



Marlene Harrah

January 31, 1934 - June 19, 2025

Edith Marlene Harrah 91, of Conway, SC and formerly of Teays Valley, WV went Home to be with her Lord on June 19, 2025.

She was born on January 31, 1934 to the late Kenneth “Joe” and Maude E. “Jimmy” Moses Ashworth in Charleston, WV. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, The Rev. Dr. Jerry “J.D.” Harrah; infant daughter, Rebecca Lynn; infant grandson, Bryant Gregory; and a sister, Karen Scragg.

Marlene is survived by her children: Dr. Gregory Harrah (Mary) of Scott Depot, WV, Nancy Salkeld (David) of Cary, NC, and Dr. Jason Harrah (Lauren) of Conway, SC; grandchildren: Arrow Salkeld (Helen), Benjamin Salkeld (Molly Dedmond), William Nettles, Sophia Harrah and Kathryn Harrah; brother, David Ashworth (Diane); brother in-law: Charles Harrah (Peggy); and sister in-law, Dianne Harrah; as well as a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

She was formerly a secretary of the Presbytery of West Virginia, where she played a critical role in supporting Bluestone Conference Center in Hinton, WV. She spent countless hours helping to coordinate events at the retreat including annual Summer Camp. She was a true and fervent follower of Christ and genuinely lived her faith. She served as church secretary, was a constant presence in the choir, taught Sunday school, was an instrumental voice in the

realization of Teays Manor while at TVPC, volunteered and served on the session at Kuhn Memorial Presbyterian Church.

After her faith, family was the cornerstone of her life, both immediate and extended. She embraced her role as mother and was an enduring presence in her children's lives. She was a kind and loving sister to her two siblings and equally loved their extended families. A special relationship was reserved for her grandchildren, to whom she witnessed grace and overwhelming love.

She loved music. Few knew that she had the opportunity as a young woman to sing professionally with a traveling gospel group, choosing instead to attend college and then start a family. She was active in Red Hats, enjoyed travel and shared her husband's love of the beach. Following the death of her husband she moved to Conway and established a new life. She embraced the offerings of her retirement community, serving on the welcoming committee, attending numerous social gatherings, regularly playing cards and Scrabble at the club house, and developed a cadre of close-knit friends with whom she socialized, shared luncheons, and played weekly Canasta.

The most remarkable thing about her was the impression she left upon all those she met. She quietly blessed everyone she met, leaving their lives better having known her. She will be terribly missed by family and friends.

Funeral Service for Marlene will be 11:00am Saturday June 28, 2025 at Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane, WV with her children officiating. Burial will follow in Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens Cross Lanes, WV.

The family will receive friends from 5:00pm until 7:00pm Friday June 27, 2025 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations in Marlene's name

to: PKD Foundation PO BOX 871847 Kansas City, MO 64187.

Anyone wishing to leave an online condolence or memory may do so by visiting Marlene's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Harrah family again.

Cemetery Details

Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens

5233 Rocky Fork Road
Cross Lanes, WV 25313

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapman Funeral Home Hurricane
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Marlene was the most kind and loving person I ever met. Remembering our holiday dinners at grandmas with her bring me so much joy and later in life playing Wordle with her she would always kick my butt. She always had such sweet comments on my social media posts. This world won't be the same without her. I am so glad she was a part of my childhood and my life. Fly high Aunt Marlene and give Uncle Jerry and mom a huge hug from us all.

Chelle (Ashworth) Doll - June 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM

YG

“ Young Guns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marlene Harrah.

Young Guns - June 26, 2025 at 08:03 AM

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“ Young Guns purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Marlene Harrah.



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“ Love from the Dedmond Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Marlene Harrah.



Love from the Dedmond Family - June 25, 2025 at 04:42 PM

CK

“ *Marlene was my friend besides a card player of Canasta. I will miss her for all of our conversations and laughs. We always had a great time together and all the times we went out to eat. Miss you and love you. My condolences to her family.*

Carol Krause - June 25, 2025 at 03:16 PM

KM

*To my friend and opponent at playing canasta. How we would solve the world's problems, talk about our families, share our daily lives, and look out for each other.
I will miss you my friend.
Rest in Peace. ☐*

Kathy Mahoney - June 25, 2025 at 04:40 PM

PH

“ *Marlene was a wonderful part in our lives. First as a friend, fellow choir member in the church we grew up in, sister-in-law, family vacations, Red Hat Sisters and sister in Christ. We shared many things in our lives. Tears, laughter, trips and lots of good fun. Today she is at home with old friends, family and most of all her God she served on earth. Good job, Marlene. You were a good an faithful servant. Now rest in peace and celebrate your new life.*

Peggy Harrah - June 25, 2025 at 11:04 AM