



Mrs. Virginia Harris

November 9, 1906 - October 18, 2016

CENTURION

Mrs. Virginia Harris, 109, of Peoria passed away peacefully at her residence surrounded by her family at 12:35 am on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

Virginia was born on November 9, 1906 in Montgomery, Missouri to Lee and Emma (Pate) Smith. She was raised in the Montgomery school system. She was a graduate of Jefferson City College. She went on to teach elementary school, grades 1st through 6th, at Charleston, Missouri. Virginia married the love of her life, James DeVere Harris in 1939 in Kansas City, MO; to that union one child was born, Helen Harris. James preceded her in death after 58 years of marriage, on December 19, 1997, he was 100 years old.

Virginia taught piano lessons and played the piano at her church in Lebanon, MO for many years. She loved cooking, making preserves and gardening.

Virginia loved her family. She was a sweet and kind lady who was adored by her family and neighbors.

Virginia leaves to cherish her most precious memories her loving and devoted grandchildren, James (Clara) Harris of Peoria, DeVear (Barbara) Lewis of Peoria, Walter (Sharon) Lewis of Columbia, MO and Ronald Lewis of Peoria, Sue Lewis of Houston, TX, DeEtta (Thomas) Johnson of Hayward, CA, Tonya (David) Venable of Peoria, Carole Lewis of Oakland, CA, Mable (Skip) Ballenger of Columbia, MO and Shirley Hanson of Peoria; and a host of great, great-great grandchildren. She is also preceded in death by her daughter, Helen Lewis.

A visitation will be held from 10-11:30 am, Saturday, October 22, 2016 at Simons Mortuary Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 11 am at Lebanon Cemetery in Lebanon, MO, Tuesday, October 25, 2016. Simons Mortuary is in charge of Peoria arrangements. Shadel Colonial Funeral Chapel at 1001 Lynn Street, Lebanon, MO, is in charge of graveside services.

Cemetery Details

Lebanon Cemetery

601 Lynn Street
Lebanon, MO 65536

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Simons Mortuary Chapel
912 W. John H. Gwynn, Jr. Ave.
Peoria, IL 61605
(309) 674-2638
info@simonsmortuary.com
<https://simonsmortuary.com>

Graveside Service

OCT **25**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Lebanon Cemetery
601 Lynn Street
Lebanon, MO 65536

Tribute Wall



“ *Simons Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Virginia Harris*



Simons Mortuary - October 21, 2016 at 04:57 PM



Beautiful tribute

Jody Williams - October 27, 2016 at 09:04 AM



“ *Mrs. Virginia Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 06:10 AM



“ *Mrs. Virginia Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 03:12 AM



“ *Beverly Thompson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Harris*



Beverly Thompson - October 24, 2016 at 09:06 AM

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“ *Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Virginia Harris*



Annette Lucy - October 23, 2016 at 12:54 AM



“ *Miss Virginia as I always called you. Will miss you. What a Blessing to have had you as Family. You were Truly Blessed. Whenever I came over I would say how are you....and you would always reply..." Oh Fine ". Rest in Peace. You're in Heaven Now.*

Brenda Payton - October 21, 2016 at 06:00 PM

SM

“ *1 file added to the album Photos*



Simons Mortuary - October 21, 2016 at 10:41 AM

JE

“ *Mama Virginia you will be missed. I love you always.*

Jenny - October 20, 2016 at 05:53 PM

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“ Our heart goes out to the family of Virginia Harris (Affectionately known as "GranMa") in your loss. She was blessed to have gotten the Love, Care, and Attention she received from her Grandson James Harris and wife as well as other family members and friends. She will be surely missed.



Cleo and Gloria Carter - October 20, 2016 at 08:40 AM

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“ RIH GRANDMA...LOVE YOU



Kim - October 19, 2016 at 07:43 PM



“ So sorry for your loss



Evelyn Tate-Clayton - October 19, 2016 at 04:12 PM