

# A Powerful Warning

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for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all mankind.”

Headlines around the world show many nations are teetering on the precipice of this path of hate right now — including our own. So how far down will we let our leaders go without speaking and standing up to intolerance?

Dr. King reminded: “We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conun-

drum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late.”

“We must move past indecision to action . . . If we do not act, we shall surely be dragged down the long, dark, and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight.”

Exactly one year after “Beyond Vietnam,” on April 4, 1968, Dr. King was assassinated in Memphis. In the decades since, our

nation has continued to wrestle mightily with our purpose, direction, and sense of justice.

In 2017 we are at a very dangerous crossroads. I hope a critical mass of us will, like Dr. King, stand up and act saying: “We have come too far to continue being dragged down those dark and shameful corridors. We must turn around before it is too late.”

So let us make a mighty noise until our leaders with tin ears hear and reverse course.

*Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund.*

## Obituary

### In Loving Memory

#### Mary Harrison

Funeral services for Mary C. Harrison, who died on April 3, 2017, will be held Thursday, April 13 at 11 a.m. at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church. Viewing will take place one day prior on Wednesday, April 12, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Terry Family Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 16, 1931 in Beaumont, Texas to Joseph Shilow and Ger-tie Perry Shilow. She graduated from



Hebert High in Beaumont, attended Prairie View A&M in Texas, and later graduated from Portland Community College with a degree in nursing.

She held many honors and positions, including as a department head for P & S Hospital, Blue Bird leader, PTA president at Woodlawn School, president of the Oregon chapter of the Association of Colored Women, and Easter Star Grand Worthy Matron.

She is survived by her daughter, Golden Young (Rev Eddie Young); two sons, Shelton Harrison Jr. (Renee Harrison) and Ricky Harrison (Elaine Harrison); a brother, Barry Burns; 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, one great-great granddaughter, and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

For more information, visit [terryfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://terryfamilyfuneralhome.com).



### In Loving Memory

#### Roderick L. Peterson

Roderick L. Peterson, 56, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Portland and a graduate of Benson Polytechnic High School, passed away on Monday April 3, 2017 of natural causes.

Funeral and viewing services will be held on Friday, April 14 at 1 p.m. at Portland's Skyline Memorial Gardens, 4101 N.W. Skyline Blvd. Everyone is welcome to come as you are.



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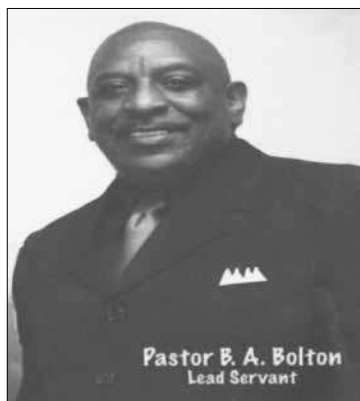


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