



## Mrs. Helen Harrell

March 2, 1935 - August 10, 2020

In Lieu of Flowers:

Memorial donations in memory of Helen Peppers Harrell may be made payable to UNC Arts and Sciences Foundation with the Peppers Scholarship Fund annotated in the memo or the American Kidney Fund with In Memory of Helen Peppers Harrell in the memo mail to Sandra Harrell Cook, P.O. Box 37028, Raleigh, NC 27627.

Helen Peppers Harrell was born on March 2nd, 1935 in Nash County, NC to the late Mary and Willis Peppers. She departed this life on Monday, August 10th, 2020 at 7:59 am surrounded by family at the home of her daughter in Clayton, NC.

Helen was raised in Wilson, NC. She graduated from C. H. Darden High School. She went on to attend Winston Salem State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. At an early age, she knew she wanted to help shape the minds of young people. She accomplished that goal by serving as an Educator in Pitt-Greenville City Schools for more than 30 years where she taught and nurtured hundreds of students.

On August 8th, 1957, she married her rock, the late Rodrick Thomas Harrell, Sr. They shared 46 years of marriage together. They were blessed with 3 children: Sandra, Rodrick, Jr., and Sheila.

Helen was a devoted member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church (CMBC) for more than 62 years where she served as an Usher, Deaconess, Assistant Children's Choir Director, Senior Citizens Committee member, and member of the Majestic Choir. She also chaired numerous activities for CMBC's Senior Citizens. She once stated that one of her greatest accomplishments was becoming a CMBC Deaconess.

She loved her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She accepted the call to action in 1974 as the first initiate into the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She dedicated 46 years of continuous service to all mankind. She was also a member of Links, Incorporated and a Senior Delight with the Ladies Delight #10, Order of the Eastern Star having over forty years of service. When she was not serving the community, she enjoyed hanging out with the Eppes Center Southside Senior Group, shopping, dancing, and spending time with her family, sorority sisters and friends. She also enjoyed playing Pinochle where she was member of the Pinochle Club, a group of educators with the same passion for the game. Not known by many, she had musical talent and learned to play the organ, piano, electric keyboard and clarinet.

Helen is preceded in death by her husband, Rodrick Thomas Harrell, Sr.; her parents, Mary and Willie Peppers; two brothers, Willis Peppers, Wallace Peppers; one sister, Sarah Margaret Nicholson.

Helen leaves to cherish her memories, her 3 children, Sandra Cook (Steve) of Clayton, NC, Rodrick Harrell, Jr. (Linda) of Charlotte NC, Sheila Richmond (James) of Durham NC; four grandchildren, Chloe Elyse Richmond, Tyler James Richmond, Camryn Nicole Harrell, Rodrick Thomas Harrell, III; 2 sisters, Martha Alston (Clyde) of Newport News, VA, Wanda Jones of Wilson, NC. 3 Nieces: Tara Peppers Newkirk, Kim Peppers, Dominique Jones; 3 nephews, Joseph Bynum, Reggie Alston (Charisse), Kevin (Pam); 8 great

nieces and nephews; a special sister, Gloria Hines (Wiley); her caregiver, Pereta Sewellyn and many other family members and life- long friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th Street  
Greenville, NC 27858

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG 15. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church  
1095 Allen Road  
Greenville, NC

## Celebration of Life Service

AUG 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church  
1095 Allen Road  
Greenville, NC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Helen Harrell*

October 06, 2023 at 05:52 AM



“ *Mrs. Harrell was my 4th grade teacher at Wahl Coats School. She was an awesome teacher and she taught me well! I pray for continued strength and peace for the Harrell family. Stay Strong.*



**Chanelle Williams** - August 20, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ *James Earl Yarrell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



**James Earl Yarrell** - August 16, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Aaron And Vannessa Cotten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



**Aaron and Vannessa Cotten** - August 15, 2020 at 10:04 PM

RR

“ *Ruth Randolph lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Ruth Randolph** - August 15, 2020 at 09:06 PM

