



Jean Millsaps Harpe

October 15, 1933 - April 6, 2026

Jean Millsaps Harpe, a woman of steadfast faith and deep community roots, passed away peacefully at Davie Nursing and Rehab on April 6, 2026, following a brief illness. Born in Iredell County on October 15, 1933, to the late Gill Millsaps and Dorothy Millsaps, Jean spent her 92 years dedicated to her family and her heritage.

A professional in the field of accounting, Jean balanced her sharp mind with a heart for service. She was a familiar face at Hospice of Iredell County, where she volunteered for over 25 years, providing comfort to others in their time of need. Her pride in her lineage and community was evident through her memberships in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, as well as her early involvement with the Future Business Leaders of America.

Jean was reunited in heaven with her beloved husband of nearly 70 years, Floyd Edward Harpe; her parents; her sisters, Barbara Foster and Sue Carter; and her great-grandchild, Elizabeth Moody.

Her legacy of love continues through her children and their families:

Son: Eddy Harpe and wife Sandy.

Daughters: Carol Moody and husband Bill; Donna Austin and husband Lee.

Grandchildren: Billy Moody (Stacy), Joe Moody (Danielle), Donnie Moody, Noelle Austin-Jones (Jamie), Jeanna Austin, Annalee Austin, Matt Harpe (Brittany), and Lindsey Harpe. Great-Grandchildren: Andrew Moody (Madisyn), Jacob Moody, Carly Billings (Justin), Josh Moody (Carina), Jessica Meyer (Matt), Hardin Harpe, Thomas Goodwin, Garrett Jones, and Parker Jones. Great-Great-Grandchildren: Merritt Moody, Grant Billings, Layne Meyer, Abby Moody, and Jade Trejo.

She is also survived by her special niece, Teresa Nance.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Jean's life at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 11, 2026, at Front Street Baptist Church in Statesville. Pastors Darren Johnson and Troy Skora will officiate. The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County (2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625).

Chapman Funeral Home is proudly serving the Harpe Family.

Previous Events

Celebration of life

APR 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Front Street Baptist Church
1403 W Front St
Statesville, NC 28677

Tribute Wall

“ JEAN MILLSAPS HARPE FAMILY:

Gone on before us...Jean Millsaps Harpe, will be remembered by family and friends. The written story of her life; she didn't let anyone else use her pen in writing it, for it was her stories and she has written it and lived it. She remembered to say prayers for others as a good way to be there for someone without moving anything but her loving heart.

Many people have crossed her legacy life paths, like their parents, her husband, Floyd Harpe, siblings, children, grandchildren and many friends. There were many recognized blessings that had fallen into her footprints over the years; with a special love from the Lord. She touched many hearts, and will be remembered by her renewed faith that pointed them always into the direction of hope through The Lord.

She, served God with faith and remembering to share courage and humility to her fellow friends and neighbors. Remembered were the commandments given from God and her cups continued to overflow with the many blessings of life.

Love of God made her a dedicated friend to Him, she prayed each prayer from the heart of a believer. The love and hope given to fellow men and women each day caused her heart to beat stronger. Especially in the research of family genealogy, did Jean know how to strongly research family genealogy; which has aided many in tracing their own family trees.

She, remembered the sojourners of the future and Christian servants; she saw God's goodness, and shared it with family and friends. She remembered friends love at all times, and her Church family that had shared love for each and every one in her families. We, truly thank The Lord, for the love of Jean and service helps that came to her family, friends and extended families; from a faithful servant of the Lord, My God, keep Jean Millsaps Harpe; safely in His caring arms as she reaches heaven. May she rest in peace. † Sincere Sympathy, Love Carolyn Hall Sherrill & Lee Ann Sherrill

Carolyn Hall Sherrill - April 11 at 10:29 AM

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Carolyn Hall Sherrill & Lee Ann Sherrill - April 09 at 09:09 PM

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“ *Dear Harpe family, we are so sorry to hear about Jean. She was a dear lady who will be missed. You are in our prayers and may God give you peace and comfort in the coming day. Bobby Davidson family, WABC*

Susan - April 09 at 08:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Millsaps Harpe.*



April 09 at 11:23 AM

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“ *Statesville Fire Department purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jean Millsaps Harpe.*



Statesville Fire Department - April 09 at 10:52 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jean Millsaps Harpe.



April 09 at 08:25 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Jean Millsaps Harpe.

April 09 at 08:25 AM



“ From the time I first met Miss Jean when I was 16, I always felt welcomed and included with the Harpe family, and I know she was a large part of that. From the meals she shared and vacations that I was invited to , I truly felt like a part of her family. I am so grateful that in her later years I had the privilege of repaying a small part of her generosity. May she rest easy in Gods arms, free from the pains of her earthly life. Love you Grannie.

Lee Austin - April 09 at 08:06 AM