



Eileen H. Harrison

June 20, 1929 - October 24, 2024

Eileen H. Harrison, 95, of Charlotte, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and life-long learner and servant, died peacefully on Thursday, October 24, 2024. Eileen was born June 20, 1929 in Highland Park, MI, the daughter of Hilliard and Blanche (Wyman) Hart. She graduated from Cooley High School before earning a degree in elementary education from Albion College, where she met the love of her life, Robert Harrison. Eileen and Bob married on June 16, 1951 and moved to Battle Creek, where Bob worked. Eileen got a job teaching fifth grade in the Battle Creek Lakeview district, teaching four years before taking time off to raise their children. They moved to Olivet after Bob took a position as an accountant with Olivet College. Eileen worked as a substitute teacher for a year before accepting a fulltime position teaching fourth grade in Olivet Public Schools. She retired after over 20 years of service and they moved to Charlotte, where Eileen became a very active member of the First Congregational Church of Charlotte.

Eileen remained extremely active until her final days. She looked forward to her hourly walk every day at ALIVE, was an avid reader, visited with family and friends throughout the country and was able to travel abroad with her children to Australia, New Zealand, Italy, and Greece. She enjoyed music and theater, including taking in shows and concerts. She cherished the coffee hours she had with long-time friends at each other's houses. Eileen was an integral member of her church. She participated in the church book club and

adult education as well as countless hours in the church kitchen, preparing dinners for numerous occasions. As a long-time member of the Outreach/Missions Team, she helped with the coat drive, grocery and clothing collections, activity boxes for children, helped with the church bazaar, and several other church ministries both at home in Charlotte and went on mission trips. Eileen was also a member of the Friends of the Charlotte Community Library for years, helping with book sales and other projects. She was a member of the Women's Board of Olivet College, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma (international education society), and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. She served as an officer in these groups throughout the years. Above all, Eileen lived as an example of Faith to all who knew her and will miss her

Eileen is survived by her children, Jan (Michael) Dieterle of Lakewood Ranch, FL, Robert A. (Patricia) Harrison of Richland, and Patricia (Melvin) Smith of Arlington, TX; grandchildren, Stacey (Mike) Gamble, Justin (Alejandra) Dieterle, Andrea (Kyle) Hendrix, Brooke Smith, Colin (Ashlyn) Smith, and Kerry (Anthony) Rotella; and four great-grandchildren, Ember Smith, Annalise Gamble, Logan Hendrix, and Harrison Rotella. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Harrison; her father and mother, and her brother Willard Hart.

Friends are encouraged to support Eileen's family by sharing memories on her Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. The family is planning interment at Ft. Custer National Cemetery and a Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church of Charlotte, Hope Landing, or Elara Caring Hospice. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I met Eileen through Delta Kappa Gamma. She was always so kind and gracious. I enjoyed hearing about her family and how excited she was to travel. I can only imagine what a wonderful teacher she was. My deepest sympathy to her family. Jackie Jancek

Jackie Jancek - November 03, 2024 at 06:34 PM

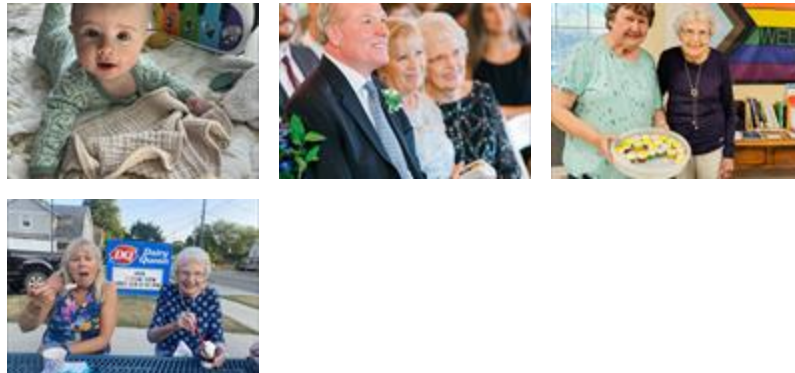
CS

“ Eileen was a wonderful friend. I enjoyed her with the coffee group and the book group here in Olivet. Indeed, she will be missed very much.

Charlotte Whitney Stevens - November 02, 2024 at 04:48 PM

RH

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Rob Harrison - October 28, 2024 at 09:11 PM

JM

“ I send my in condolences to Eileens family of whom she loved and spoke of so dearly. I enjoyed the friendship we shared as we worked on projects in our MARSP county chapter. She hosted many meetings at her lovely home where we worked on chapter mailings. Eileen was a true friend and offered encouragement and approval of a job well done. We will all miss her so much. She was loved and admired my all who knew her. RIP Eileen. Janet Mergerener

Janet Mergener - October 28, 2024 at 05:12 PM

BF

“ My sincere condolences on the family's loss. Eileen was an "around the corner" neighbor and fellow Friends of the Library member. When she retired from teaching, she gave me boxes of books from her classroom to use with my reading students. Generous, helpful, cheerful, and appreciative are a few words to describe her. She will be missed!

Brynda Filkins - October 28, 2024 at 10:31 AM

DH

“ I will be missing my knitting partner, my dear friend in life long learning, fellow fun to be around. I loved Eileen as a fellow sister. She taught me a lot, and she was an easy lady to like and love. Her smile lit up a room and she was always willing to help. Rest in Peace my beautiful friend.

Diane Hudson - October 28, 2024 at 07:59 AM

GC

“ God made a beautiful person when Eileen came into this world. She did all she could to make this world a better place, we have so much admiration for Eileen and all she did.

She will be missed by family, church, many community members and organizations and many many friends

Gene Conley - October 27, 2024 at 09:39 PM

LC

“ What a beautiful soul. I am so glad I had a chance to chat with her a couple of months ago in Marshall at the restaurant and meet some of you. My deepest condolences to all of you on the loss of a truly great lady who was adored by many. Rest in heaven, Eileen.

Laura Cooper - October 27, 2024 at 09:19 PM

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“ 43 files added to the album Eileen



Rob Harrison - October 27, 2024 at 08:08 PM