



Velma Lea Jeffryes Corder

December 25, 1936 - June 20, 2026

Velma Lea Jeffryes Corder, 89, of Perryville, Arkansas, passed away on June 20, 2026. She was born on December 25, 1936, in the Oak Grove Community near Bigelow, the youngest child of James Edmund (Ed) and Ethel Cherry McDonough Jeffryes. She was a member of First General Baptist Church in Conway, Arkansas.

Velma married Jimmy Corder on May 26, 1954, just days after she graduated from Bigelow High School. She then began the life of minister's wife, homemaker, mother, then grandmother and great-grandmother. She served as pianist in many of the churches that Jimmy pastored, in many revivals, and as they sang together throughout the years. In addition to her parents and her husband of 69 years, she was preceded in death by nine brothers: Owen, Ivan, and Aubrey McDonough; Bernon, Thurman, A.J., Harley, Truman, and Harmon Jeffryes, as well as three sisters: Lottie Jeffryes, Thelma Caldwell, and Lucy Byrd.

She is survived by three children, Gary Corder of Houston, Cheryl Corder Harper (Terry) of Clinton, and Lisa Corder Buckner (Bryan) of Pontotoc, Mississippi. She leaves her grandchildren Damon Corder (Rebecca), Ashley Corder Murray (Patrick), Clayton Corder, Ciara Yates Jaramillo (Ralph); Lauren Harper, Jay Harper; Alex Buckner Reeder (Tarver), McKenzie Buckner Blount (Joseph), and Corder Buckner, as well as nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation will be held at Harris Chapel in Morrilton on Thursday, June 25 from

5:00-7:00 p.m. Funeral service will be held on Friday, June 26 at 2:00 p.m. at Harris Chapel with Bro. Ron Byrd officiating. Burial will be at Thornburg Cemetery. The family wishes to thank the staff of Perry County Nursing and Rehabilitation Center and Gentiva Hospice for their love and care.

Cemetery Details

Thornburg Cemetery

31 Church Rd.
Perryville, AR 72126

Upcoming Events

Visitation

JUN 25. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St
Morrilton, AR 72110
(501) 354-4575

Funeral Service

JUN 26. 2:00 PM (CT)

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