



Velma Harper

April 1, 1930 - March 21, 2019

Velma Irene Harper, age 88 years, a resident of Metropolis, passed away Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 11:50 AM at Southgate Nursing and Rehabilitation in Metropolis.

Velma and her twin sister Thelma were born April 1, 1930 in Pulaski County Illinois. the daughters of Willis and Ruby (Bolen) Perkins.

Velma was united in marriage to Chesley Ewing Herren on March 1, 1946 in Little Rock, Arkansas. He passed away on January 27, 1975. She was later united in marriage to Claude Harper in 1978. He preceded her in death on May 20, 2013.

Survivors include her children- Danny (Bev) Herren of Winter Haven, Florida, Randy (Rita) Herren of Goreville, Mike (Agnes) Herren of Cypress and Sherry (Jeff) Moore of Simpson; 9 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; and 3 sisters- Thelma Landis of Alabama; Wilda Eldridge and Mary Riding both of Murphysboro.

In addition to her parents and husbands, Velma was preceded in death by- a grandson; 2 brothers- Jessie and Lloyd Perkins and a sister- Lula Mae Fisher.

Velma was a homemaker. She enjoyed reading religious and Native American

literature. Velma also enjoyed watching and feeding hummingbirds and collecting hummingbird figurines. She and Claude enjoyed many happy winters vacationing with friends in South Padre Island, Texas. Velma also enjoyed flying with Claude in the private plane he owned with friends. Velma was a faithful member of First Baptist Church in Vienna.

A service honoring the life of Velma Irene Harper will be conducted Sunday, March 24, 2019 at 3 PM at the First Baptist Church, 301 North 7th St., Vienna, Illinois. Pastor Travis Wilson will officiate.

Burial will be in the Cypress Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 2 PM – 3 PM Sunday, March 24, 2019 at the First Baptist Church in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Food Pantry Program, PO Box 727, Vienna, IL 62995.

Cemetery Details

Cypress Cemetery

5847 State Route 37 South
Cypress, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 24. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
7th & Washington St.
Vienna, IL

Service

MAR 24. 3:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
7th & Washington St.
Vienna, IL

Luncheon

MAR 24. 5:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
7th & Washington St.
Vienna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Harper*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *I only learned today of Velma's passing. My sympathies to family and friends.*



Phyllis Oliver - March 25, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family.*



Tracey Kerley-Thomas - March 25, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ *Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Velma Harper*



Cheryl Harris - March 24, 2019 at 11:50 PM

JS

“ Dear Sherry, please know that my prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your mom was a lovely lady who was loved by many. May the Lord provide strength and peace to you and your family.



John Slack - March 24, 2019 at 07:16 PM

BM

“ Sherry, I'm so sorry for your loss. You know that I thought the world of your Mom. She will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family...



brandy mcdaniel - March 23, 2019 at 01:27 AM

TA

“ Sherry, we are so sorry to hear about your mom. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Tracy and Phil Atherton

Tracy Atherton - March 22, 2019 at 04:22 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Velma Harper



Larry and Carolyn McGill - March 22, 2019 at 12:12 PM

JT

“ *Sherry so sorry for your loss*
Ron & Joyce Taylor

joyce taylor - March 21, 2019 at 09:24 PM

DB

Sorry for your loss

Don and Dorothy Buntin - March 22, 2019 at 12:08 PM