



## Elladean Miles Harrell

February 7, 1935 - February 23, 2016

Elladean Miles Harrell passed away at Forrest General Hospital Inpatient Hospice, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on Tuesday, February 23/2016. She was born to George W. and Mamie Miles on February 7, 1935 in Laurel, Mississippi. She married Billy W. Harrell on August 24, 1954. They were married for 62 years and lovingly raised 3 children.

Visitation will be held Sunday, February 28, 2016, from 3 until 6 p.m. at Iglesia El Faro Church, 544 E. 1st Street, Laurel. Funeral services will be at Mt. Vernon Methodist Church, 839 Hwy 15 S, Laurel on Monday at 3 p.m. with visitation beginning at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Rev. Davy Fenton, Rev. Jimmy Holder, and Rev. Rafael Anderson will officiate.

Mrs. Harrell and her husband served with World Gospel Mission as missionaries in Honduras, Central America for 24 years. Mrs. Harrell ministered in various capacities including Bible Institute treasurer, assisted with the orchid/violet flower project, and served as mission hostess. She also established a camping and youth/children's ministry for the children of missionaries in Honduras, directed a radio program, and was field mission treasurer. She helped plan and direct the itineraries of visiting medical/dental teams. She was a major promoter of getting a new ministry started on the island of Roatan. Upon return to the United States, she spent 15 years as World Gospel Mission's South Central Regional Director, scheduling speaking

engagements for missionaries on deputation across the southeastern United States. In all, she served 40 years with World Gospel Mission.

Mrs. Harrell loved to cook for her family and friends and always cooked "extra." Gifted with a beautiful voice, she frequently sang in churches in Honduras and throughout their ministry. She dearly loved her family and was proud of all their accomplishments.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and siblings, Alice Walters, Lee Miles, Katie Pippin, George B. Miles, and Viola Miles De Groot.

Survivors include her husband, Rev. Billy Harrell of Laurel; son, Dan Harrell (Jennie) of Demorest, GA; two daughters, Wanda Harrell Cooksey (Jim) of Ellisville and Brenda Harrell of Laurel; five grandchildren; ten great grandchildren, and one sister, Frema Hodge Bates of Ellisville.

Pallbearers will be Chris Harrell, Ben Harrell, Mark Harrell, Terry Miles, Richard Thompson, and Jerry Hodge. Honorary pallbearers will be Manuel Cobaxin, Maredo Cobaxin, Juan Hernandez, Nicolas Tolentino, Carlos Gutierrez, Joel Hernandez, David Hodge, Mike Hodge, Jimmy Hodge, Lee Walters and Greg Miles.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Iglesia El Faro Playground, 544 East 1st Street, Laurel, MS 39440.

To sign the online guest book, visit [www.memorychapellaurel.com](http://www.memorychapellaurel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Vernon Church Cemetery

839 Hwy 15 South  
Laurel, MS 39443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **28**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Iglesia El Faro Church  
544 East 1st Street  
Laurel, MS 39440

## Visitation

FEB **29**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Vernon Church  
839 Hwy 15 South  
Laurel, MS 39443

## Service

FEB **29**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Mt. Vernon Church  
839 Hwy 15 South  
Laurel, MS 39443



# Tribute Wall

KR

“ *God Bless you Aunt Elladean! Give my great grandmother/your sister, a hug and a kiss for me in heaven.* ”

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**Kassie Pearson Reid** - February 29, 2016 at 02:47 PM

LM

“ Who could possibly want a better Aunt than Aunt Elladean.

*All of my Dad's (Lee Miles) Brother and Sisters and their respective families as well as his Mother and Father have held a very special place in my heart from my earliest memories as a child. Even though we did not live near Laurel, we would always be excited to visit at Christmas time and during summer vacation while growing up. The time with all the families (cousins and church family) was cherished and will always be with me. Family prayers/singing and fantastic dinners were like being in heaven. The fun we all had together was unbelievable.*


*When my immediate family moved to Westminster College from Greenville, SC in 1958 we stayed with Aunt Elladean and Uncle Billy and children at their house in Tehuacana, TX for several weeks (months?) until the house that we were going to rent in Mexia became available. Our family was treated to 5-Star hospitality (food and fellowship) during that period and I learned how wonderful a Christian family could live and practice their faith with guests such as we were. I still remember Aunt Elladean's beautiful singing of the Gospel song "The love of God is greater far, than tongue or pen can ever tell". Aunt Elladean and Uncle Billy treated us with a loving spirit and kindness that I will never forget. She always had a smile and gave cheerful encouragement to all. She and Uncle Billy have been the same ever since that time. Her loss is very great to all of us who loved her; however, she is now Heaven's gain.*

*These and other wonderful memories will be with me forever and I thank the Lord that he has given us such a Godly family in order to celebrate our mutual Love for Christ and for one another.*

*Larry Miles  
Garland, TX*

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**Larry Miles** - February 28, 2016 at 06:49 PM

 Donna  
Morgan

“ I will never forgot the lessons she taught me when I stayed in Honduras for a few months...she will always be my special friend and mother figure in my heart...God bless you all during this time of grief...wish I could be there will be praying..

