



Madonna Harris

September 7, 1965 - January 9, 2025

Madonna Lena Harris, 59, of Cartersville, Georgia, formerly of Fort Payne, passed away Thursday, January 9, 2025. She was a graduate of Jacksonville State University. For 35 years, she taught first and second grade at Emerson Elementary. She loved to teach children to read and a former principal once said "I believe she could teach a rock to read!"

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Wilson Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Davis and Rev. Brian Harris officiating. Burial will follow in Glenwood Cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday from 12 noon until the 2 p.m. hour of service.

She is survived by her parents James Leon and Sue Harris; brother James Leon Harris, Jr. and wife Sharon; nieces and nephews Morgan Benson and husband Sam, Hannah Harris, Dalton Harris, and Jill Harris; great-nieces Avery, Marlee, and Penny Benson; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 13. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home
3801 Gault Ave. N
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Funeral Service

JAN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am just now finding out about this. Madonna and I went to high school and college together. She was always dedicated to excellence in her work and academics. She was a good friend to me and gave me great ideas and lots of support on our ride to JSU. I will be praying for you and your family.

Sharon O Miller - February 01, 2025 at 09:11 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Madonna Harris.



January 13, 2025 at 09:16 AM

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“ T. Akles, S. Maney, and S. Higgins purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Madonna Harris.



T. Akles, S. Maney, and S. Higgins - January 12, 2025 at 03:16 PM

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“ T. Akles, S. Maney, and S. Higgins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Madonna Harris.

T. Akles, S. Maney, and S. Higgins - January 12, 2025 at 03:16 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Madonna Harris.*



January 12, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Madonna Harris.*



January 11, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Madonna Harris.*

January 11, 2025 at 02:01 PM



“ *Mizell family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Madonna Harris.*



Mizell family - January 11, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Madonna Harris.



January 11, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Madonna Harris.

January 11, 2025 at 10:53 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Madonna Harris.



January 10, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Madonna Harris.

January 10, 2025 at 08:01 PM

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“ *Madonna was one of a kind. I observed her in the classroom one day as part of an endorsement I was working on. She was a real pro. When a kid was slacking off she turned to me and gave me that hilarious deadpan look that only she could give. It was classic. Emerson lost one of the very best. I'm glad she's at peace.*

ALICIA A MECUM - January 10, 2025 at 07:39 PM

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Madonna stood out significantly in her ability to inspire a love of reading in her students using creative and personalized methods, deeply understanding individual needs, and fostering a positive learning environment where every student feels supported and capable of achieving success in reading, regardless of their starting level; essentially, she went above and beyond to make reading engaging and accessible for all learners.

Ketrina Jordan - January 10, 2025 at 08:14 PM

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“ *I worked side by side with Madonna for my first 6 yrs of teaching at Emerson (1995-2001)!!! She was simply a fabulous teacher, and a great mentor. We lost touch when I moved away but I have many fond memories of our days working in the basement!! My condolences to all family and friends. Love, Cassie Dionne Meyers*



Cassie Dionne Meyers - January 10, 2025 at 07:39 PM

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“*Madonna was a good friend, a great former coworker, and a fantastic teacher! I attribute my daughter learning to read to Madonna. She tutored her in the afternoons outside at a picnic table until she learned. She could connect with kids in a way that other teachers simply could not. I will always treasure those memories of watching them out the window as they read, drew pictures, and played. Ava loves her and so do I. I will greatly miss our payday steak dinners that a small group of us friends had through the years. She was a blessing to so many people and she changed so many lives. I'm honored to call her my friend.*

Keri Mullinax Greene - January 10, 2025 at 06:51 PM