



Elizabeth J. Harrison

October 23, 1934 - October 19, 2019

Elizabeth Jones Harrison, 84, made her glorious journey into heaven on Saturday, October 19th, from the comfort of her home and surrounded by family.

Born to Wesley B. Jones and Aleeda (Statzer) Jones, Beth was a lifelong Polk County resident. She was born in Lake Wales and resided in Waverly as a child. At the age of 12 her family moved to Winter Haven where she remained for 34 years until relocating to Lakeland in 1968. She was a devout Christian of Southern Baptist faith. She committed her life to the Lord and was baptized at First Baptist Church of Waverly at the age of 10. Later she was active at First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, First Baptist Church of Wahneta, and for the last 34 years, at Christ Memorial Baptist Church in Lakeland.

Always a hard worker, she opened and operated Beth's Beauty Salon at the age of 24. She later was a tax preparer for H & R Block, a private bookkeeper, and operated Beth's Tax Service until the age of 78 when she officially retired. She is preceded in death by both her parents, her four siblings, Mary Mayhall, Winifred Knighton, Juanita Taylor, and Ted Jones. She lost and buried an infant daughter, Beverly Nilene Byrd, in addition to living longer than her two husbands, Harold Byrd, James Harrison, and many of her closest friends. She leaves behind 3 daughters; Sharon Byrd, Cynthia Harrison Leggett, and Heather Stone. She will forever be 'MeMaw' and 'Grandma' in the hearts of her greatest joys, her 4 grandchildren; Craig Burke, Christy Burke, Erin Williams, and Magan Ritter. Beth was best known for spoiling babies, which

also included 10 great-grandchildren; Joshua Russell, Caylee Burke Ponder, Logan Stetson, Laney Stetson, Riley Burke, Carson Chitwood, Zeke Chitwood, Tyler Stone, Savannah Stone, and Matthew Stone. Additionally, she had 3 great-great-grandchildren, Avery Russell, Emery Russell, and Baby Ponder.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Gentry- Morrison Serenity Gardens, on Tuesday, October 29th at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Griffin Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Griffin Cemetery

Lakeland, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Serenity Gardens Chapel
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Elizabeth J. Harrison*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 25, 2019 at 11:14 AM

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Beautiful 💕

ann young - October 25, 2019 at 09:26 PM

BP

WONDERFUL TRIBUTE to a sweet woman we all were blessed to know

Becky Pischke - October 26, 2019 at 08:04 AM

LF

Perfect. We'll miss you, Ms. Beth. Rejoice In your forever home! See you again one of these days!

Lynn Mitchell Felts - October 27, 2019 at 08:31 AM

JV

Sweet lady. I had the pleasure to work and go to church with her.love to all!!

Judy Valentine - October 28, 2019 at 02:18 AM

LB

so many memories over these many years just the love , she has for everyone. i enjoyed meals laughing and sharing life ◇ an amazing strength ,faith, Beth ♡

Lorilyn Brewer - October 29, 2019 at 08:24 AM

WW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all.
Love you Sharon.*

Wanda Walker



Wanda King Walker - October 25, 2019 at 08:58 PM



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 25, 2019 at 02:17 PM



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Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - October 25, 2019 at 10:58 AM

HE

“ There are so many memories of my mother! She was a woman of God ,a loving mother, grandmother and Memaw. She had a heart of gold and would bend over backwards for the ones that she loved. I will miss her every single day. She was my rock, my shield, and a big piece of my heart! But just because she is in heaven doesn't mean she's not in all of our hearts today! So as we mourn for her we will also be celebrating her standing next to God, our Father,our savior and knowing she's pain-free is something to rejoice over! I love you Mom❤️

Heather - October 24, 2019 at 07:33 PM

SH

Heather, You made Mother's sun rise everyday ! I love you, Sweetie! We'll get through this sad time together! I love you!

sharon - October 24, 2019 at 09:31 PM