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**Donna Morgan** - February 28, 2016 at 07:35 AM

EV

“ I cherish the memories at WCBI and of going to visit churches together with Bro. Billy, with Elladean and family, and with others. We sang duets together. One year she was our ladies PE teacher. She was always a delightful person to be around. She exemplified Grace and love in her life. She was a great sweet Christian lady.

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**Evelyn Lawson Meeks Verner** - February 28, 2016 at 06:25 AM

BH

“ Billy horton purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Elladean Miles Harrell.



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**Billy horton** - February 27, 2016 at 10:43 PM

BB

“ She was a beautiful lady, inside and out. I cherish our friendship and will miss her emails of encouragement. I am thankful to have called her my friend for 40 years. Love to Bro. Billy, Wanda, Dan & Brenda and their families.

*Brenda Lulu Birdwell  
Marthaville, LA*

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**Brenda Lulu Birdwell** - February 26, 2016 at 05:02 PM

MJ

“ ELLADEAN WAS MY "OTHER SISTER" AS WE GREW UP AT GLADE SCHOOL AND MT VERNON CONG. METH. CHURCH. WHEN MY DAD WAS PASTOR. WE SANG TOGETHER AND GIGGLED A LOT IN CHURCH, BUT ALWAYS TOOK UP FOR EACH OTHER WHEN WE WERE ABOUT TO GET REPRIMANDED. WE WERE TOGETHER SEVEN DAYS A WEEK AND A LOT OF THOSE NIGHTS AT HER PARENTS' HOUSE. I CONSIDERED MYSELF ONE OF THE FAMILY AND CALLED HER DAD, PAPA MILES AND HER MOTHER MAMA MILES. HER SIBLINGS WERE ALL WONDERFUL AND WHEN THERE WAS A FAMILY GATHERING, I WAS INVITED AND ATTENDED. I WAS A BRIDESMAID IN HER WEDDING. AFTER THAT SHE WENT ON TO A BIBLE SCHOOL, WHERE SE MET HER WONDERFUL HUSBAND. SPACE AND TIME KEPT US SEPARATED AND WE SELDOM GOT TO SEE EACH OTHER OVER THE YEARS. STILL, I STAYED IN TOUCH WITH HER AND HER BIOLOGICAL FAMILY, BUT FAILED TO KNOW HER CHILDREN BORN TO HER AND BILLY. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY ARE WONDERFUL, ALSO. SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED IN MANY AREAS OF COMMUNITIES, CHURCHES, MISSIONS AND LOYALTY IN WHICH SHE SO ABLY SERVED. HER SWEET DISPOSITION, SMILE, AND FRIENDSHIP WILL FILL MY MEMORY AS LONG AS I STAY ON EARTH, THEN I LOOK FORWARD TO BE REUNITED WITH HER AND MANY OTHERS IN OUR HEAVENLY HOME. I LOVE YOU, DEAR LADY, AND I KNOW YOU WILL BE ONE OF GOD'S SPECIAL ANGELS. DEEP FELT SYMPATHY. LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE SENT TO HER FAMILY  
MARY HELEN WILLIAMSON JORDAN, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242

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MARY JORDAN - February 26, 2016 at 03:15 PM

BS

“ *Elladean sang at our wedding. What a beautiful voice and a beautiful person. Although we were seldom together due to distance, I will miss this dear sister-in-law.*

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**Betty Harrell Stanley** - February 26, 2016 at 10:54 AM

PB

“ *Another saint is home. She allowed my friend and me to pledge a missionary "share" (\$5/month) for a year. I was 13. I always enjoyed ping pong matches with her. Loved her heart, spunk and dimples. One of my heroes! I will miss her FB posts. ❤️ ~ Pam Boston*

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**pam boston** - February 26, 2016 at 10:51 AM

GP

*Such a sweet lady and meant so much to so many. She will truly be missed. Prayers to all the family.  
Gracie Puckett*

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**gracie puckett** - February 26, 2016 at 07:49 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elladean Miles Harrell.*



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February 26, 2016 at 09:48 AM



“ Always a sweet, gentle lady who gave the best hugs! I love you, Aunt Elladean.



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**Melissa Flynt Pittman** - February 26, 2016 at 09:36 AM

PS

“ I remember Elladean from her time as World Gospel Missions's South Central Regional Director. I work at WGM's headquarters in Marion, Indiana and was blessed to be acquainted with such a kind and lovely lady.

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**Pat Sebree** - February 26, 2016 at 08:59 AM

MP

“ Mrs.Harrell was a good friend of the Pounds as fellow missionary in WGM ...always dressed beautiful and was a classy Godly leader.

Mike Pounds

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[www.restore1.org](http://www.restore1.org)

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**Michael Pounds** - February 26, 2016 at 08:57 AM

NC

“ Although I haven't seen Elladean in several years, we kept in touch on FB. I will never forget her loving personality, her love for her Heavenly Father, her family, and anyone with whom she came in contact. She served well. And her beautiful singing voice is forever in my memory. Blessings to the Harrell family.

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**Noritta Carter** - February 26, 2016 at 08:35 AM

DC

“ Winnie and I thank God for the life and ministry of Elladean. She and Billy have always been our heroes because of their love for God and love for people. Our prayers are with Billy and all the family.

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**Douglas Carter** - February 26, 2016 at 08:22 AM

MC

“ You will be missed...

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**Mike Cyplik** - February 25, 2016 at 02:48 PM