



## Mary Priscilla Harrison

September 29, 1906 - June 24, 2008

Mary Priscilla Harrison passed from this life on June 24th, 2008, in Lindsay, Oklahoma at the age of 101. She was born on September 29, 1906, in Lindsay, Oklahoma to P.R. Williamson and Minnie Lee "Charles" Williamson. She married Josiah James Harrison on July 24, 1962, in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Mary graduated from Oklahoma University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration after which she taught school in Ponca City where she also was head of the Camp Fire Girls. She then lived for one year in California working as an extra in movies. After returning to Lindsay, Oklahoma, she worked for Broomcorn Grain and Supply. She then worked in oil field and law offices in Tulsa for several years. Mary's parents were pioneers in the Lindsay Community and had built a retail clothing store business, P.R. Williamson's. When her parents passed away, Mary and her sister, Emma Zoe, became the sole heirs to their parent's store, and they decided to stay in business in Lindsay and support the community as their parents had done. When her sister passed away in 1975, Mary and James became partners in business as well as in life.

Mary was a supporter of school programs such as the Distributive Education program and the Cooperative Office Education program. She supported the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, many community projects and school programs. Mary was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lindsay.

Along with her husband James, Mary funded the Emma Zoe Williamson Scholarship Trust in 1976 in honor of her sister. Mary was a lifetime member of The Lindsay Historical Society, The Lindsay Civic Arts Association, and many years ago, she helped to organize the Business and Professional Women's Club in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents, Philetus Robards and Minnie Lee Williamson, one brother, Tom P. Williamson, one sister, Emma Zoe Williamson, and sisters-in-law, Marquerite "Sissy" Thompson and Betty Ann Harrison.

Mary is survived by her husband, James Harrison, one step-son, Tim Harrison of Marina Del Rey, California; one brother-in-law, C.W. "Bill" Harrison and wife Claudean of Lindsay, OK; six nephews, C.W. "Russ" Harrison and wife Natalie Shirley of Oklahoma City, Robert Harrison and wife Pam of Lindsay, OK, David Harrison and wife Jan of Lindsay, OK, John Harrison and wife Stephanie of Lindsay, OK, John Hurley of Oklahoma City, and Tom Hurley of Kalsu, Iraq and wife April of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and many other friends and family members.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Harrison are set for Thursday, June 26th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell, Oklahoma. Condolences for the family may be made at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

DP

“ James & Family,  
  
You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I have the fondest memories of coming in the store and visiting with Mary, James and everyone there. Mary always had such a pleasant attitude. I had the honor of receiving the Emma Zoe Williamson scholarship in 1991 and I am forever grateful. I am honored to have known such a special lady.

Don Payne - July 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Like Ross, I remember James as a Sunday School Teacher. Mary was always so supportive of young people in Lindsay. It was always so special to go in Williamson's because they had such wonderful things in there! Mary was always there it seemed to help even a young person such as I was at the time. Blessings on you, James.

Neosha Watterman Mackey - July 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ Another Lindsay icon is gone. Mary and her family's store were such a part of downtown for so long. My sympathy to all.

Louanne (Ward) Trueblood - July 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ It was with joy and a pleasure to have cared for Miss Mary. She responded sometimes with a gesture or a blink. She always seemed to know whenever I was there with her. may God bless you, Mr. James and all the family during this sad time.

Claire McCann - June 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ James... you and Mary were so wonderful to my mother and me. I worked for you in the early 70's. I still can gift-wrap perfectly and I don't drive thru Dallas without remembering our buying trips!!! Bless your heart. Also hello and my best to Bill's boys. My mom adored Betty Ann. What a treasure you and Mary have been to Lindsay!

Gayle Noe - June 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ James, You are in my prayers and my hopes are that God will ease your pain through this time of grief. I well remember the times in Sunday School. You were my first teacher when we moved to Lindsay in 1961. Thanks for your guidance.<br><br>Ross Murphy

Ross Murphy - June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ James....Mary lived a full and wonderful life..Dad always commented about how it was such a pleasure to work for you two, and any time we needed anything from the store, the buying experience was always a pleasant one with Mary there to brighten the moment. It's people like you and Mary that helped shape Lindsay into the kind of town it is today. May God bless and keep you during this difficult hour.<br><br>Glen Fox

Glen Fox - June 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ James your in our prayers and thoughts. Mary was a wonderful woman and I am thankful to have known her. You were both were so kind to me and my kids. God keep!

Jana Adams Parks - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *James & Family - Mary was a significant influence on my life. I treasure my memories of The Store and the time I was privileged to spend with the two of you.*  
*Regards & Love,*  
*HANK-*

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**Hank Ryan** - June 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM