

2,000 Attend Joint Rites For Pair Drowned On Outing

Clarence Harris and Mrs. Corale Turner Victims of Overturned Boat; Was Wedding Anniversary

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RICHMOND, Va.—Two thousand grief-stricken Richmonders attended the joint funeral services of Mrs. Cora Elizabeth Turner and

of Mr. Harris at 1333 North 27th Street. They arrived in Richmond on July 22.

On July 24, the party including Mr. Harris and wife, Daonese, her sister, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. and



MR. HARRIS MRS. TURNER

Clarence Harris, her brother-in-law, drowning tragedy victims, held at the Fourth Baptist Church here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. J. A. Brown, pastor of the church, conducted the services. The joint funeral was executed under the direction of Robert C. Scott, with caskets and floral designs alike, and the two families combined. Many floral designs bespeak the esteem of the victims. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery.

Boat Capsizes

Mr. Harris and his widow, who is the sister of Mrs. Turner, the other drowning victim, were spending their vacation with the parents

Mrs. Joseph Harris, went to Tappahanock, Virginia, on a fishing trip. They spent the entire day on the gasoline launch of Captain Henry Lee. They were returning to the landing about six o'clock that evening, when Captain Lee lowered his skid boat to go ashore for a jar of spring water.

When he returned to the launch he tied the skid boat behind the yacht according to members of the party. Clarence Harris decided to ride in this smaller boat being

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towed by the launch, and drew it closer to step into it. Mrs. Turner ventured into the smaller boat with him. When she stepped into the boat, the waves created by the propeller of the launch caused the smaller boat to dip and capsize throwing both of the occupants into the waters of Mt. Landing Creek.

Every member of the party except the captain, who was in his cabin operating the launch, saw the boat when it capsized. Knowing that Clarence was a good swimmer, they sensed no immediate danger. Both persons sank and returned to the surface. Clarence yelled "help! Help!" and the cry "man overboard" brought the launch to a standstill several yards from where the victims were last seen.

It is reported that Mrs. Turner in her efforts to prevent drowning grabbed Mr. Harris across his chest and arms in such a manner that he could not save himself nor her, and they disappeared in thirty feet of water. Their bodies were located by draggers the next afternoon. Crabs had badly disfigured the faces of both victims, but the bodies were so well restored to lifelikeness by the mortician that they were viewed by hundreds of friends at his parlors.

This fatal mishap occurred on the date of the fourth wedding anniversary of Mrs. Turner, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Langon Johnson, of 1014 North 32nd Street. She was a popular member of the Fourth Baptist Church and Richmond social circles. She is survived by her parents, husband, three sisters, three brothers, and other relatives.

Clarence Harris, well known Richmonder, has been residing in New York for several years. He is survived by his wife, Daonese, his daughter, Doris, his parents, and several other relatives.

Vocal selections at the services were rendered by Mr. Gaines and Miss Bernice Woodbridge. On the rostrum with Rev. Mr. Brown were the Revs. T. F. Collins, Scott Burwell, H. Randolph, and J. H. Binford. Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, noted business woman attended the services.

Out-of-town relatives here for the funerals were Mesdames Bessie Coleman, Eva Ford, Gertrude Fitzgerald, and Martha Lawson and Willie Brooks, all of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Beatrice Carson, of Braddock, Penn.; Mrs. Dorothy Lacy Murray, and William Turner, of New York City; -- Mrs. Estelle Veal and Lewis Veal, of Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Gertrude Hall and John H. Gales, of Atlantic City; Mrs. Evelyn Carden and Mrs. Bertha Wilson, of Philadelphia; Charles Bradsberry of Toana, Va.; and Joseph Bradsberry, of Newport News.

Active Pall Bearers for Mrs. Turner were: Messrs. Richard Parker, Leslie Eddleton, Samuel Jackson, Mathews, Jake, and Edwards. Honorary pallbearers were: Mrs. Mary Scott and Misses Mary Knight, Gertrude Houston and Roxie Sallee.

Active pall bearers for Mr. Harris were furnished by the Golden Rule Council, I. O. St. Luke. They were: Harrison Scroggins, William A. Paige, Charles S. Starkes, Charles Morten, Jr., Robert Thompson, and Robert Wilder. The honorary pallbearers were: Misses Mabelle Christian, Dorothy Christian, Cornelia Smith, Celestine James, Mary Lucas, Irma Christian, Naomi Wilder, Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Messrs. Thomas Melvin, Reginald Taylor, and James Williams.