



## Velma Marie Harman

May 8, 1938 - January 20, 2022

Bluefield, WV – Velma Marie Harman (Harp) passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family on Thursday January 20, 2022 after a short illness. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Doug Harman, her sons Jeff Harman (Marion Taylor Harman) of Salisbury, NC, and Keith Harman of New York, NY, her grandchildren Jeffery Harman, Jr., and her twin granddaughters Kristen Harman and Megan Harman.

Velma was well known in the community having taught at Memorial Elementary and Bluefield Middle School for 37 years. She was a highly regarded teacher and was privileged to teach hundreds of students over her career who still fondly remember her passion and excellence. Many still consider her the best teacher they ever had. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church and Circle #1 and participated in many different activities to support the Church community. She was regarded as a quiet Christian and helped many women and families discreetly behind the scenes. Many people have reached out since her illness to reflect on her many acts of service in the community and her many acts of kindness in helping others which she was always pleased to do.

Velma was born on May 8, 1938 to Ashby and Hazel Harp. She was preceded in death by her parents and by her siblings Colleen, Gerald and Shirley. She is survived by one remaining sister, Jean Rowe of Rowe, VA and a large number of nieces and nephews around the area. Besides her family, her passion was education. She was valedictorian of Garden High in 1956 and went on to

finish multiple undergraduate and graduate degrees at Bluefield State and Radford College while raising her family.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends and by her church community which she actively loved. She was a wonderful wife and mother, an amazing cook. She left this life knowing she was loved and making sure that those left behind knew the same.

A Celebration of Velma's life will be held Monday January 24, 2022 at Trinity United Methodist Church 12:00 noon with Rev. Brent Brown Officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time Monday in Asbury Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church. There will be a memory basket available for memories and comments for the family to keep.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory of Bluefield is serving the family of Velma Harman.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Asbury Hall of Trinity United Methodist Church  
401 College Avenue  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Celebration of Life

JAN 24. 12:00 PM (ET)

Trinity United Methodist Church  
401 College Avenue  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Velma Marie Harman*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Keith, Jeff, and families,  
I was surprised and so saddened to read of your mother's passing. She was the sweetest and I know her loss will be deeply felt in the church and community. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the difficult days ahead.  
Elaine Robinette Hincer*

**Elaine Hincer** - January 24, 2022 at 08:45 PM



“ *Dear Keith and Jeff,*

*I was so very sorry to hear about your mom. Please know that I am thinking of you all.*

*Marsha Smith*

**Marsha Smith** - January 24, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Doug we are so sorry to hear about Velma. What a wonderful lady she was. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



**Rocky&Pat Horton** - January 24, 2022 at 09:35 AM

JP

“ Doug, I'm so sorry to hear about Velma. She was always such a sweet, kind and delightful lady to talk with. You two have been such wonderful neighbors over the years and a blessing to know. Praying the Lord will bring comfort, strength and peace to you and your family. In Christ, Jane Pfau

Jane Pfau - January 23, 2022 at 05:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Velma Marie Harman.



January 23, 2022 at 02:53 PM



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January 22, 2022 at 06:18 PM

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“ *Velma and her family were our neighbors when our family lived in Bluefield. In 1967, while our dad was in Viet Nam, she became friends with my mother. I loved to hear them laughing and talking together. She helped my mom during a very difficult time for our family. I always enjoyed babysitting her two boys. How I loved her warm and outgoing personality. She was so friendly and caring to everyone. When she worked to become a teacher, I knew she would be a great one. Doug, I am so sorry for your loss. She was such a lovely person and she loved you and her boys very much. May God bring you comfort during this difficult time.*

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**Deborah Lee Morgan** - January 22, 2022 at 04:56 PM

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“ *Condolences to Doug & family.*

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**Bob & April Schumacher** - January 22, 2022 at 08:07 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma Marie Harman.*



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January 21, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma Marie Harman.*



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January 21, 2022 at 04:46 PM

JN

“ Deepest sympathy to Doug and the children and the extended family...

judy nisich - January 21, 2022 at 03:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Velma Marie Harman.



January 21, 2022 at 12:21 PM

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“ Mrs. Harman adopted our son as her grandson. She meant so much to our family and helped us a lot. We love her and will never forget her kindness and her gift to teach. Tom Miller and family

Svetlana Triphonova - January 20, 2022 at 10:53 PM

SL

“ Doug and Family  
So very sorry about Velma. She will never be forgotten. Just a wonderful lady. Good friend to all .Her family meant everything to her. Thinking of all of you.  
Shirley Lawson

shirley Lawson - January 20, 2022 at 07:40 PM

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“ I'm so sorry ...Velma was a beautiful Christian Lady, so dedicated to her church and family..

helen young - January 20, 2022 at 06:01 PM