



## Bessie Harper

April 28, 1942 - April 3, 2016

Mrs. Bessie W. Harper, age 73, of Pearson passed away Sunday evening, April 3, 2016, at her residence following an extended illness. She was born April 28, 1942 to the late Charlton M. Williams and the late Millie Achord Williams. Mrs. Harper, a native of Wheeler County, had lived in the Coffee County area for many years. She retired from the Department of Family and Children's Services, as a Social Worker. She and her husband had spent several years presenting Baptist Ministry throughout South Georgia. She enjoyed her husband, children, Grandchildren, friends, and other relatives, including her church family. She was also preceded in death by her First Husband, Samuel Daniel Douglas, and 1 Sister, Nina Alexander. She was a member of the Simple Church. Survivors include: Her Husband of 23 Years: Rev. Donald "Don" Harper of Pearson, Ga.; 3 Sons: Richard (Tammie) Douglas of Nicholls, Ga.; Donald (Lori) Harper of Bossier City, Louisiana, and Greg (Kristina) Harper of Alamogordo, New Mexico.; 3 Daughters: Elisabeth "Beth" Douglas of Gulf Breeze, Florida; Kristina Harper of Calera, Alabama, and Megan (Greg) Cook of St. Clairsville, Ohio.; 1 Brother: Charlton M. Williams, Jr. of Broxton, Ga.; 17 Grandchildren, including: Ryan Austin Douglas of Nicholls, Ga.; Brandon Dewayne Douglas of Douglas, Ga., Ashlee Brooke Shiver of Valdosta, Ga.; Aaron Drew Young of Pensacola, Florida, and Brittney Elgenfritz of Gulf Breeze, Florida. 5 Great Grandchildren Several Nieces, Nephews, Friends, and Other Relatives. Funeral Services were held Wednesday, April 6, 2016, at 11:00 A. M., at the Eastside Baptist Church, with

Rev. William Pope and Rev. Don Harper officiating. A Special Eulogy was given by Ashlee Shiver. The Interment followed in the Roberts Cemetery, near Nicholls. Active Pallbearers were: Ryan Douglas, Brandon Douglas, Jacob Nobles, Shaughn Odum, Randy Alexander, and Keith Moore. Special Musical Selections, "The Anchor Holds", was presented by the Soloist, John Kent, with CD Music, and "Holy Spirit You Are Welcome", was presented by the Soloist, Sylvia James, with CD Music. "Pre-Lude" and "Post-Lude" soft hymns were rendered by the Pianist, Randy Braswell. Ricketson Funeral Home was in charge of the Arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Roberts Cemetery

Roberts Cemetery Road  
Nicholls, GA 31554

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc.  
305 West Ward Street  
Douglas, GA 31533  
(912) 384-1155  
ricketsonfunhm@windstream.net  
<https://www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Eastside Baptist Church  
1220 Bryan Street East  
Douglas, GA 31533  
(912) 384-1225

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Harper*

November 08, 2022 at 06:41 PM



“ *Brother Don ... This is Brenda.. Ryan Story Mom... I'm so sorry .. I just read this . I don't get on here that ofren.. love you and I'm sorry about Mrs. Bessie..*

**Brenda Crews** - April 28, 2016 at 04:57 PM



“ *June. Waldron lit a candle in memory of Bessie Harper*



**June. waldron** - April 06, 2016 at 09:56 PM



“ *Sherry Wall lit a candle in memory of Bessie Harper*



**Sherry Wall** - April 05, 2016 at 04:49 PM



*Bessie was a precious lady and will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers for the family...*

**Sherry Wall** - April 05, 2016 at 04:50 PM

DR

*Bessie and I were in the same graduation class. In fact we were lab partners in chemistry. She was a very sweet person. Donald, my prayers are with you and your family. Darlene Daniel Roberts.*

**Darlene Daniel Roberts** - April 13, 2016 at 03:36 PM

JW

“ *John, Beth, Sara, and John Wayne Worley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bessie Harper.*



**John, Beth, Sara, and John Wayne Worley** - April 05, 2016 at 02:27 PM

MS

“ *She was a very sweet woman. My prayers are with Bro. Don and family. They both were truly good friends, she will be missed very much. God got a beautiful Angel.*



**Marie Steedley** - April 05, 2016 at 09:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bessie Harper.*



April 04, 2016 at 09:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bessie Harper.* ”



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April 04, 2016 at 09:17 PM