



Laura Lucille Fausett Harris

April 23, 1928 - July 11, 2025

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Kankakee, Illinois — Laura Lucille Fausett Harris, aged 97, died July 11, 2025 in her Kankakee home, where she resided since 1962.

Laura was born the second child, April 23, 1928, at the Fausett homestead farm near Sidell, Illinois, to Floyd Vernon and Belva Blossom [Vaughn] Fausett.

Laura married Donald Joseph Harris, of Effingham, Illinois, on March 10, 1951, at the Sidell

Baptist Church, before Donald reported to active duty in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Donald preceded Laura in his death on March 01, 2013. They were married for nearly sixty-two years.

Laura was a graduate of Eastern Illinois University, with a bachelor's degree in music

education. She taught band and choir at Bismarck High School, Illinois, and orchestra and

choir in west Kankakee. She musically performed for various functions on the piano, violin, and on her marimba. Laura also started, and taught the kindergarten program at Immanuel Baptist Church in Kankakee.

Laura Harris was of a protestant Christian faith. She was a sixty-seven year member of

Governor Bradford Chapter of DAR, in Danville, Illinois, and a former member

of Delta Kappa Gamma. Laura was a lover of fashion, a collector of ornamental knick-knacks, who loved to shop twenty-four-seven, as she was “Keeping Up Appearances.”

Surviving is her only child, Steven Joseph [Laura Byarley] Harris. Also surviving is niece Libby McIntyre [Steve] Happ of Camargo, Illinois, nephew Malcolm McIntyre of Newman, Illinois, niece Linda Randolph Ferguson of Kagawong, Ontario, Canada, nephew Robert [Judi] Randolph Jr. of Winter Haven, Florida, and various great nieces and nephews.

Along with her husband, Laura Harris was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Frances Fausett McIntyre, brother-in-law James McIntyre of Newman, Illinois, nephew-in-law James Ferguson of Kagawong, Ontario, Canada, and nephew Malcolm McIntyre’s two children, Brad and Rebecca McIntyre of Newman, Illinois.

Cremation rites have been accorded by Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Kankakee, Illinois.

There will be no service. A private inurnment will be at Fairview Cemetery, Sidell, Illinois.

“Go rest high on that mountain, girl your work on earth is done. Wish I could see the angels

faces, when they hear your sweet voice sing.” —Vince Gill.

Praise be for the compassionate care from the doctors and nurses of Ascension St. Mary’s

Hospital, Ascension at Home, and Uplifted Care hospice, all of Kankakee, Illinois, during Laura Harris’s last few weeks.

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Harris was a beautiful soul and I thank God I got to spend time with her for a few years in my youth. She was patient, encouraging, empathetic and I always felt connected to her through our mutual love for music. Not sure if it's common practice but she would put thin slices of tape on our violins so we would have "frets" and get used to the pitch and location on the board and looking back it was very smart of her. I loved being in the orchestra room w/ Mrs. Harris it was a nice refuge from the general population. Ty for everything Mrs. Harris I am still playing music.... and Steve sorry for your loss if you're reading.

Shawn McGovern - August 27, 2025 at 04:10 PM

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“ I remember how much Laura loved all kinds of music.....Gery and I went to some concerts with Laura and Don....also used to go out to eat right after church with them.....condolences and blessings.....am sure she is enjoying all the heavenly music!
Marcia Dubbert

Marcia Dubbert - August 02, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ Mrs. Harris was one of my favorite teachers. I had her for chorus at Kennedy many, many years ago. So kind, thoughtful and full of grace. Steve and I knew each other from high school. I am so sorry for your loss, may she rest in peace and love. ***Kris Satterwhite Stasicky***

Kris Satterwhite Stasicky - July 19, 2025 at 10:40 AM

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“ *She was my Kindergarten music teacher. She was a kind woman & very talented. Steve, I don't know if you'd remember me, but I am sorry for your loss.*



Julie Enright - July 18, 2025 at 02:08 PM