



## Maria Harrell Obituary

April 18, 1915 - October 9, 2010

Maria Lillas Harrell, 92, of Asheville and formerly of Albany, GA, died Saturday, October 9, 2010, at the Wood Assisted Living Center at Givens Estate in Asheville, NC. Miss Harrell was born in Butler, GA (4/18/1918) and was the daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Luther Alonzo Harrell and Mary Quillian Harrell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brothers Rev. Dr. William A. Harrell and Luther A. Harrell, Jr. and her sister Margaret Harrell Miller. As the daughter of a minister Maria's family moved often and she grew in communities of Georgia. She graduated as part of the 100th class of Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga. with her bachelor's degree. Maria went on to receive her master's Degree in education from Appalachian University, Boone, NC. Maria taught in public schools in Alabama for one year, returning to Georgia to support her mother after the death of her brother Luther. She taught in public schools in Albany, GA, teaching history and geography at Albany Junior High. Maria lived with her parents and took early retirement to care for her parents during their later years. Maria was a member of First United Methodist of Albany, GA. Left to cherish her memory are her nieces and nephews, Mary E. Harrell of St. Simon, GA; Ralph H. Miller and wife Gail, of Charlotte, NC; William "Bill" Harrell and wife Karen of Allenhurst, GA; Marie M. Lowdermilk and husband Gene of Morganton, NC; Sarah M. Nuttall and husband Doug of Candler, NC; Kathryn M. McIntyre and husband Loring of Swannanoa, NC; great nieces and nephews Emily L. Keathley and husband Kenny of Morganton, NC; Ellen Nuttall of Charlotte, NC; Ben Nuttall of

Chandler; Megan Schronce and husband Jason of Durham, NC; Rachel  
McItyre of Raleigh, NC; great -great nieces and nephew, Ella Grace and Nora  
Kate and Marshall Knox Keathely of Morganton, NC

# Tribute Wall



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“ *My teacher, neighbor, and friend, Miss Harrell was warm and funny in real life. At school she was all business. I cannot credit her with my interest in history, but she certainly made me learn how to study it! She was dedicated to the community, recycling, Methodist Church and other projects. I miss one of my favorite proofreaders for our Under Our Canopy, the neighborhood newsletter. This summer when I called her she had not been up to par, but was upbeat. Her nieces and nephews were marvelous to her and to them I offer my sincere sympathy.*

**Elizabeth Champion** - October 24, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *I remember Miss Harrell as a kind, but firm teacher who brooked no nonsense. She saw teaching as a true calling. Although I did not know about her later life, it appears she continued to support and care for the family of which she was so proud. My husband, who did not know her but heard my stories over the years, joins in sending our deepest sympathies. Linda (Edwards) and Robert Wells*

**Robert and Linda Wells** - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Miss Harrell was a little woman with huge teaching abilities. I was one of her Albany Jr High students. The school system needs more Miss Harrells.

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**Carol** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Miss Harrell was my teacher at AJHS in the early 60's. She was "a little lady with a big heart"--always kind and always smiling! My thoughts and prayers are with you, her family!

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**Janice Butler Tanner** - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM