



## Violet "Sis" Mae Harris

October 15, 1923 - October 13, 2012

Violet "Sis" Mae Coleman Harris of Chester, MD, passed away Saturday, October 13, 2012, at Candlelight Cove Assisted Living in Easton, MD, surrounded by her loving family. She would have been 89 on her birthday on October 15, 2012.

Raised on Kent Island in Chester, MD, she was the daughter of the late Ellison Coleman and Sarah Rebecca Brown Coleman. She graduated from Stevensville High School Class of 1941. On July 26, 1941, she married William (Billy) Holton Harris of Chester and shared a wonderful 64 years until his death in 2006.

After her husband's return from WWII, they started the Harris Grocery Store. In December 1947, they bought a small oyster house on the Kent Narrows in Grasonville, MD. This grew into W. H. Harris Seafood, Inc. Mrs. Harris worked as the secretary and treasurer until they retired in 1984. Sis was a loving mother, partner in business, a grandmother and a great-grandmother. She was proud to teach her family values to live by and to show love and discipline. Her family meant everything to her. She spent her life working, loving, praising the lord in song and devoted to each. Sis was never happier than when she could share her time with her family.

Mrs. Harris was a member of the Kent Island United Methodist Church and

Kingsley United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir for many years. She was one of the founding members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the K.I.V.F.C. and the Kent Island Yacht Club Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her children, a son, William Jerry Harris and his wife A. Patricia of Centreville, and a daughter Karen Harris Oertel and her husband A. Arthur of Centreville; five grandchildren, Daniel Wade Harris, Michael Jerry Harris, Debbie Oertel Schilling, Jo Anne Oertel Baker, and William Arthur Oertel; nine great-grandchildren, Mitchell and Molly Oertel, Wade and Allie Harris, Bradley and Bryan Harris, William (Billy) and Casey Schilling, and Lindsey Baker; and her sister, Phyllis Ann Coleman Winkler of Felton, DE. She was preceded in death by her husband, William (Billy) Holton Harris, and her brothers, Marion (Buddy) Ray Coleman and James (Dick) Ellison Coleman.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2012, at the Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester. Officiating will be Reverend David Bennett. Friends may call at the Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. in Chester, on Tuesday October 16, 2012, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will follow the service in Stevensville Cemetery, Stevensville, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Kent Island United Methodist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 308, Chester, MD 21619; Kingsley Cemetery Fund, PO Box 444, Chester, MD 21619; or Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

# Cemetery Details

## Stevensville Cemetery

808 Main Street  
Stevensville, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Chester Location / Kent Island  
106 Shamrock Road  
Chester, MD 21619  
(410) 643-2226  
[info@fhnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



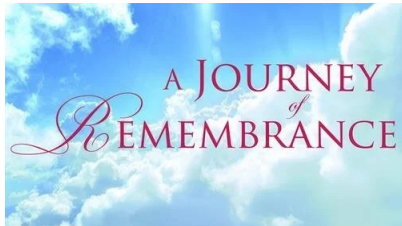
“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 13, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - June 13, 2023 at 08:02 PM



“ *Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Violet "Sis" Mae Harris

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Miss Sis was a wonderful lady and I know you will miss her so, my heart goes out to the family. She was always so loving and so much fun to be with. May God comfort you and give you His peace.

Kathy Thompson Lantz - October 25, 2012 at 04:56 PM



“ Kathy Thompson Lantz lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



Kathy Thompson Lantz - October 25, 2012 at 04:53 PM



“ Robin Eckstorm Brechtel lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



Robin Eckstorm Brechtel - October 19, 2012 at 08:16 AM

PM

“ *Phyllis Cockrill Martin lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



phyllis cockrill martin - October 18, 2012 at 06:20 PM

RM

“ *Robin Monahan lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



Robin Monahan - October 18, 2012 at 08:54 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 18, 2012 at 07:45 AM

PF

“ *Pam Fallon lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



Pam Fallon - October 16, 2012 at 02:36 PM



“ *To the Harris Family,  
In behalf of MSLBA Board of Directors and staff, I send most  
sincere condolences and hope that fond memories will help you  
through this time of loss.*

*Jane Springer*

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**Jane Springer** - October 16, 2012 at 12:05 PM

ST

“ *To the Harris Family,  
Our sincere condolences, blessings and prayers to your family.*

*Sandy and Rose Thompson*

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**SANDY THOMPSON** - October 16, 2012 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of  
Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**Brenda Beaver** - October 16, 2012 at 08:17 AM

DR

“ Grandma Harris - the angels are in perfect tune today as they sing Happy Birthday with and for you!

