanding Alumni Award; Lowndes County League of Voters Presidential Citation, and Mississippi University for Women — 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award.

# Tribute Wall



“ I rented the house next door to Ms. Harrison for about a year, back in 1980, before I moved to Colorado. She and her family, particularly her daughter, were so welcoming and kind to me. I am very sorry to see that she has passed.

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**Carroll Thorn** - July 05, 2024 at 09:22 AM



“ *State Rep. Esther Harrison*

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October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ I pray the God will continue to bless and strengthen you through the most difficult time. Soror Harrison was a very dear friend and beloved soror. She will be greatly missed. I thank God for allowing her to grace this earth and make a difference in the lives o so many people.

*Charlotte F. Miller  
Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.  
13th MS State Director*

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**Charlotte F. Miller** - June 17, 2015 at 08:08 AM



“ Oh my, what a dear friend. I had the opportunity and pleasure to work with Esther for several years with the Appalachian Regional Commission, Esther loved our great State and contributed her time and hard work for a better and safer place to live and work. I will miss you and your sweet spirit.

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**Nancy Knight** - June 13, 2015 at 10:42 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of State Rep. Esther Harrison.*



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June 12, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ *My heart is filled with sadness. State Rep Esther Harrison was a pioneer in helping many people as she helped me to obtain various interviews on my journey as a college graduate and her entire family was a blessing to me and my daughter Asya when we resided in Columbus over 12 years ago I pray for her daughter and her family in their time of bereavement*

*Schelerria Whalen*

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**Schelerria Whalen** - June 11, 2015 at 01:31 PM