



Mrs. Elma Lee Harris Champion

February 1, 1933 - April 20, 2017

Mrs. Elma Lee Harris Champion, 84, of Dougherty County died Wednesday, April 20, 2017 at her residence.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Salem Baptist Church with interment to follow in the Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Champion was born on February 1, 1933 in Warwick to the late Simon Elmer and Gladys Inez Rouse Harris. She had lived in Worth County all her life. Mrs. Champion was the former Owner/Operator of Flowers and Things and also worked as a Substitute Teacher in addition to being a homemaker. She enjoyed fishing, crafts and flowers. Mrs. Champion was a member of the Worth County Historical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution and was a Mitchell EMC Rural Leader. She attended Salem Baptist Church where she sang in the choir, taught Sunday School and served on the Cemetery Committee for many years. Mrs. Champion was a member of the Silver Saints and the Marie Aultman Sunday School Class.

Survivors include her daughter, Beverly C. Hendrix (Billy) of Sylvester; son, Dennis Champion (Penny) of Sylvester; grandchildren, Jim Champion (Mary), Allison Sumner (Taylor), Jennifer McDougald (Kelly) and Whitney Hendrix; great-grandchildren, Ben, Kolton and Brooks McDougald, Jackson and Ella Sumner.

The family would like to especially thank Mrs. Champion's caregivers, Lora Dorminey, Lawanda Davis and Debbie Brock.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the service

hour at Salem Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Champion was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy F. "Jim" Champion on February 9, 2014.

For those desiring, memorials may be made to Salem Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 902 Jewel Crowe Road, Sylvester, Georgia 31791.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Elma Lee Harris Champion*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Dear Beverly, Dennis and Families, I am saddened to read of Miss Elma Lee's passing. She was always so smart and sweet. Mr. Jim and Miss Elma Lee were the best neighbor's and friends any body could ever have. I will be thinking and praying for all of you in the days ahead.*

Vickie Southwell Lewis - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Miss Elma Lee's passing. She was such a sweet lady, and I considered her my gardening mentor. she gave me a rooting of a snowball viburnum, and it has bloomed so much the last couple of years. Her influence on so many people will last forever. Jil*

Jil Powell - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *Whitney, Matt and I are so very sorry for your and your family's loss. All my love, MaryAnn ~*

MaryAnn Crawley - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *Dennis, Beverly and Family... I am so sorry to hear about Elma Lee.. praying you find peace knowing she's reunited with Jim once again!!!*

Donna Odom - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM

DL

“ Beverly and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. May Jesus place His loving arms around you and give you peace. Agape, Thomas & Carolyn

Dr. Thomas & Carolyn Latimer - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM

SK

“ To the family, so sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. We are praying that God will bring comfort and peace in the days ahead. Paul and Susan King (Mary's parents)

Susan King - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM

GS

“ Beverly, Dennis and family, I am so sorry to hear the sad news about your mother. She was a sweet and wonderful lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Gerry Sutton - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM

TC

“ My condolences to the family. Mrs. Elma will be greatly missed. May the memories of a life well-lived help comfort you during this difficult time. May the strength that God provides sustain you in the days ahead.

T Cameron - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM

DG

“ So sorry for your loss. Many fond memories of mama while at their home with Beverly and Dennis as a kid. Getting off the bus at the Champions was always anticipated with joy.

Debbie Southwell Garcia - May 14, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you for your deep loss you must be feeling for your beloved Elma. How sad to lose someone so loved and so needed. May you find comfort in prayer and in one another. (Jeremiah 29:12,13)*

May 03, 2017 at 12:00 AM