



Ruby Jean Harris Powell

August 15, 1929 - December 13, 2023

Ruby Jean Harris Powell, age 94 of Conway, Arkansas, passed away December 13, 2023. She was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, to the late Luther B. and Ruby Montgomery Harris.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 51 years, Isaac Leon Powell, daughter, Alice, and son, John F. Powell.

She was a graduate of Maryville College and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where she taught English. She also taught at Columbia College (South Carolina), Siena College (Memphis), the University of Memphis, and State Technical Institute (Memphis), and edited several academic annals and English books. She was a volunteer tutor following retirement. She sang in the choir of Balmoral Presbyterian Church, where she was a member. She enjoyed music, books, and travel.

Survivors include her son Richard W. Powell and daughter-in-law Beth Powell, Morrilton, Arkansas; daughter, Nancy Jean Powell and fiancé Alan Asher, Oxford, England; four grandchildren, Rhea Douglas and partner Will Garrard, Scott Douglas and wife Majin Lee, Anna Powell and husband Jose Ramirez, and Alex Powell and wife Payal Kakadiya; four great-grandchildren, Maya and Vera Ramirez, Emily Powell and Dora Douglas; brother James A. Harris and wife Margaret, Ft. Mill, SC; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be at Balmoral Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee, on Saturday, January 13th at 1:00 p.m. and at the Margerum Community Church in Margerum, Alabama, on Sunday, January 14th at 1:00

p.m. Burial will be held at the Margerum Cemetery, in Alabama. The family requests that memorials be sent to Balmoral Presbyterian Church Choir or a charity of the donor's choice.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Balmoral Presbyterian Church
6413 Quince Rd
Memphis , TN 38119
(901) 767-7510

Memorial Service

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Margerum Community Church
2440 Margerum Rd
Cherokee, AL 35616

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Ruby Jean’s passing. In the short time I knew her, she made such a great impression. She was truly a great lady.
Bonnie Trammell.

Bonnie Trammell - December 14, 2023 at 05:12 PM

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Dear Bonnie,

*We thank you so much for these words and thoughts.
Mum was so excited to meet you, so pleased.
She told me, ' oh, we can talk together, we understand each other!'*

*This, without a doubt, is/was the most important thing, Bonnie.
In the end, her little body just couldn't get back up to that final call.*

*Thank you for being there. I wish I could have been there more than twice a year. And then the pandemic scuppered us for 3 years.
You gave Mum incentive and comfort in company. Thank you.*

*You are/were a great comfort. Thank you.
Much love,
Nancy Jean*

Nancy - December 17, 2023 at 06:52 PM