



## Harriett Posey Beam

July 12, 1941 - January 13, 2015

Harriett Posey Garrett Beam, died January 13, 2015, Loving mother, faithful wife, and trusted teacher/counselor/mentor, died peacefully surrounded by her family the way that she had expressed. With no fear and only knowledge of those she would soon see again.

After graduating from the University of Alabama she taught English and was a school counselor at Thompson High School, Siluria, Alabama. There she began laying the groundwork for a life to be remembered by all who knew her. Upon retirement she continued to live and inspire others in a life that had an impact that spanned from Alabaster, Alabama to Greenville, South Carolina. Her wishes were to be celebrated and the good times remembered at a time when most would mourn. Harriett was one that could only be described as someone who loved life and all of Gods many beautiful creations. She was the rainbow's rainbow, who's infectious smile and hugs that will always be remembered as a "warm and loving embrace, where the sincerity, warmth, and love" were without question.

Harriett is survived by her children Angel Garrett Harris (Eddie), Andy Garrett (Dona), grandchildren Adriane Harris Blackwood (Patrick), Andrew Harris (Amber), Austin Harris, Sy and Breanna Garrett, and great grandchild Ava Harris.

She is also survived by, her husband Joe Beam and his children, Suzanne Beam Erkens (Brian), Brian Beam (Bethany) and Jeffery Beam and grandchildren, Coleman, Dillon, Ben, Madaline, Haven, and Ezra.

Also surviving Harriett are her sisters Carolyn Posey and Donna Milliot (Fred), niece Katie Cochran Draper (Matt), nephew Adam Cochran (Jonita) and sisters-in-law Anne Crotzer (Bill) and Emily Sue Ariail

A gathering to celebrate her memories and to honor her life will be held Friday January 16, 2015 at 1:30 pm, at Mountain View United Methodist Church, 6525 Mountain View Road, Taylors, SC 29687. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Friday 12 pm to 1:15 pm at the church prior to the service.

For directions to Mountain View United Methodist Church you can go to [www.umcmbv.org](http://www.umcmbv.org).

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mountain View Methodist Church Cemetery

6525 Mountain View Road  
Taylors, SC 29687

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 16. 12:00 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Mountain View Methodist Church  
6525 Mountain View Road  
Taylors, SC

## Service

JAN 16. 1:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *What an inspiration you were, forever loved, forever remembered.....God Speed Ms Harriet Garrett Beam. You are so loved.*

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**Marsha Thompson** - January 15, 2015 at 08:31 PM

KA

“ *Met Harriet during my years teaching at Thompson High. Loved her and had a great friendship with her. She was quite a character and I have many good memories of her. Andy and Angel, along with her husband and the rest of her family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kathy Davis Austin** - January 14, 2015 at 07:31 PM

WN

“ *Harriett was my high school counselor and was a beacon of light for an unhappy kid.  
I will always cherish her smile and hugs!!*

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**wallace nesmith** - January 14, 2015 at 05:22 PM

GF

“ *Joe and family, We are so sorry to hear about your precious Harriett. Carolyn called me tonite and told me that she had passed away. Please know that you and your family will be in our prayers and thoughts. Love to all, Geraldine (Greene) and Ron Foreman.*

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**Geraldine Foreman** - January 14, 2015 at 04:49 PM

AD

“*Harriett and Lloyd and I were at Thompson the same years. We were in the class with Carolyn. We had some wonderful times. I know she will be missed by family and friends. You have our deepest sympathy.*  
*Lloyd and Anita Davenport.*”

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**Anita Davenport** - January 14, 2015 at 04:17 PM



“*Harriett and I taught at Thompson High School for many years. She was a dear friend, professional peer, and a beloved teacher. She will be missed by staff and students. I believe that her wonderful skills of relating to students and keeping them interested in English and literature made a big difference in many lives. It's hard to say good bye to someone so dear, but we must remember to celebrate her good life.*”

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**Tommie Harrison** - January 14, 2015 at 03:25 PM

MH

“*I'm very saddened at the news of Harriet's passing. My condolences, prayers and thoughts go out to Joe and the entire family. I was with Joe when he first met Harriet, he fell for her immediately and told me, "if we weren't traveling together he would not be going back to Greenville". As soon as he dropped me off at my home, Joe loaded his car and returned to Birmingham. Very shortly afterwards I was heading back to Birmingham for a wedding.*  
*Mel Holt*  
*Simpsonville, SC*”

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**mel Holt** - January 14, 2015 at 03:15 PM

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“ .HER SMILE WAS LIKE GRAVITY AND ARMS ALWAYS OPEN WITH A HUG.WE WERE BLESSED TO HAVE KNOWN HER,..ALL THOSE YEARS SHE WAS AT THOMPSON HIGH..WE LOVED HER ALSO .....HELEN HOLCOMBE & FAMILY. . . .

HELEN HOLCOMBE - January 14, 2015 at 02:48 PM

KF

*Mrs. Garrett as I knew her was a teacher like none other, she is the very reason I graduated from high school, she believed in me and told me I could do it when I didn't believe in myself, I will always be grateful for her compation towards me. A wonderful teacher and person.*

krista parker frank - January 14, 2015 at 04:36 PM

RD

*What a blessing it was to be in English class back in the days at Thompson High School with Mrs. Garrett, she will be dearly missed by all that she taught at Thompson, knowing her and her wonderful kids, it was an honor to have known her,*

Randy Durrett - January 14, 2015 at 08:38 PM

GS

*Joe,  
We just learned of Harriet's passing. We are so sorry. She was a lovely person.  
Randy and Gwyn Smith*

Gwyn Smith - January 18, 2015 at 07:11 PM

VF

*I knew Harriett as a counselor and liked and respected her. She showed courage in taking her practice to her home in Alabaster and I referred a dear friend to her for counseling. It was a good match and I heard that their work together helped my friend very much. Sincere condolences to her family. Rest in peace, Harriett. Vicki Farley*

Vicki Farley - January 27, 2015 at 11:51 PM