



## Margaret Sanders Harrison

November 13, 2012

Margaret Sanders Harrison was born in Franklin, North Carolina and died November 13, 2012 in Portsmouth, Virginia, surrounded by her loving family. She was the daughter of Jesse Lafayette Sanders and Ida Shope Sanders of Franklin. A 1942 graduate of Franklin High School, Margaret was also an alumna of Western Carolina University and Mars Hill College. She moved to Portsmouth during World War II and worked at Portsmouth Naval Hospital until the birth of her first child. Margaret began her teaching career in a two-room school in Nantahala, North Carolina, and later was one of the founding teachers at Court Street Academy in Portsmouth, where she taught kindergarten for 30 years. She was a member of Court Street Baptist Church for over 60 years, and was a devoted teacher in the Sunday School there for decades. She was also a member of the Edna Halpin Circle at the church and a member of the Scottish Rite Ladies. During the course of her long life, Margaret enjoyed travel to New York and Montreal, visits to her grandchildren in Chicago, and a wonderful trip to Dartmouth College to visit her granddaughter. Margaret was noted for her skill at growing African violets, and she and her husband also were avid vegetable gardeners. She was very fond of her loving dog, Noah.

Most of all, Margaret was devoted to her family, and doted on her beloved grandchildren. She and her husband, Everett, were married for over 59 years. Margaret is survived by her daughters, Barbara Harrison Bess and husband

Philip of South Bend, Indiana and Florence Harrison Michener of Portsmouth; her son, Clarence Everett Harrison Jr. and wife Christy of Suffolk; her six grandchildren, Jennifer, Peter and wife Jessica, and Alexander Bess and Megan, Kelsey, and Caylan Harrison; her brothers Harris, Jay, Jesse, and Jim Sanders; her sisters Edith Conley, Betty Owens, and Olivia Reece; her aunts Kate Stampley and Mildren Swafford; many loving nieces and nephews; and dear brothers- and sisters-in-law. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Everett Harrison, Sr.; by her parents; by her sisters Willa and Elura Belle and brother Charles; and by her granddaughter Hilary Anne Bess.

Margaret's funeral will be Saturday, November 17, at 10 A.M. at Court Street Baptist Church, with Dr. L. Wilbur Kersey presiding. Burial will be in Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens. Visitation will occur Friday from 6 to 7:30 P.M. at Loving Funeral Home in Churchland. Memorial contributions may be made to the Court Street Baptist Church Endowment Fund or to a charity of choice. The family also would like to thank Margaret's devoted caregivers, Marion Scott and Anne Stephenson. Online condolences may be made at [www.lovingfuneralhome.com](http://www.lovingfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Barbara, Florence, and Clarence,

*Aunt Margaret was a wonderful, loving woman. I know she touched a lot of lives over the years at Court Street. My thoughts are with you and the rest of the family today. Lots of happy memories of our time together over the years. There was always a lot of fun whenever we were in Portsmouth.*

*God Bless,*

*Bill##imported-begin##Bill Marshall##imported-end##*

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November 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences to the Harrison family. What a long full life she led.##imported-begin##Annie Hoppe Eide##imported-end##

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November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Margaret was a wonderful kindergarten teacher. I appreciated so much working with her for well over 20 years at Court Street Academy. Our son felt that she was his best teacher...even though he has 2 degrees. We had some good times. Blessings to her family, Kendall Rhodes##imported-begin##Kendall Rhodes##imported-end##

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November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Florence and family, so sorry for your loss. What a giving person your mother was - she will have a special place in heaven. Lisa Pittman###imported-begin##Lisa Pittman###imported-end##

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November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Margaret was such a lovely lady and wonderful teacher. I felt very privileged to have taught with her at Court Street .She will be missed by many! My best to all.###imported-begin##Mary Benn Failes###imported-end##

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November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Another Angel in Heaven! So sorry to hear of the passing of your Mother, but I know she is in great company with our mother and others in Heaven. I hope happy memories will fill your days. Wish some of us could be there, but hopefully we can see Barbara Ann in Michigan soon. Love and hugs to all of you. judi & "Stiles gang"###imported-begin##judi mervar###imported-end##

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November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Saddened to hear of Aunt Margarets passing. Praying that warm and happy memories will help you get through missing her. She was so blessed with her family and such a blessing to many. Hope you find comfort that she is with her Lord and savior and re-united with your Dad, my mom, and family she has missed. Thinking of you all. Much love!###imported-begin##Diane Stiles Leatherman###imported-end##

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November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Saddened to hear of Aunt Margarets passing. To my cousins, I know how hard it is to have her gone, and pray that the warm and happy memories will help you get through. Comforting to know she is with God and re-united with husband, our mom and sisters and brothers, all her loved ones. Much love!##imported-begin##Diane Stiles Leatherman##imported-end##*

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November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Most of what I know of your mother is knowing you. She must have been a wonderful person.##imported-begin##Eysenbach Alice##imported-end##*

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“ *Wishes for peace and sympathy to Barbara and all the family. Our Provident God is with you at this time.##imported-begin##Kay Manley, SP##imported-end##*

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“ *Clarence, So sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers to you and your family.##imported-begin##Betsy Wilkerson Laster##imported-end##*

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November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are deeply saddened at your loss. All our love to your family,##imported-begin##Jeff and Evelyn Stanley and Linda, Scott, and Emily Tannehill##imported-end##*

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November 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Barbara, Florence, and Clarence,*  
*I was so sorry to learn of your mother's passing. I hope that*  
*memories of happier times will soon replace the grief that you are*  
*feeling now.##imported-begin##Cydney Cherry*  
*Cavender##imported-end##*

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November 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM