



Ms. Willa Jean Harrison

October 2, 1952 - June 26, 2020

HARRISON, Ms. Willa Jean - Age 67, passed away Friday, June 26, 2020 in Grayslake, IL. Family hour 1:30 PM Friday, July 3, 2020 from the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home with funeral service commencing at 2:00 PM. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy., Mt. Morris, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the funeral home 1:30 PM Friday. Ms. Harrison will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home and may be viewed from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday.

Willa Jean Harrison was born October 2, 1952 in South Pittsburgh, Tennessee, the daughter of Willie and Bennie Harrison. Jean Harrison lived in Grayslake, IL and was a Professor of Nursing at the College of Lake County for the past 20 years. She attended the University of Michigan and completed a Masters in Nursing Administration. Jean enjoyed teaching and offered her students guidance during classroom and clinical instruction. She was a very spiritual person and attended Methodist Community Church. Jean was a world traveler and visited places such as China, France, Denmark, and Sweden for business and leisure. Jean was a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Jean enjoyed spending time with family and friends and always supported them providing guidance and advice whenever needed. She also enjoyed her pets and had a connection with nature and animals. Jean was the oldest of 5 siblings and was serious about her title as Big Sister. She constantly promoted

education and offered advice to uplift whoever needed it. Jean lived a fulfilled life and enjoyed seeing people positive and happy.

Willa Jean Harrison leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Candy Harrison; sisters, Theresa Harrison and June Harrison; brother, Gary Harrison; niece, Journyi Harrison; nephews, Langston Elvord and Antho Harrison; great-nieces and great-nephews, Antianna, Quicey, Ashley, Aaliyah and Antio Jr.; a host of other relatives and friends including special friends, Francine, Charmaine, Michelle and Maurice.

Willa was preceded in death by her parents, Willie and Bennie Harrison; and sister, Wanda Harrison.

The family would like to express special thanks to Pastor & First Lady Alfred L. Harris Sr. and the Saints of God Church family, Dr. Chanduri, Dr. Damrich and Dr. Meeks.

Cemetery Details

Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

JUL 3. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison*



Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home - July 03, 2020 at 10:30 AM

AM

Willa and I enjoyed sharing our love for our four-legged friends as well as our love and admiration for our 44th president. You are missed.

amy morton-miller - July 06, 2020 at 11:38 AM

RB

I am saddened for your family and all she shared her love with. Ms Harrison is one of the brightest stars in my heart. Her love and caring for people went beyond her professionalism. I feel that I was most fortunate to have met late one evening as she was leaving the college. She has the biggest heart sharing a smile and her interests. She was all giving as far as I could tell, .especially to helping out her neighbor. I wish you to rest in peace Ms. Willa Harrison and all that shared her life.

Robin Bray - July 06, 2020 at 03:49 PM



“ *Ms. Willa Jean Harrison*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM

GS

“ I am just learning of Willa's passing, I worked with Willa at the College of Lake County. I always enjoyed our lunches together. May you continue to cherish and treasure her memory.

Gaylis Ingram Shakir - January 19, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JG

“ Willa was always in my corner. She was a true advocate, something to be cherished in the nursing profession. I had the pleasure to care for her. She was my professor and my very best patient! She instructed me from her bed, what a true gift. My condolences to the family. Julie G.

Julia Gervais - October 18, 2020 at 06:22 PM

LD

“ Willa and I met many years ago at a concert. I was alone, so she started talking to me and we discovered that we had a lot in common. She was so friendly and happy. We kept in touch over the years, attending concerts and other events, and meeting for dinner to play catch up. She was responsible for educating me on the joys of being a "pet parent.," and when it was time to say goodbye to my dog, Willa comforted me with her kind words and advice. I shall miss that big, hearty laugh she had - and how positive she was through it all. I am sending love and prayers to the family, and keeping you close to my heart.

*Linda Davis
Morton Grove, IL*

Linda Davis - July 09, 2020 at 06:24 PM

CW

Wow Willa Jean and myself had been friends forever. .. from the beginning in South Pittsburg Tn .. willaJean was a strong believer in education... she loved life to the fullest... I didn't see her much in the past years but she was and always will be within my heart. Rest Easy 🙏 Cynthia from Tennessee 🇺🇸

cynthia wilkerson - August 05, 2020 at 10:21 PM

MC

“ Deepest condolences to the family and friends of Ms. Harrison. Her contributions to her profession and to our students are appreciated. Sending comfort and blessings at this difficult time.