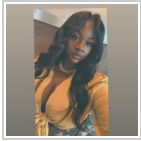
RJ

“ *Rest In Peace my dear neighbor and friend in Wilson. Sympathy and Love to the family.*



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**Ruby Jenkins** - August 15, 2020 at 02:28 PM



“ *Shanelle Maulsby lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Shanelle Maulsby** - August 15, 2020 at 01:06 PM

KA

“ Mrs. Helen P. Harrell was my 5th grade teacher, neighbor and dear family friend when I was growing up on Battle Drive in Greenville, NC. When my brother and I were both in elementary school, Mrs. Harrell drove us, her son, Roderick, and another neighbor child to school each day. What sticks out to me as a favorite memory, was that it was actually fun arriving to our across-town elementary school with a teacher! She made it fun, by singing along to the radio, telling us jokes and heartily laughing on the morning route. Mrs. Harrell also sponsored me in the Fashionetta pageant for college scholarship funds and years later, I was very proud to call her my Soror when I became an AKA, too. Definitely, Soror Harrell was an inspiring figure to me in my growing up and definitely, I will miss her and always remember her very fondly.

-Soror Katherine Justice Alford & Family of Phoenix, Arizona

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**Katherine Alford** - August 15, 2020 at 11:26 AM

SM

“ I met Helen Harrell in 1977 when I pledged into Theta Alpha Chapter. More recently we worked together in the Pitt County unit of North Carolina Retired School Personnel where she was a long time member of it and the North Carolina Association of Educators and the National Education Association. She was always a role model and a grand lady. Soror, may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.

-Sheila Mendoza

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**Sheila Mendoza** - August 14, 2020 at 09:06 PM

LD

“ Lynnette Daniel-Barnhardt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell



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**Lynnette Daniel-Barnhardt** - August 14, 2020 at 04:47 PM

LD

“ Sandra, Sheila, Roderick, the Harrell Clan and extended family, may God give you comfort and peace as you celebrate the life of this phenomenal woman who lived life to the fullest on her own terms. She was wise and outspoken, so you never had to assume anything. She was loved and will truly be missed. Sending lots of love to all of you!



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**Lynnette Daniel-Barnhardt** - August 14, 2020 at 04:45 PM

SP

“ Sarah G. Pritchard lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell



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**Sarah G. Pritchard** - August 14, 2020 at 04:35 PM

DF

“ Dr. James A. Richmond, Sr. and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.



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**Dr. James A. Richmond, Sr. and family** - August 14, 2020 at 01:52 PM

KG

“ Kevin & Izabela Goings purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.



Kevin & Izabela Goings - August 14, 2020 at 01:18 PM

WH

“ Wandria Hines purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.



Wandria Hines - August 14, 2020 at 11:41 AM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.



August 14, 2020 at 07:47 AM

EB

“ May the sweet and pleasant memories of your loved one carry you through the days ahead. May the love and peace of God surround you.

*E. Ramona Brown  
Knightdale, NC*

E. Ramona Brown - August 13, 2020 at 09:51 PM

VR

“ *The Roberson Family would like to extend their condolences to the Harrell Family.*

Valerie Roberson - August 13, 2020 at 01:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.*



August 13, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.*



August 13, 2020 at 11:43 AM

RJ

“ *Rhonda Grant Jordan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



Rhonda Grant Jordan - August 13, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CM

“ CMBC Senior Saints & Sick Visitation Ministries purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.



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**CMBC Senior Saints & Sick Visitation Ministries** - August 13, 2020 at 10:29 AM

LF

“ Love, Your LAS Family purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.



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**Love, Your LAS Family** - August 13, 2020 at 10:16 AM

CF

“ We send love and sympathy to the family of Soror Helen Harrell.



