



Eulalah V. Harris

September 4, 1917 - July 18, 2015

Eulalah V. Harris, 97, wife of the late Samuel C. Harris, Jr. passed away on Saturday, July 18 in Huntington, WV.

Mrs. Harris was the daughter of Arthur W. and Josephine Harmison Van Fleet of Romney and the sister of Mary V. Whipp of Burlington, all of whom predeceased her.

She was a graduate of Fairmont State Teachers College and for 40 years taught multiple generations of children in the Kanawha Valley after beginning her teaching career in several one-room schoolhouses in Hampshire County. Her love of teaching continued throughout her long life as she challenged and enriched the lives of hundreds of students. Stories shared from her extensive world travels brought geography lessons to life, and her enthusiastic confidence in her students' abilities encouraged them to reach further and accomplish more than they ever dared believe.

Following her retirement, Mrs. Harris enjoyed traveling and private tutoring, never failing to find great joy in her students' achievements. A much-repeated remembrance from a former student recalled that when he would arrive at school in the morning, "If I saw your green car in the parking lot, I knew I was going to learn something that day."

Always foremost in her mind and dearest to her heart was her beloved Sam. Their union in 1938, kept secret for more than a year because of a ban on married female teachers at the time, lasted for 74 years and served as an inspiration to countless young couples. She loved playing the piano and organ and for a number of years served churches in the Charleston area. With little encouragement she would entertain family and friends with music ranging from favorite hymns to "Indian Love Call."

She was a 49-year member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International as well as holding membership in the Anne Bailey Chapter of the NSDAR, Covenant Presbyterian Church in Nitro, and in a local organ society. She was a faithful and constant supporter of the causes and activities at Covenant Presbyterian Church and took a lively and vocal interest in state and national politics.

Mrs. Harris is survived by her sister, Betty V. Shelly and husband, Don of Greenwood, South Carolina, as well as her two brothers-in-law, William E. Harris (Velma) of Ripley and Harold E. Harris of Fairmont; nephews, Charles, Duane, Timothy and Steven, and several nieces. Patricia Harmison Simmons (Don) and George Harmison and sons also survive.

Her devoted nephew, William F. Kuykendall and wife Mary, of Winterport, ME and grand-nephews, Adam Kuykendall and wife, Kathleen of Brewer, ME, Samuel Kuykendall of Scarborough, ME, and great-grandnieces, Lucy E. Kuykendall and Maeve A. Kuykendall of Brewer, ME, celebrate her life.

Funeral service will be held at 11am Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 424 Cross Lanes Drive, Nitro with Pastor John J. Rollins, Jr. officiating. Entombment will follow in Cunningham Memorial Park, St. Albans. Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Tuesday at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home. You may visit www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com to share

sympathies with the family.

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 409 Sixth Avenue is honored to serve the Harris family.

Cemetery Details

Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane
Saint Albans, WV 25177

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
St. Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325
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<http://www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

Covenant Presbyterian Church
424 Cross Lanes Drive
Nitro, WV 25143

Tribute Wall



“ *Eulalah V. Harris*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.*

Kan. Co. Retired School Employees - July 22, 2015 at 08:48 AM



“ *Eulalah and Sam were both great customers of mine at their bank. There was no greater joy than to see Sam holding the door for his beautiful wife. Then her hand as he lead her through the bank. No doubt the sweetest couple you have every met. She often told me of their travels, the wonderful memories and how much they loved each other.*

I am in Florida and will miss her services but want Bill and Mary to know I am thinking of them at this sad time and loss of such a sweet loving lady. I will miss her as they will. If Bill could contact me at mkb2750@yahoo.com I would be most appreciative.

Love to you, Mary K. Bradley

Mary K Bradley - July 21, 2015 at 10:42 PM

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“ Mrs. Harris was my teacher for 2 years, 5th & 6th grade Parkway Elementary. 1970-1972. She was the best teacher I ever had. She instilled confidence in my that I was lacking at the time. I loved her slides she brought to class and dreamed of being able to travel like that some day. I loved her reading Anne Of Green Gables in the morning also. I moved away years ago but ran into her several times over the years. What a joy she was. She will be missed.
Cathy Henley Lankford

CathyLankford - July 21, 2015 at 03:41 PM



“ I had Mrs. Harris for 5th grade at Parkway Elementary. She was one of my favorite teachers, as well as being one of the very best teachers! She had a wonderful influence on all of her students.

Kathy Burgess - July 20, 2015 at 05:11 PM

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“ Mrs. Harris was my teacher for grades 5-6 (1970-72) at Parkway Elementary School in St. Albans, West Virginia. Over the years, I've talked with several of my classmates who agree that she was the best teacher EVER. She started each day by reading aloud to us. (A favorite was "Anne of Green Gables.") She loved to travel, and she "took us with her" by sharing her slides and experiences when she returned. She played the Grand Canyon Suite for us after showing slides from a trip out West and invited us to close our eyes and imagine the pictures the music painted. She seemed to take our learning seriously, and as a result, so did we. I can only imagine how many lives she has touched over the years. Fortysome years after leaving her classroom, I still feel tremendous gratitude for her and her dedication her students. She was truly a remarkable woman. Carla Thomas McClure

Carla Thomas McClure - July 20, 2015 at 12:02 PM

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“*Mrs. Harris was my 5th and 6th grade teacher at Parkway Elementary. We thought she was tough on us, but in retrospect she was the best teacher I ever had. When some of us classmates get together, she is still talked about. We all still remember the slides from her trips. She gave us the world.*

Patricia Bedeau - July 20, 2015 at 07:27 AM