ML Carver, ABE/ASE Faculty, CLC - July 09, 2020 at 11:41 AM

EM

*“ To the family of Professor Harris, my deepest sympathy. Before my retirement, I some wonderful times talking with her about students, the college, and the state of the African Community. May her memory bring comfort CLC Retired.
Eleanor Murkey,*

Eleanor Murkey - July 06, 2020 at 07:05 PM

DH

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Willa Jean Harrison. I remember Willa as a very kind and welcoming person. I experienced her warmth as a new employee at CLC and she made sure she introduced herself and was willing to be a resource for me. I will always have fond memories of Willa!

Derrick Harden

Derrick Harden - July 06, 2020 at 07:01 AM

GA

“ Gloria Acker sent a virtual gift in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison



Gloria Acker - July 05, 2020 at 11:48 AM

CF

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Jean through my sister Charmaine when she visited San Diego. Immediately I recognized that she was such a wonderful person and we all bonded as sisters. You will always be in my heart the most positive, strong fighter and beautiful woman that crossed my path in life. Sleep in peace my dear sister, you will truly be missed. Love Stephanie

CHARLET FARLEY - July 03, 2020 at 10:54 PM

FH

“ Willa and I out celebrating her birthday after she called and said she was coming to church and I could take her out afterwards. We always had such a good time. She was a classy woman and a good friend since we met in new faculty orientation at College of Lake County. I will truly miss my friend and colleague.

Fred Hutchinson



Fred Hutchinson - July 03, 2020 at 06:35 PM

CL

“ *A special friend as well as an amazing teacher and mentor. Rest my friend you will be missed*



clarissa - July 03, 2020 at 02:30 PM

BH

“ *Prayers for the family of Willa. She was a knowledgeable nursing instructor and a friend. I will miss her.*

Becky Hawarny - July 03, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *My family and I wish to offer our sincere condolences during the passing of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison. She was such a blessing to me in my nursing career journey. Her friendship and assistance will forever be remembered and appreciated. Sincerely, Zina D. McBride and Family*

Zina McBride - July 03, 2020 at 02:02 PM

AH

“ *TO: Daughter and Family of Willa Harrison
FROM: Hutchinson Family (Fred, Adriane and Jade)*

We were thankful to have known Willa since 2003, starting work together at College of Lake County. We were thankful to know her as a friend from church. We (North Shore Faith Community Church in Gurnee, IL) prayed for her, especially during her illness. God has made her whole and provided rest from her labor.

Willa loved her family and frequently talked about you. Cherish your memories and be devoted to one another in love.

She was a classy lady, high spirited, and always looking for the next adventure. She was concerned about her students and patients. She will be missed. We honor her presence.

God bless you and may His comfort surround you!

Adriane Hutchinson - July 03, 2020 at 12:18 PM



“ *Melvin James lit a candle in memory of Ms.
Willa Jean Harrison*



Melvin James - July 03, 2020 at 01:28 AM

MJ

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Melvin James - July 03, 2020 at 01:24 AM

CF

“ *Coll of Lake Co. African Am Faculty, Staff, Admins. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison.*



Coll of Lake Co. African Am Faculty, Staff, Admins. - July 02, 2020 at 04:10 PM

JT

“ *Willa was such a blessing and such a great person. She and I work hand in hand with the Nursing club on campus. She really enjoyed teaching and loved working with students. She was always doing it with a smile. Her kind spirit will surely be missed. My condolences to the family. You will be in my prayers. Always think of the good times you had with Willa, she was such a great person!*

Jorge Tennin - July 02, 2020 at 03:17 PM

FW

“ Condolences to the Harrison family. My memories of my "Sister" Willa are too numerous to list. However, the most evident are Strong, Stylish, Witty, and Accomplished. She definitely impacted many throughout the course of her life.

Francine

Francine white - July 02, 2020 at 08:24 AM

DC

“ My condolences to Willa's daughter and family. I am so sorry to hear of Willa's passing. May your share memories of her bring you comfort at this time.