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**Cheri White and family** - August 13, 2020 at 08:46 AM

SM

“ Sylvia Mizzelle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell



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**Sylvia Mizzelle** - August 12, 2020 at 11:22 PM

SE

“ *Sondra Early lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Sondra Early** - August 12, 2020 at 06:46 PM

DH

“ *Sending positive vibes and prayers of comfort to the Harrell family. Soror Harrell will be missed. Rest in Peace*



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**Daphne Huntley** - August 12, 2020 at 05:48 PM

DJ

“ *Darlene Boyd Jeffries lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Darlene Boyd Jeffries** - August 12, 2020 at 05:29 PM

DS

“ *Danyetta Sneed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Danyetta Sneed** - August 12, 2020 at 03:56 PM

SA

“ Sarah Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell



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**sarah anderson** - August 12, 2020 at 02:27 PM

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“ ..our thoughts, prayers and condolences are with the Harrell family



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**Order of the Eastern Star, District 10** - August 12, 2020 at 12:39 PM

AM

“ A member of Omicron Gamma Omega Chapter, MD purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.



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**A member of Omicron Gamma Omega Chapter, MD** - August 12, 2020 at 11:30 AM

DC

“ Sorry for your loss our prayers are with y'all... Mrs. Harrell was my middle school teacher and she was a person who would make you laugh but at the same time you better get your work done. Rest Well Mrs. Harrell 🙏



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**Derrell Coston** - August 12, 2020 at 10:19 AM

Norma Warren

“ **LOVED, LOVED, LOVED Mrs. Helen Harrell!!**  
**RIP my friend!!!**  
**Sending my deepest sympathies to the family!**



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**Norma Warren** - August 12, 2020 at 09:18 AM

RW

“ **Randy and Soror Norma Warren purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Helen Harrell.**



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**Randy and Soror Norma Warren** - August 12, 2020 at 09:13 AM

PS

“ A lifetime of memories. You will be truly missed. I am so thankful that you a part of my village. I love you and will miss you Mama Harrell. Rest on❤️❤️

*Patti*

**PATTI SANDERS SMITH** - August 12, 2020 at 09:11 AM



RD

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Mrs Harrell.

**Rhonda Stallings (JCATS Driver)** - August 12, 2020 at 04:25 AM



BW

“ BEN WOOTEN lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell

**BEN WOOTEN** - August 12, 2020 at 03:42 AM



JF

“ Johnny & LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell

**Johnny & LaVette Ford** - August 12, 2020 at 03:31 AM



JW

“ *Josephine C Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Josephine C Williams** - August 11, 2020 at 11:57 PM

DP

“ *Donna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Donna Pierce** - August 11, 2020 at 08:25 PM

JM

“ *On behalf of my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. McClaud, and I, we would like to offer our sincere, sincere condolences to the Harrell family! Sis. Harrell was a spit fire and she will truly, truly be missed! You are in our prayers!*



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**Jacquelyn M McClaud** - August 11, 2020 at 10:55 AM

MJ

“ *Muriel J.Hines lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Muriel J.Hines** - August 11, 2020 at 10:40 AM

SS

“ *Sharon Stepens lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Sharon Stepens** - August 11, 2020 at 10:21 AM

RR

“ *Ruth Randolph lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Ruth Randolph** - August 11, 2020 at 08:36 AM

JS

“ *Jeffrey Savage lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Jeffrey Savage** - August 11, 2020 at 08:29 AM

EH

“ *Evangelist Gwen Hudson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**Evangelist Gwen Hudson** - August 11, 2020 at 05:52 AM

RC

“ *REV DORA COX lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Helen Harrell*



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**REV DORA COX** - August 10, 2020 at 11:26 PM

CS

“ *Congleton Funeral Home and Staff wishes to express our sincere condolence on the passing of your love one. We light this candle in their memory.*



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**Congleton Funeral Home and Staff** - August 10, 2020 at 08:04 PM

JE

*There is no one in the world like your Mother. She was a special women and she will be with you always. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, loves leaves a memory no one can steal !!!*

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**James Edmundson** - August 13, 2020 at 10:14 AM

RR

*Mrs Harrell was very special to me, She was my friend. . She always invited me or gave me a ticket to functions she was involved in. I will always remember our long phone conversations. She told me several times she was not afraid to die. I believe she is resting in peace.*

*Ruth Randolph August 15, 2020*

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**Ruth Randolph** - August 15, 2020 at 09:04 PM