



Olene Cato Harper

September 29, 1932 - October 25, 2024

Mrs. Olene Cato Harper, age 92, of Douglas, Georgia passed away peacefully Friday afternoon, October 25, 2024 at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Harper, an native of Coffee County, was born on September 29, 1932 in Bushnell, Georgia to the late Henry Benjamin Cato and the late Gertrude Cato.

Mrs. Harper is survived by her loving husband of 73 years, Elijah "Buddie" Harper, Jr. of Douglas, Georgia; her daughter, Linda Diane Harper Merritt of Douglas, Georgia; 2 Grandchildren: Lori Jeneen Merritt Cliett (Darin) and Rev. Jason Elijah Merritt (Kim) both of Douglas, Georgia; 4 great grandchildren: Logan Elijah Merritt of Waynesboro, Mississippi, Haley Elizabeth Merritt Foy (Jacob) of Douglas, Georgia, Noah Grayson Cliett and Natalie Grace Cliett of Douglas, Georgia; and 1 great-great-grandchild, Lyla Harper Foy. She is also survived by a devoted caregiver, Mrs. Loretha Manning, and special friends: Barny and Carloyn Miller, and Bonnie Harrell. Along with her parents, Mrs. Harper was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Gene Merritt.

Mrs. Harper was devoted to her family, her friends, her church, but mostly to her God. She was a faithful attendee at First Assembly of God for over 50 years. When health issues prevented her from attending services, she kept studying her bible and was a true prayer warrior at home.

Mrs. Harper's family will receive friends on Sunday afternoon, October 27, 2024 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM at First Assembly of God. Her funeral will be held at 2:00 PM at First Assembly of God With Rev. Marshall Adcock officiating and Rev. Jason Merritt giving a eulogy. Interment will follow at Salem Cemetery, with Rev. Buddy Phillips providing the closing prayer.

Pallbearers will include: Doyle Wooten, Michael Grantham, Ben Wooten, Keith Newell, Terry Morgan and Chad Davis. Honorary pallbearers will be staff of Bethany Hospice.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com.

Ricketson Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Salem Cemetery

299 Pecan Grove Lane
Douglas, GA 31533

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

First Assembly of God Church
1200 North Chester Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Funeral Service

OCT 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Assembly of God Church
1200 North Chester Avenue
Douglas, GA 31533

Interment

OCT 27 (ET)

Salem Cemetery
299 Pecan Grove Lane
Douglas, GA 31533

Tribute Wall

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“ *Diane, Jeneen, Jason and Buddy, I am so sorry for your great loss, Sha was a blessing to me and so many others. She will be missed so much. with love and prayers Johnnie Faye Mancil*

Johnnie Faye Mancil - October 28, 2024 at 05:53 PM

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“ *Diane , Buddies and family:
Sending my love and prayers to you and your family. Many great memories to cherish!
Terry Batten Cook*

Terry B Cook - October 26, 2024 at 02:36 PM

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“ *Dr Coggins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Olene Cato Harper.*

Dr Coggins - October 26, 2024 at 01:46 PM

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“ *Dr Coggins purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Olene Cato Harper.*



Dr Coggins - October 26, 2024 at 01:46 PM