



Emma Jean Harrod

July 23, 1933 - March 2, 2026

Emma Jean Harrod, 92, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2026, while surrounded by family at Baptist Health Hospital in Lexington. Mrs. Harrod was born the daughter of Harry and Mary Ellen McCoy on July 23, 1933. She lived her life and raised her family in Frankfort alongside her loving husband, Robert Earl Harrod, to whom she was married for 67 years prior to his passing in 2017.

Mrs. Harrod had a long career with Union Underwear and was a member of First Baptist Church. In her younger years, she enjoyed sewing and baking. She was known for her candy making, especially her yearly bourbon balls, and her beautifully decorated birthday and wedding cakes. Of course, her greatest joy has always been her family.

Mrs. Harrod is survived by her two daughters, Barbara Waldner (Eric) and Edna Stivers (Earl); her grandchildren, Angel Daniels (Stephen), Robert ("Bo") Stivers, Andrew Waldner, Jonathan Stivers (Kelly) and Lara Holderbaum (Alex); her great granddaughters, Emma Kate Daniels, Tilley Anne Daniels, Abigale Stivers, and Lyla Holderbaum; and her great grandson, Hudson Holderbaum. She is also survived by her sister, Rachel Daniels (Jim) and her caregiver, Jan Harp.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Goebel McCoy and Russell McCoy, her sister Grace Riley, and her Godchild, Beth Tutt.

Services for Mrs. Harrod will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home on Monday, March 9, 2026 at 1:00 pm, and officiated by Reverend David

Rayborn. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be held before the service from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Monday.

Serving as pallbearers will be her grandchildren and her nephew, Tim Goodrich.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to Bluegrass Care Navigators.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens

3250 Versailles Road
Versailles, KY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Harrod Brothers Funeral Home
312 Washington Street
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 227-4526
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Service

MAR 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

TA

“ *Tammie lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean Harrod*



Tammie - March 12 at 05:35 PM

SG

“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Aunt Emma Jean, and I hope you can find comfort in the love she shared with everyone around her. Keeping you and your family in my thoughts.*

Steve Goodrich

Steve Goodrich - March 08 at 04:27 PM

DS

“ *So sorry to hear about my long term neighbor. Emma Jean was so sweet and caring
Thinking of you all in your grief.
Dorothy Schroeder, now living in Wisconsin*

Dorothy Schroeder - March 05 at 06:46 PM

TW

“ *Tammy And Walter Weitzel lit a candle in memory of Emma Jean Harrod*



Tammy and Walter Weitzel - March 05 at 03:05 PM



“ 60 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Harrod Brothers Funeral Home - March 04 at 12:37 PM

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Barbara, I am so sorry to read of the passing of your mother. I enjoyed your sharing pictures of her over the years. Cherish your memories. May she rest in peace.
Kathy and John Sartini

Kathy Twist Sartini - March 04 at 05:36 PM