



Dorothy Mae Harper

September 29, 1934 - January 10, 2023

Dorothy Mae Harper, age 88, of Des Plaines, IL (more recently of Melody Living, Lake in the Hills, IL) passed away on January 10, 2023.

Dorothy was born September 29, 1934, to George Dewey and Winona Emmick in Oregon Hill, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Wellsboro High School (Wellsboro, PA), she became a secretary for Carson Finance in Wellsboro.

Dorothy met Donald Harper in 1954 when he was in Wellsboro on a business trip. They married February 20, 1955, and moved to New York and then eventually to the Chicago suburbs for Don's work with United Conveyor Corporation—also Dorothy's employer until they started their family. Dorothy and Don were married for almost 60 years before Don's passing in 2014.

Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend. She was kind, compassionate, funny, and a good listener. Dorothy and Don were founding members of Brentwood Baptist Church in Des Plaines, where Dorothy taught Sunday school to junior high girls for many years, as well as serving as pianist and organist. She also worked as the secretary at Brentwood Baptist Christian Academy for more than 30 years.

Dorothy held fond memories of her childhood in Pennsylvania, and she and

Don took the family on vacation every summer for two weeks to visit her mom and sister's family and experience country life! Those trips hold some of our fondest memories as well.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Harper, and her parents, George Dewey and Winona Emmick.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Jane Baker; her children, Randall Harper, David (Cynthia) Harper, Karyn (Matthew) Granger; grandchildren, David (Danielle), and Jeffrey Harper; Carissa, Dylan, and Vanessa Harper; Joshua (Kaitlyn), and Alyssa Granger; great-grandchildren, Lucy, Addy, Lana, and Tayson; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, Jan. 17 from 5 to 8 PM at the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St. in Huntley.

The Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 11 AM at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Arlington Heights.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home
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Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Mae Harper*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.*



January 16, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.*



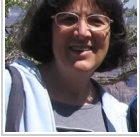
January 15, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Diane Rydin purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.*



Diane Rydin - January 14, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ I just came across this obituary. I am sorry to hear about her passing. I knew Dorothy Harper for many years when my family and I attended Brentwood Baptist Church (1992-2018). I will pray for the family. Melody Raymond

Melody Dahlia-Raymond - January 13, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.



January 13, 2023 at 02:55 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.



January 13, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.



January 13, 2023 at 11:50 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.



January 12, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.



January 12, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Dorothy Mae Harper.



January 12, 2023 at 03:03 PM