



Golden Angel Harris

April 24, 1929 - October 24, 2013

Ms. Golden Angel (Suddeth) Harris was born of Walter Haze Suddeth and Lula Leola (Roby) Suddeth on April 24, 1929 in St. Louis, MO. Golden was referred to as “Go-Go” by countless family members and friends because of her limitless energy and active lifestyle. Go-Go attended public elementary school and Sumner High school in St. Louis and became one of the first ten African-American students to attend St. Louis University from which she graduated in 1948 with her Bachelors of Science degree in Biology at 19 years of age! Go-Go received her Master’s Degree in Science from St. Louis University one short year later in 1949. While a student at St. Louis U, Go-Go was initiated into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated which she remained actively devoted to for a period in excess of fifty years!

Go-Go fell in love with the man who kissed her for the first time, Stanford Eugene Harris (“Stan”) who was three years her senior. Stan was a colleague of Go-Go’s at Sumner High School and St. Louis University where he received his Bachelors Degree in Engineering. Stan served as a naval officer during World War II and upon leaving the Navy, worked at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (“NASA”) astronaut training facility in China Lake, California. Stan and Go-Go were wed in 1952, fully relocated to China Lake and began their lifelong love affair with Los Angeles and California. Go-Go and Stan were blessed with five children. Victoria, the oldest was born in St. Louis and each of the other four children (Valerie; Mark; Eric and Michael) was born in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, California

Go-Go was a master science teacher and served in a variety of roles within the Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”). Go-Go was a classroom teacher; a guidance counselor; a college counselor; and a vice-principal over her “first” thirty year career. When asked what were the most memorable moments of her career, Go-Go without hesitation responded that there were two. First, she was thrilled to attend the 50th anniversary of the first class she taught and advised in Los Angeles; the Fremont High School, Class of Summer 1960! Just this past month, Go-Go attended the Fremont High Class of Summer 1960’s 53rd reunion in Los Angeles. Second, Go-Go was proud to have been a campus leader of the United Teachers of Los Angeles during the teachers strike in 1968 where she and others were on the picket line for 21 days fighting for diagnostic testing for students and improved reading programs.

Sacramento, California

After retiring from LAUSD, Go-Go moved to Sacramento, California in 1991, where she began her “second” career as an educator. Go-Go worked at Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson’s St. Hope Academy and Sacramento Charter High School; she worked as a substitute teacher with the Sacramento City Unified School District; as a volunteer with the Kennedy High School Scholar’s Program and an adjunct professor with the Los Rios Community College District. Go-Go led a very active life in Sacramento where she was a member of the Eta Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Incorporated; a member of the Kosmos Civic Club, Incorporated; participated in events hosted by 100 Black Women, Incorporated; and was an active leader of Centennial United Methodist Church, which according to her pastor, “adored her.”

Go-Go in her own words was grounded by her favorite books, the Bible and The Citadel by Ayn Rand; her favorite Bible passage, the 23rd Psalm and her greatest hope that someday there would be no more wars.

Cemetery Details

East Lawn Memorial Park

4300 Folsom Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95819

Previous Events

Service

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

Centennial United Methodist Church
5401 Freeport Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95822

Tribute Wall



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Harris Funeral Home - March 04, 2015 at 04:48 PM