



## Evelyne Harmon

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Evelyne Ralph Harmon, a native of Tennessee who has resided near her son's family in Georgia since surviving a major illness in 2005, passed away Tuesday February 1 at Brightmoor Nursing Home near Griffin, Ga. She was born in Goodlettsville, Tenn., on May 24, 1924, the middle child in a family of nine children that grew up in what was then rural Sumner County. An excellent student, she was the valedictorian of her senior class at Goodlettsville High School and married the Rev. Frank Harmon at her family church, Old Beech Cumberland Presbyterian, where he was pastor, on November 18, 1945. Through the years, they served at other Cumberland Presbyterian Churches throughout Tennessee, including Dayton, Cleveland, Maryville, Dyer, Cookeville, Manchester and Lenoir City, as well as Denton, Texas. In addition, she attended several colleges and universities, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Education from Tennessee Tech University and a Master's Degree from North Texas State University. A career teacher, she taught elementary school in Argyle, Texas and Loudon, Tenn., as well as special education in Manchester, Tenn. In addition, she will be remembered for her countless hours of church related service, especially as a part-time secretary and music director, and her work on behalf of Christian education. Having developed a love of growing things from her father, she was also known for her gardening expertise, a skill that was never more evident than in her later years after

retirement on 40 acres of rural property near Beech Grove, Tenn.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Frank Harmon, who also now resides in Griffin; two sons, F. Martin Harmon of Senoia, Ga., and Dr. Harold R. Harmon of Salem, Oregon; two grandsons, Matthew Harmon of Loganville, Ga., and Andrew Harmon of Lilburn, Ga.; four great grandchildren; sisters, Juanita Hawkins of Goodlettsville, Tenn, Deba Gammons of Madison, Tenn, Mina Smith of Madison; brothers, L.D. Ralph, Wallace Ralph, James Ralph all of Goodlettsville, Tenn.

Condolences may expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

The funeral service is Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 1:00 PM CENTRAL at the graveside at Mt. Olive Cemetery near Dyer, TN, the burial site of her infant daughter, Evelyne Merle Harmon. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her honor to the Roosevelt Warm Springs Development Fund, P.O. Box 1050, Warm Springs, GA 31830, where her son works and a place founded by one of her life-long heroes, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

McKoon Funeral Home, Newnan (770) 253-4580

## Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Church Cemetery, Dyer, TN

## Previous Events

### Service

FEB 5. 1:00 PM.

Graveside

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family upon the loss of such a loving and outstanding lady. She contributed so much in her life that has touched many. I am thankful for my friendship with the Ralph Family. Love, Jo Anne Justice

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**Jo Anne Justice** - February 04, 2011 at 10:51 AM

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“ I am so saddened by the passing of my Aunt Evelyne. I remember so well our trip across the country together with her entire family in the summer of 1967. To Martin and Harold Ralph, we now share in the loss of wonderful ladies that were part of the great Ralph Legacy. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all, especially Uncle Frank with his wonderful sense of humor that was exhibited so greatly when we all attended the Angels game at Anaheim Stadium!! I wish that I could be there with you but I am with you in spirit and in prayer.

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**Larry Bradley** - February 03, 2011 at 12:14 PM

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“ Aunt Evelyne was truly one of my heroines for her care and teaching of children with special abilities. Her patience in reaching them was one of her most admirable attributes. I recall visiting with the family in Dyer when I was younger (especially being given the "tasty" liquid vitamins in my orange juice!). Like all of her Ralph siblings, she was raised to voice her opinions and to stand by them. She was a loving aunt. I am thankful for her being a supportive part of my life. Her confidence in my abilities will continue to give me strength. With love to Uncle Frank, Martin, Harold, Sharon, Matthew, and Andrew --- Annelle R-

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**Annelle R. Huggins** - February 03, 2011 at 08:46 AM