



## Beryl Harris

June 30, 1915 - November 27, 2018

FRONTENAC – Beryl Shurley-Braden Harris died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018, at Oakview Estates Assisted Living Center in Frontenac. She was 103.

Beryl was born June 30, 1915, in Cedar County, Mo., the daughter of Marion and Goldia Shurley. She was the oldest of seven children and grew up on a farm.

Beryl was married in 1931 to Robert Braden and the couple farmed in Missouri until 1938, when they moved to Pittsburg where they purchased the Penny Exchange neighborhood grocery store. They operated the store until 1955.

In addition, the couple also owned and operated a roller skating rink in Galena during the 1950s and the Pla-Mor roller rink on North Broadway in Pittsburg.

Robert died in May 1977.

The couple had six children: Joyce, Janice, Randall, Louis, Jeanmarie and Dawson. Their first-born, Ronald Glen, died in infancy while their oldest daughter, Joyce (Ernie) Clegg died in February 2000.

Beryl married Melvin Harris in February 1982. The couple eventually moved to Toronto in 1995 where he was employed by the Kansas Department of Corrections.

While living in Toronto, Beryl owned and operated The Village Shoppe antique and collectibles store. She was also a news correspondent for The Yates Center News.

Following the closure of the Toronto Correctional Facility, Melvin joined The Coffey County Republican newspaper as an employee.

The couple resided in Fort Scott before moving back to Pittsburg.

The Harrises moved into Oakview Estates Assisted Living Center in October 2011. Melvin died May 10, 2016.

Beryl once said after reaching 100 years of life: "My recommendation to young people is to stay busy and to be nice to others." And to everyone, "My advice would be to treat others like you want to be treated and love the Lord with all your heart."

Beryl leaves five children, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and many friends and extended family.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 10 am at Bath Naylor Funeral Home, 522 S. Broadway in Pittsburg. Interment will follow at the Fort Scott National Cemetery in Fort Scott, Kansas.

Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home of Pittsburg, KS.

Cemetery

Events

Fort Scott National Cemetery	NOV	Service	10:00AM
900 E. National Ave.	29	Bath-Naylor Funeral Home & Crematory - Pittsburg	
Fort Scott, KS, 66701		522 S. Broadway, Pittsburg, KS, US, 66762	

# Comments

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“ I can't imagine Oakview without her but it is hard to be sad when you know someone has lived a long and happy life as she did and was as ready as she was to be joined her husband again in heaven!

Beryl was always "in-charge", even up to her final days! When we would have talks about her needing to let the girls help her more she would say, "Kid, when you've lived as long as I have, you just gotta do what you can do and let the Lord do the rest"! She always had a smile, occasionally she'd shake her finger at you lovingly to scold you, and she would end most conversations with, "Praise God!"

Love you Beryl!!!

Desiree



**Desiree Humble** - November 29 at 05:39 PM

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“ We were sorry to hear of your mother's passing!!! She led a long fruitful life, of which you should be proud!!! You are in our hearts and prayers! In His Love, Hoyt and Debby Johnson



**Debby Johnson** - November 29 at 12:23 PM

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“ I spent many nights and weekends at the skating rink and have many good memories of Beryl and friends I met there. I have thought about her over the years. Sorry for your loss.  
Sandy Theys Strahan

**Sandy strahan** - November 28 at 10:30 PM

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“ Mrs. Harris agreed to be my Mom after my mom died in 2014. She was such a sweet lady. So glad I had a chance to visit with her and Jean Marie. She will be missed.

**Lutrecia Church** - November 27 at 08:52 PM

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“ When Tom and I first met Beryl we were amazed at how fit she was at 95 years old. We were blessed by her caring nature and love for the Lord, her husband and her family. Karen Franck

**Karen Franck** - November 27 at 08:49 PM