



## Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris

July 12, 1948 - April 15, 2022

Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris passed away Friday, April 15, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Funeral services will be held, 12:00 p.m. , Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. Private viewing. Burial in Homestead Memorial Gardens.

Services will be Livestream on W. E. Flanagan Memorial Funeral Home and Cremations Facebook page.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris, affectionately known as “Sweet Polly” was born on July 12, 1948 to the late Larry James Pierce and Hazel Mitchell Pierce in Greenville, NC.

Gwen attended Greenville City Schools, graduating from C. M. Eppes High School in 1966. She furthered her education at North Carolina Central University (NCCU); Pitt Community College (PCC) and East Carolina University (ECU).

Gwendolyn retired from ECU where she was an administrative secretary. She became owner of Harris Beauty Salon and worked as a full-time licensed cosmetologist following her retirement.

She was an active member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church where she served faithfully as an usher, Sunday School attendee; member of the finance committee and count team. Gwen was also an enthusiastic, loyal member of the Southside Senior Club, Senior Bowling League and the Eppes

Heritage Alumni Association.

Gwen enjoyed socializing, traveling (especially cruising), baking, gardening, scoping out area yard sales, fishing and playing cards with her classmates. A 'master craftsman', she loved exercising her creative capabilities through upholstering, refinishing furniture and sewing, to name a few.

She was willing to help others in their time of crisis, responding without hesitation. Her love of family was tremendous and she relished time spent with her grandsons.

Gwendolyn is survived by her devoted husband of 52 years, Carl Edward Harris of the home; one son Rodney Brice Harris and daughter-in-law Kristina Snuggs Harris (Greenville, NC); grandsons Courtland Brice Harris (Greenville, NC) and Sgt. Cameron Brice Harris (Fort Campbell, Kentucky); sisters, Theresa Blount (Willie); Ernestine Morris, Sandra Pierce, Marian Langley, all of Greenville, NC and Rhonda Brown (Michael) Winterville, NC; brothers Larry James Pierce, Wake Forest, NC and William Pierce (Shirley), Raleigh, NC; sister-in-law, Phyllis Hyman (James); cousins, Cynthia Williams, Greenville, NC and Alma Caine (Audley) Guilford, CT; godchildren, Grecia Edwards (Hyattsville, MD) and Brenton Edwards (Charlotte, NC); seven nieces, five nephews, other relatives and friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Homestead Memorial Gardens

4251 E. 10th St. Extension  
Greenville, NC

# Previous Events

## Funeral Services

APR **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church  
1095 Allen Rd.  
Greenville , NC 27834

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Catherine Shields-Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



**Catherine Shields-Moore** - May 15, 2022 at 12:59 AM

JM

“ *To Harris and Pierce families, we are so, so sorry to hear about Mrs. Gwen. Continuous prayers to you all! The McClaud Family!*



**Jacquelyn McClaud** - April 21, 2022 at 11:51 PM

CC

“ *Carlton Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



**Carlton Clemons** - April 21, 2022 at 03:32 PM

JB

“ *Jesse And Ezzie Brewington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



**jesse and ezzie brewington** - April 20, 2022 at 04:54 PM

AP

“ *Annette Barnes Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Annette Barnes Parker** - April 20, 2022 at 03:28 PM

RW

“ *Ramona W. Williams lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Ramona W. Williams** - April 20, 2022 at 03:25 PM

RJ

“ *To the Harris and Pierce Family,  
My heart was saddened upon reading of the passing of Gwen. I remember Gwen from my days at East Carolina. Gwen was the administrative secretary for the Community Health Department but she was so much more. She was provided support and encouragement for the students who pass through that department. At Cornerstone she was always a rock. My love, prayers and thoughts are with you.*



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**Rev. Rhonda Jordan** - April 20, 2022 at 01:20 PM

DT

“ Douglas And Dee Tyson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Douglas and Dee Tyson - April 20, 2022 at 01:01 PM

PM

“ Portia Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Portia Mitchell - April 20, 2022 at 12:11 PM

LA

“ Lorraine Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Lorraine Anderson - April 20, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ Timothy Jessie lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Timothy Jessie - April 20, 2022 at 11:55 AM

RV

“ Sorry for your loss. I have known Gwen for many years. We knew each other from Cornerstone Baptist Church. Family remember that God is in control. Roxie Vines, Toledo, Ohio

Roxie Jean Vines - April 20, 2022 at 10:55 AM

SW

“ Shirley Winborne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Shirley Winborne - April 20, 2022 at 08:09 AM

TL

“ Keyford and Toni Langley



Toni Langley - April 20, 2022 at 07:19 AM

MG

“ Mary Garcia lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Mary Garcia - April 20, 2022 at 07:11 AM

JF

“ Johnny And LaVette Ford lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Johnny and LaVette Ford - April 20, 2022 at 07:01 AM

JJ

“ Joyce Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Joyce Jones - April 20, 2022 at 05:29 AM

SC

“ From the Harrell Family, our deepest condolences to the Harris and Pierce family on your loss and pray for strength and comfort during this time.



