



LaFerna "Sue" Harper

November 14, 1945 - February 9, 2026

LaFerna Sue Harper, age 80, of Colcord, Oklahoma passed away on February 9, 2026 at her home, surrounded by her family. She was born on November 14, 1945 in Maysville, Arkansas to John McCombs and Opal Ramsey McCombs. She was married to Wilks Harper on June 10, 1967. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandma (Meemaw), great-grandma, and a faithful servant of the Lord. She graduated high school from Gravette Holiness Bible School in 1963. She began her college education at Kansas City College and Bible School and later attended John Brown University, where she graduated with a music/piano major in 1967. She taught choir at Colcord Public School for two years and then volunteered teaching music and choir at Gravette Holiness Bible School over the next 20 years. She was the church pianist and music director at her church for the last 55 years. She gave hundreds of piano lessons from her home, teaching many children from the community. During those years she was also a dedicated homemaker, and beloved mother to her four children. She also shared her love with many other children, who still consider her like their second mom to this day. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, sewing clothes, and taking care of her flowers. She especially enjoyed scenic drives during the fall foliage season and wrote a song titled "Autumn Leaves". She has also written hundreds of other original songs, which have been sung by her family and others in local churches. She and her husband Wilks were members of a quartet, which sang for many revivals, rest-homes, and camp-meetings in the tri-state area. She and Wilks

also sang for many weddings and funerals over the years. She is preceded in death by her parents John and Opal McCombs, one brother Elden McCombs, two nephews and two nieces. She is survived by her husband Wilks Harper, children: Shannon Harper and wife Carrie, Gwen Jones and husband Johnny, Jana Austin and husband Johnnie, Brent Harper and wife Candice, all of Colcord, Oklahoma, Grandchildren: Brandon, Kelby, Brittany, Dylan, Courtney, Mack, Rex, Frankie, and five precious great-grandchildren, one sister Verdeana Hanson and husband Gary of Zwolle, Louisiana, one brother, Donald McCombs of Sulfur, Oklahoma, nieces, nephews, and a host of many other relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Bloomfield Cemetery

Bloomfield Cemetery
Gentry, AR 72734

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 12. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Orchard View Church
242 W. Orchard Rd.
Colcord, OK 74338

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

FEB 13 (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ I remember the most wonderful time at our little church when she would help my sister and I sing. She had a beautiful voice and a loving heart. Sue and Wilks were a big influence in my life. May you rest in peace and prayers for your family. Love you all.
Lawayne (Pete) Flaming Wilson

Lawayne (Pete) Flaming wilson - February 19 at 09:25 AM

MS

“ I loved spending time with my dear cousin. We always loved searching books about history of the area to try and find out more about our ancestors. I will miss her but know she is in heaven with the Lord and all our family.

Marlene Stephenson - February 12 at 07:05 PM

RT

“ Robert Turnbull purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



Robert Turnbull - February 12 at 01:41 PM

RM

“ Roger and Kelly Mackey purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



Roger and Kelly Mackey - February 12 at 01:35 PM

RM

“ Roger and Kelly Mackey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.

Roger and Kelly Mackey - February 12 at 01:35 PM

LJ

“ Love Linda, Stacy & Tracy Johnson purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



Love Linda, Stacy & Tracy Johnson - February 12 at 12:00 PM



“ Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist C hoice was purchased for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



February 12 at 11:30 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.

February 12 at 11:30 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.*



February 12 at 10:12 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.

February 12 at 10:12 AM



“ *This makes me so sad. Sue was one of the sweetest women I know. I remember her as my choir teacher in high school. My mom sure did enjoy visiting with her and Wilks at my house. Mom looked forward to their visits. Hugs to all the family and may God comfort you in this difficult time.*

Flora Forrest - February 11 at 11:43 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.*



February 11 at 11:08 PM

JS

“ Love and prayers to all the family. Sue meant so much to me and to my family, she will be greatly missed.



jerry and Cheryl Snell - February 11 at 10:37 PM

KL

“ Karen L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.

Karen L. - February 11 at 08:09 PM

BH

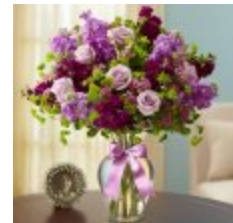
“ B Hickmans lit a candle in memory of LaFerna Harper



B Hickmans - February 11 at 07:57 PM



“ Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



February 11 at 07:32 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.

February 11 at 07:32 PM



“ Don Callaway purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



Don Callaway - February 11 at 06:48 PM



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Don Callaway - February 11 at 06:48 PM

LM

“ I remember Sue as a wonderful choir teacher who was so patient with us students as well as a fun person whose smile and laughter was contagious to everyone around her. She later was a mentor to me and many other young women as she gave invaluable advice on how to be what God wanted us to be as proper ladies and married ladies to our husbands. She was a wonderful example of this as she was a devoted Christian wife to her husband Wilks and one could easily envy the way this couple clearly loved one another. Though I know she is with Jesus now, I am so sad that she is no longer with us because she was a jewel in so many ways and I admired her playing on the piano and her lovely singing voice. 😭 I am praying for Wilks and the rest of her dear family at this time and in the days ahead.

Laura (Dickinson) (Welty) Masters - February 11 at 06:10 PM



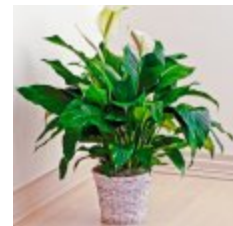
“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



February 11 at 05:51 PM

PA

“ Penny Austin purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



Penny Austin - February 11 at 04:23 PM

LC

“ Lex and I send our love and prayers. Sue was one of the finest people we've ever known and a wonderful music teacher.



Lex and Janie Cannon - February 11 at 04:18 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



February 11 at 03:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.

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“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of LaFerna "Sue" Harper.



February 11 at 03:22 PM

LH

“ *Wilks and family---we are so sorry for your loss. Sue was a special lady who always had a smile and kind word for you. May your memories and God's love bring you peace, comfort and strength at this difficult time.*



Larry & Lana Hurt - February 11 at 02:10 PM