*To all the Harris, Oertel, Schilling family - Thank you for allowing our family to share in so many of your family memories. We will miss her smile and laugh, but don't have to look hard to find it in those she leaves to create more before meeting again.*

*The Rode Family*

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**Diana Rode** - October 15, 2012 at 08:32 PM



“ Judy Bailey lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



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**Judy Bailey** - October 15, 2012 at 03:36 PM



*Judy Darkow Bailey my thoughts and prayers are with you and you;re family Love Judy Darkow*

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**Judy Bailey** - October 15, 2012 at 03:39 PM

LF

“ Lisa S Fleetwood lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



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**Lisa S Fleetwood** - October 15, 2012 at 02:37 PM

BS

“ *Barbara Stoops lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**Barbara Stoops** - October 15, 2012 at 01:12 PM

BT

“ *Bryce Jackson And Cathy Jackson Tarr lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**Bryce Jackson and Cathy Jackson Tarr** - October 15, 2012 at 12:45 PM

BT

*Bryce Jackson sends his thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Harris's family.*

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**Bryce Jackson and Cathy Tarr** - October 15, 2012 at 12:48 PM

AW

“ *Grandma Harris was always so kind to us, and we truly felt she loved us as she did her own family. We will miss her dearly, but we know that she's resting in God's loving hands ... and reunited with the love of her life, Captain Bill.*

*Kurt & I will always remember her special wisdom, bright smile and wonderful laugh that made us all so happy. God's Peace, Sis ... ???*

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**Annie and Kurt Wilkinson** - October 15, 2012 at 10:58 AM

DF

“ *David & June Clark And Family lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**David & June Clark and family** - October 15, 2012 at 10:09 AM

KL

“ *Thinking of you all. Josh and I certainly have fond memories of Mrs. Sis !!*

*Josh and Kerry Legg*

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**Kerry Legg** - October 15, 2012 at 10:05 AM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**Doug Pierson** - October 15, 2012 at 09:44 AM

JE

“ *To the Harris Family-Our sincere condolences and love to all in the death of your dear mother and grandmother "sis". She was a nice lady and I enjoyed seeing her on the bank trips we used to go to. God bless you all. Jim and Mary Ann Edwards*

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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - October 15, 2012 at 09:42 AM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**Jim and Mary Ann Edwards** - October 15, 2012 at 09:38 AM

GL

“ *Georgianna LeCompte lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**Georgianna LeCompte** - October 15, 2012 at 09:37 AM

AW

“ *Annie & Kurt Wilkinson lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**Annie & Kurt Wilkinson** - October 15, 2012 at 09:12 AM

JB

“ *What a lady!*



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**Joyce Benton** - October 15, 2012 at 07:42 AM

DJ

“ *David Wenck Jr lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**David Wenck jr** - October 15, 2012 at 06:41 AM

DJ

“ *David Wenck Jr lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**David Wenck jr** - October 15, 2012 at 06:40 AM

DC

“ *David Wenck Jr & Kathy Christopher lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**David Wenck jr & Kathy Christopher** - October 15, 2012 at 06:39 AM

CC

“ *Cody And Cindy Clark lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris*



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**Cody and Cindy Clark** - October 15, 2012 at 06:33 AM

GP

“ To the Harris Family: Our deepest prayers and sympathy are with you in the loss of Ms.Sis. I will always remember her bringing the delicious hot milk sponge cake with chocolate icing to the Masonic Lodge Oyster Dinners. Couldn't wait for her to get in the doors with it. Boy was it ever good. She will be missed by many, but now is at peace with our Dear Lord and Saviour. Blessings and prayers to your family.  
Gene and Lynda Palmatary



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**Gene and Lynda Palmatary** - October 14, 2012 at 07:13 PM

JP

“ JoAnn & Royden Powell lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



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**JoAnn & Royden Powell** - October 14, 2012 at 04:15 PM

DJ

“ Danny And Gail Jonesa lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



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**Danny and Gail Jonesa** - October 14, 2012 at 02:29 PM

DJ

*So sorry for your loss. Danny & Gail*

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**Danny and Gail Jones** - October 14, 2012 at 02:31 PM

DL

“ 73 yrs ago this sweet lady jumped into the water to save a little boy from drowning. I thank God she did because that little boy grew up to be my dad. You have been a wonderful blessing to so many, Ms. Sis. God certainly has a special mansion built for you! You will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

Debbie (Thompson) Langrell - October 14, 2012 at 11:33 AM

AH

“ Angel Huffman lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



angel huffman - October 14, 2012 at 09:14 AM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - October 14, 2012 at 06:49 AM

LM

“ Laird And MaryPat lit a candle in memory of Violet "Sis" Mae Harris



Laird and MaryPat - October 14, 2012 at 06:03 AM

CN

“ *Cecelia Nation lit a candle in memory of Violet  
"Sis" Mae Harris*



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**cecilia nation** - October 13, 2012 at 06:54 PM