Sandra Harrell Cook - April 20, 2022 at 05:14 AM

GC

“ I would like to extend my most heartfelt condolences to the Harris and Pierce Family as you celebrate the home-going of Gwen. I pray that God will provide you all the comfort, peace, strength and love needed to get through this very difficult time and beyond. I have very fond memories of Gwen & the special times that she shared with my family & me. I pray that you all will be able to keep loving memories in your hearts of special times that you all shared with Gwen throughout her lifetime. I have your family in my heart and prayers. May God bless you all.

Gertha Crumpler - April 20, 2022 at 03:59 AM

RP

“ Prayers of comfort for the Pierce/Harris family.

Raymonda Peele - April 19, 2022 at 10:35 PM

AF

“ My deepest sympathy to the Harris / Pierce family.



Alston 's Family - April 19, 2022 at 09:32 PM

MC

“ Wishing the family peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold dear in your hearts.



Mattie Ann Carr - April 19, 2022 at 07:49 PM

CH

“ *Praying for everyone!*”



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**Charetta** - April 19, 2022 at 07:26 PM

SR

“ *Heartfelt condolences and prayers to the Harris Family.*”

*Barbara Bryant  
Sherree Waller Rogers and Family*



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**Sherree Rogers** - April 19, 2022 at 06:50 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris.*”



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April 19, 2022 at 12:55 PM

TP

“ *Teresa Gwen Price lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*”



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**Teresa Gwen Price** - April 19, 2022 at 10:35 AM

TP

“ With deepest sympathy to the entire Harris/Smith family. Continue to seek him as the Author and Finisher of your faith



Teresa /Gwen Price - April 19, 2022 at 10:34 AM

GE

“ My sincere condolences to the family that God gives each of you the strength you need to get through this very difficult time prayers of comfort on tomorrow as you lay beloved wife , sister,aunt, to rest

Gwendolyn Jean Ebron - April 19, 2022 at 09:51 AM



“ I reflect on our beloved Gwen, her impeccable style, quick wit and love of life and cherish the love and laughter shared over the years. I pray our loving God comfort these dear families and keep her close in our hearts forever.

Jill Hammond - April 19, 2022 at 09:19 AM

TF

“ To the Harris/Pierce Family you all are in our prayers 🙏 during this difficult time of transition...We thank God for Mrs. Gwen and the years we knew her to be a very nice person she will be missed. RIH Mrs.Gwen!!!!



The Coston Family - April 19, 2022 at 07:48 AM

PH

“ *My prayers and sincere condolences to the family.*



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**Patricia Henry** - April 19, 2022 at 03:37 AM

TN

*My condolences to the family*

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**Tilda Newsome** - April 19, 2022 at 09:31 AM

PH

“ *Prayers for the family.*



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**Patricia Henry** - April 19, 2022 at 03:34 AM

PB

“ *Paul And Zeola Brady lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Paul and Zeola Brady** - April 18, 2022 at 11:36 PM

AR

*My condolences and prayers for Carl and the family.*

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**Albert Rodgers** - April 19, 2022 at 09:12 AM

MG

*My sincere condolences to the Harris and Pierce family Gwen will be missed by all who knew and loved her God called her home and she answered miss Hazel and mr Pope Pierce is welcoming her in thank you God for the time you allowed Carl to have with Gwen RIP my friend take your bowl job well done Mary Lucy*

**Mary L Garcia** - April 19, 2022 at 02:17 PM

JJ

“ James Harper Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



**James Harper Jr** - April 18, 2022 at 11:16 PM

JJ

“ James Harper Jr lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



**James Harper Jr** - April 18, 2022 at 11:14 PM

DM

“ Denise Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



**Denise Moore** - April 18, 2022 at 10:11 PM

EF

“ *Edna Adams Fulton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Edna Adams Fulton** - April 18, 2022 at 09:42 PM

DF

“ *Dr. Edna Adams Fulton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Dr. Edna Adams Fulton** - April 18, 2022 at 09:41 PM

CB

“ *Connie Daniels- Brown lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Connie Daniels- Brown** - April 18, 2022 at 08:00 PM

T.

“ *T.K.CLAIBORNE lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**T.K.CLAIBORNE** - April 18, 2022 at 07:07 PM

T.

*What a beautiful picture! Gwen, the last thing you said to me was, "Terry, I want to walk again." Well, My Classmate and Friend, I imagine you are doing just that, walking around Heaven all day. You are no longer bound. You are now free.*

*Peace Always.*

*Love,*

*Terry Kimber Claiborne,*

*C.M.EPPES, 1966*

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**T.K.CLAIBORNE** - April 18, 2022 at 07:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris.*



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April 18, 2022 at 05:17 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Boger lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Kathy Boger** - April 18, 2022 at 04:52 PM

TJ

“ *Timothy And Sheila Jones lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Timothy and Sheila Jones** - April 18, 2022 at 04:22 PM

MB

“ *Mary Peterson Barrett lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Mary Peterson Barrett** - April 18, 2022 at 02:26 PM

JK

“ *I've known Gwen for quite some time. Family, my heart goes out to all of you. I will remember Gwen fondly and her sense of humor. Our God will be with you at this trying time. My prayers will be with you both now and in the days to come. Trust in the Lord through it all.*

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**Joyce A. King** - April 18, 2022 at 02:08 PM

MM

“ *Michele Moore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Michele Moore** - April 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM

BN

“ *Betty E Nurse lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



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**Betty E Nurse** - April 18, 2022 at 10:55 AM

JA

“ James And Juanita Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



James and Juanita Anderson - April 18, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris.



