



Ella Mae Harris

September 8, 1949 - June 30, 2022

Ella Mae Harris, 72, of Garland, Texas, died June 30, 2022, in Dallas, Texas. She was born on September 8, 1949, to Richard and Dorothy Harris in Caddo Mills, Texas. Ella moved to Garland as a young child and graduated from Garland High School.

Ella worked her entire career in the banking industry and was employed by Veritex Community Bank at the time of her death. She loved her work in loan operations and was surrounded there by a large group of friends and co-workers she considered her extended family.

Ella was an active member of Rodgers Baptist Church in Garland where she served for over 50 years in the children's ministry. She faithfully taught children's Sunday School and encouraged them all to answer when the Lord came knocking on their heart's door. She loved the Lord and was faithful to pray for her family, extended family, and her church kids. Ella was a kind soul and always put the needs of others first. She loved to acknowledge birthdays and special occasions with a card, a note of encouragement, and oftentimes a cake or something else sweet.

Ella is survived by sister Vera Nell McElhaney and her husband Robert, sister Mary Travers, brother-in-law Joe Hawkins, sister-in-law Gloria Harris, 11 nieces and nephews, many other great and great-great nieces and nephews, and her canine companion, Tango. Ella is also survived by many close friends she considered to be part of her family from the banking community and Rodgers Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sister Wanda Smiley and husband Max, brother Larry Harris and wife Jo Ann, brother Robert Harris, sister Nancy Hawkins, and brother-in-law David Travers.

Visitation will be Friday, July 8, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Restland Funeral Home, 13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Funeral services will be Saturday, July 9, 2022, at 10:00 am in the Memorial Chapel of Restland Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, Texas.

To join this service please click the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z3jOqVI7xD4>

Cemetery Details

Restland Cemetery

13005 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75243
<https://www.restlandfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Restland Funeral Home
13005 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX 75243
<https://www.restlandfuneralhome.com/>

Service @ Memorial Chapel

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

The Memorial Chapel at Restland Funeral Home
13005 Greenville Avenue
at Restland Road
Dallas, TX 75243

Tribute Wall



“ Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Ella Mae Harris



Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 06 at 05:03 PM

BD

♥ This is a great tribute to her.

Billy Davis - July 08 at 01:13 PM



“ Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Webcast in memory of Ella Mae Harris



Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 02 at 05:48 PM

JB

“ In life and in heaven Ms. Ella's light shines brightly. I was honored to have known her sweet spirit and loving heart if only for a short time. My prayers are with her family, we will all miss you but know your presence will live on in our hearts. Hugs and love Ms. Ella Mae

Julie Blanford - July 09 at 09:18 AM

WB

“ With loving memories; Cheryl Bensley purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ella Mae Harris.



With loving memories; Cheryl Bensley - July 08 at 12:12 PM

TL

“ Tina Lowe purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Ella Mae Harris.



Tina Lowe - July 07 at 10:19 AM

TL

“ Ella was a prayer warrior that helped me through a dark time. She will always be in my heart and thoughts. We love you and will miss you beyond words. So thankful God has released you from your pain, I know you are bathing in his grace now. Prayers to your family for their loss. God bless

Tina Lowe - July 07 at 10:17 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Ella Mae Harris.



July 06 at 02:36 PM

MW

“ I did not know Ella long, however, it was a joy to have coffee with her each morning. she was a Godly woman with a heart of gold. She had a love of people, family, and the Lord. I have missed our morning conversations and will miss her greatly. My heart aches for her family and loved ones but I know she is where is wants to be, with a life of no more pain, with her Lord and Savior. Ella is an angel that will be looking over all those she loved and cherished. FLY HIGH ELLA!!!!

Melissa Walker - July 06 at 08:39 AM

LC

“ *Ella became a dear friend when I went to work at Professional Bank in 2007. We knew many of the same people but had never met each other. I have to say she was one of the most precious people I've ever met. She was kind, thoughtful and also prayful. In those early days she would make a birthday cake or banana pudding and many times both to celebrate every birthday for those at Lakewood branch. We had many great life conversations in those early mornings at the bank. In the time that I knew her she would never leave the bank for lunch and I'll never forget the day she agreed to go across the street with me for lunch. I felt so honored. My heart breaks with her family today. RIP dear Ella Mae!*



Lynn Clodfelder - July 05 at 04:04 PM

TK

“ *My most heartfelt condolences for Ella's family. May you find comfort in knowing she is at peace and with her Lord.*

Tina Kirkland - July 05 at 03:08 PM

JN

“ *It was great helping with Ella at work and enjoying her company. She always believed me chasing my dream and see how hard I work. She remind me of my grandma always telling stories and telling me I am doing a great job even days when I am not. she got on me for running too fast getting the door for her and waiting on her. She will be missed and remind me to keep pushing forward even days I don't feel like it. I'm very blessed having worked with her and listening her stories.*

Jackie Nguyen - July 05 at 03:05 PM

LC

“ *I had the privilege of knowing and working with Ella for over 20 years. She was a strong Christian woman who shared her faith in all she said and did. She was so kind and worked very hard everyday. She always cared about those she worked with and took time to do for others, whether it was just asking about our family, or taking time to bake a delicious birthday cake, or being the wise one to whom we could go to for questions during our work day. She was always available, always working, always caring, and always loving the Lord. She will be missed very much, and I'm thankful to have been able to work with, learn from, and experience her beautiful spirit over the years.*
Lorrie Cantrell

Lorrie Cantrell - July 05 at 11:57 AM

AL

You have said this so beautifully, Lorrie - I share these same thoughts.

Amanda LeJeune - July 05 at 02:59 PM

JC

“ *Joe and Kim Cusimano purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ella Mae Harris.*



Joe and Kim Cusimano - July 03 at 03:06 PM