



## Helen Delores Price

July 15, 1935 - January 20, 2017

Helen Delores Price was born July 15, 1935 in Memphis, Tennessee on a sharecropping farm to the proud parents of Prentiss and Mary C. Heard. Helen accepted Christ at an early age. She was a member of Progressive Baptist Church in Berkeley, California under the leadership of the late Reverend Stovall. As an adult, Helen became a vital member of Berkeley Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Dr. M. T. Thompson. Helen fellowshiped with New Hope Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend H. L. Garnett. As a devoted Christian, she embodied and lives her faith and was a proud servant of the Lord.

As a young lady, Helen married her childhood sweetheart Robert I. Harden, Sr. From this union on son, Robert; and three daughters - Gloria, Brenda and Sandra were born. As a visionary, Helen moved her young family to California, seeking greater opportunities. In California, Helen met James Walker and they were blessed with their youngest daughter, Loreau.

Helen began her education in Memphis, Tennessee; and earned her high school diploma from Berkeley Adult School. Helen began her career with the City of Berkeley, Economic Opportunity Organization; where she discovered her passion for politics and social justice. Helen provided inspiration for other single mothers, fighting for educational improvements in poor Black communities, and helping to establish the free lunch program in the Berkeley

public schools. Helen worked on several political campaigns, including Berkeley's first Black mayor. Helen's combined interest in education and politics motivated her to pursue higher education, earning a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, Berkeley. Throughout her life, Helen remained involved in activism through positions of leadership within the church, her sorority Delta Sigma Theta and membership in the Eastern Stars. After 30 years of commitment to the betterment of her community, Helen retired leaving many footprints.

Later in life, Helen found and married her true soulmate, Artis Price. She embraced his children Althea, Vanessa and Victor as her own; and was a loving grandma to Michael, Emil and Reyna. Helen enjoyed her retirement spending time with her grandchildren, traveling and seeing. Helen's home-sown handkerchiefs were highly sought out by ladies of the church; her grandchildren were often dressed in hand-made matching outfits. Helen was influential in the guidance of her grandchildren, instilling the importance of education, and ensuing that eight of her nine grandchildren earned bachelors or masters, and some going on to law school or working on their doctorate.

Helen mourned the loss of her parents Prentiss and Mary Heard; brother Booker T. Heard; husband Artis Price; daughter Brenda Stewart, grandsons Jimmy Gay, Jr. and Thurman Stewart III. She leaves to cherish her memories son Robert Harden of Antioch, CA; daughters Gloria (Jimmie) Jackson of Chicago, IL; Sandra (Michael) White of Berkeley, CA; and Loreau (John) Ebron of Chula Vista, CA. Sister Ernestine Heard and brother Fred (Kathy) Goodman of Oakland, CA. Nine grandchildren Enedra, Amotto, Micah, Tanisha, Jessica, Natasha, Michael II, Jahrell, Shevora; eight great-grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren, and a loving adopted grandson Robert. A special love for her cousins Emma Jones and Alice Coopwood; and life-long friends Bea DeBerry and Mable Langford; along with a host of friends and family.



# Cemetery Details

## Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive  
Richmond, CA 94803

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 26.** 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center  
1331 San Pablo Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
(510) 525-1331  
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

## Service

**JAN 27.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Mt. Zion Baptist Church  
1400 8th Street  
Berkeley, CA 94710

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harris Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Helen Delores Price*



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**Harris Funeral Home** - January 25, 2017 at 11:07 PM

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“ *I have not had the privilege of meeting Helen Price, but I know her daughter and am reminded of Matthew 25:23 "Well done, good and faithful servant!" May the love of Jesus give family and friends peace and comfort during this time and always.*  
*George & Dale Morris, N.J.*



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**Dale Morris** - January 26, 2017 at 01:34 PM

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“ *Sheila Perkins lit a candle in memory of Helen Delores Price*



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**Sheila Perkins** - January 24, 2017 at 05:33 PM

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“ *Helen will truly be missed, I will miss her laugh, her words of wisdom and most of all the love that she had for family and friends; She will forever be in my heart. Love and prayers to the family.*

*Sheila Perkins (Galbert)*

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**Sheila Perkins** - January 24, 2017 at 05:32 PM