Dr. Lucille D. Coleman
Retired Nursing Faculty (College of Lake County)

Dr. Lucille D. Coleman - July 01, 2020 at 11:31 PM



JL

“ Many condolences...I was thankful to of known Willa's kind heart, infectious smile and laugh as I learned how to be a great nursing instructor just as she was. Her wisdom and words will always be in my heart.

Jacqueline Lowry - July 01, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison.



July 01, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CC

“ *May God give the family peace during this time. Your in our Prayers.*

Chris and Carlotta Conley

christopher conley - July 01, 2020 at 08:26 PM

LC

“ *Lisa Daniels, CLC lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison*



Lisa Daniels, CLC - July 01, 2020 at 07:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison.*



July 01, 2020 at 06:50 PM

MG

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of one of the most beautiful (and fashionable) nurses I know . . . I will miss Willa very much. My she rest in eternal peace in the arms of our Lord. In love and friendship, Michelle Grace (CLC Health Center)*



Michelle Grace - July 01, 2020 at 06:20 PM

KD

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Willa for many years at the College of Lake County. She was a blessing as a co-worker and friend and will be missed.

Blessings to you all as you grieve her passing.

Kim DeLaney - July 01, 2020 at 06:16 PM

KD

“ My condolences to you all. I worked with Willa for many years at the College of Lake County (CLC). She was a blessing to CLC and will be missed.

Blessings to you as you grieve her passing.

*Kim DeLaney
CLC Information Technology Dept*

Kim DeLaney - July 01, 2020 at 06:08 PM

MJ

“ Melvin James lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison



Melvin James - July 01, 2020 at 06:01 PM

KV

“ Very sorry for your loss.

Kim Voss - July 01, 2020 at 05:37 PM

AN

“ *Angela Norwood lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison*



Angela Norwood - July 01, 2020 at 05:29 PM

SJ

“ *I'm so sorry for your lose. My condolences to Janine, Teresa, June, Gary and Ant ,as well as, the rest of the family.*

S. Johnson - June 30, 2020 at 10:52 PM

JT

“ *Jesse Thompson lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison*



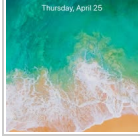
Jesse Thompson - June 29, 2020 at 07:55 PM

DD

“ *Debra Davis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison*



Debra Davis - June 29, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ *Sending prayers to the family of Ms. Willa jean Harrison*



Paula Person - June 27, 2020 at 11:35 PM

SL

“ *Sandra Lewis lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison*



Sandra Lewis - June 26, 2020 at 07:44 PM

SG

“ *SHEILA GREEN lit a candle in memory of Ms. Willa Jean Harrison*



SHEILA GREEN - June 26, 2020 at 07:41 PM

MJ

My condolences go out to the family, my prayers are with you all

Melvin James - July 01, 2020 at 04:53 PM

NL

My prayers and deepest condolences go out to the Harrison family.

N. Leconte - July 01, 2020 at 05:51 PM

SF

My deepest sympathies on Willa's passing.

Sue Fay

Sue Fay - July 01, 2020 at 06:24 PM

WT

To the family and friends, May God bless you with pleasant memories of her gentleness as well as how she kept you in line. May God bring comfort, peace,,and strength. She no longer needs any equipment to help her on each step she now takes. Romans 15:13

Warren Thomas - July 01, 2020 at 08:05 PM

DS

*Willa was a lovely person and will be missed.
Family - You are in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless and keep you.*

Dr. S. Sanders-Funnye, College of Lake County

Dr. Sharon Sanders-Funnye - July 01, 2020 at 08:34 PM

BH

My condolences and prayers to the family.

Barbara Harris - July 02, 2020 at 08:19 AM

KC

Wishing peace to Willa's family. She was such a generous person and will be missed in the Nursing department at CLC

Karen Chauvin - July 06, 2020 at 09:42 AM

AD

May she rest in God's Peace & Loving Embrace!..May the family , friends & colleagues feel His Comfort always!

Anne M. Devney, Ed.D., RN, CNE, Director,CLC Health Services, Retired

Anne Devney - July 06, 2020 at 05:28 PM