April 18, 2022 at 07:27 AM

GD

“ Gwen was a good friend. We both made each other laugh & enjoyed each other's company. I'm glad I had the opportunity to know her. I will truly miss her. Gayle Day

Gayle Day - April 18, 2022 at 03:20 AM

LS

“ L. Sparkman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



L. Sparkman - April 17, 2022 at 10:07 PM

LS

Condolences to the Family.

L. Sparkman - April 17, 2022 at 10:09 PM

GH

“ *Gayle Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



Gayle Hardy - April 17, 2022 at 10:03 PM

SP

“ *Gone too soon.*



Sarah Pritchard - April 17, 2022 at 10:01 PM

KG

“ *Kevin & Pamela Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



Kevin & Pamela Gibson - April 17, 2022 at 08:12 PM

DF

“ *David And Alpharadia Foreman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



David and Alpharadia Foreman - April 17, 2022 at 07:58 PM

LB

“ *Linda Cherry Baker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



Linda Cherry Baker - April 17, 2022 at 05:37 PM

SE

“ *Sondra Early sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



Sondra Early - April 17, 2022 at 05:31 PM

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Sondra Early - April 17, 2022 at 05:31 PM

AG

“ *Angela Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



Angela Green - April 17, 2022 at 04:50 PM

AG

You will always be in my heart Gwennie!! 💜

Angela Green - April 17, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ Jill Hammond lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Jill Hammond - April 17, 2022 at 04:47 PM

JS

“ Jackie Shiver Stroud lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris



Jackie Shiver stroud - April 17, 2022 at 11:51 AM

JS

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Jackie Shiver stroud - April 17, 2022 at 11:49 AM

BW

“ *Ben-Ilene Wooten lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



Ben-Ilene Wooten - April 17, 2022 at 07:48 AM

WA

“ *Wilbert & Beatrice Atkinson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



Wilbert & Beatrice Atkinson - April 17, 2022 at 06:50 AM

JB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



James & Jennifer Brown - April 16, 2022 at 10:52 PM

JB

“ *James & Jennifer Brown sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



James & Jennifer Brown - April 16, 2022 at 10:46 PM

ES

“ *Erwin & Mary Bradley Sessoms lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Gwendolyn Pierce Harris*



**Erwin & Mary Bradley Sessoms** - April 16, 2022 at 02:48 PM

ES

*Sleep on my friend take your rest you will always be in my heart.*

**Erwin & Mary Bradley Sessoms** - April 16, 2022 at 02:50 PM

PB

*Praying for You and the Family, Pearl.*

**Pearl Bridges** - April 16, 2022 at 09:17 PM

PS

*I have known Gwen since we were kids at Cornerstone  
Sleep on Gwen and take your rest. We love you but God loves you  
best. Praying for the family.*

**Pat Grimes Short** - April 18, 2022 at 07:04 PM

LW

*Gwen, I am honored to have provided you with comfort during your last  
days. Carl and family, will be lifted up in prayer. I hope God will heal  
your aching heart. Love yall. Laura*

**Laura Carmon Woodard** - April 18, 2022 at 08:45 PM

DW

*Extending deepest sympathy to the Harris family and cherishing warm  
friendship memories of Gwen, our Eppes alum. Prayerfully,  
Bernadette Gregory Watts  
Eppes Heritage Society, Inc.*

**Dr. Bernadette G. Watts** - April 18, 2022 at 09:51 PM

JJ

*Oh how we wish it wasn't so, oh how we wish you did not have to go. However, reality is that Gwen, our dear friend, school mate, band member of the Eppes Marching Bulldogs has completed her assignment.*

*With that knowledge, we members of the G I - C M Eppes High School Alumni Association mourn with the Harris/Pierce Families, but at the same time we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for allowing us to have had Gwen cross our paths and make us all better.*

*Gwen gave of her time, talents and treasure as a supporter, in word and deed, to this Association for many years. She and her classmates were first, when the Class of '63 wasn't, to have their display up for Reunion Weekends. For that we are most grateful.*

*Along with the families, our hearts have holes that only time and the grace of God will heal, just like He said He would.*

*To the families which were friends before marriage, united by marriage, and joined by love, we offer our condolences, prayers and warm thoughts that the Comforter will come to ease the "right now" pain.*

*Gwen, that look, that look which is uniquely yours will warm our hearts each time we think of you. We know it will do the same for your families.*

*Families, lean on your faith, knowing that God always has the better plan.*

*Humbly submitted,*

*James Harper, Jr.  
National President*

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**James Harper Jr** - April 18, 2022 at 11:12 PM