



Carol Bates Harrison

January 30, 1943 - December 5, 2025

Carol Janelle Bates Harrison, 82, of Travelers Rest, wife of the late William O. Harrison, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Friday, December 5, 2025.

Born in Thomaston, GA, she was a daughter of the late Cicero Jefferson, Sr. and Florrie Mae Joyner Bates. She was an American sign language interpreter, member of the Registry of Interpreter for the Deaf, earned her Masters Degree from Emory University and a member of Upcountry Church. She is survived by her son: William "Billy" Harrison; daughter: Mary Elizabeth Rucci(Rev. Robert); brother: Cicero Jefferson "Jeff" Bates, Jr.; sister: Sandra "Rose" Shannon(John); grandchildren: Coleman Rucci, Riley Rucci(Mackenzie), Avery Rucci and great-granddaughter: Kynlee Rucci.

The family will receive friends Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 9:30am until 11:00am at Upcountry Church.

Funeral services will be Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 11am at Upcountry Church with burial to follow at Greenville Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Upcountry Church, 15 Renfrew Avenue Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

The family will be at their respective homes.

Cemetery Details

Greenville Memorial Gardens

7784 Augusta Road
Piedmont, SC 29673

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Upcountry Church
15 Renfrew Avenue
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Funeral Service

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Upcountry Church
15 Renfrew Avenue
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

Tribute Wall

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“ We are praying for and thinking of all of the family members and friends who love Ms. Carol, and pray for the peace that only God can provide. We know she is Home with her Savior. Our children are especially thinking of their dear friend Avery at the loss of her grandmother. Bless you all. - The Foster Family

Cheryl Foster - December 12, 2025 at 02:50 PM

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“ The Foster Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carol Bates Harrison.

The Foster Family - December 12, 2025 at 02:43 PM

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“ The Foster Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carol Bates Harrison.



The Foster Family - December 12, 2025 at 02:43 PM

DK

“ When we joined the church, Carol was one of the first people to say hello. I always enjoyed sitting near her at church and just chatting about almost anything. I am sad to have heard of her passing. She was a very special lady.

Debora Keyes - December 11, 2025 at 06:25 PM

BJ

“ Carol was one of our dear and beloved sisters in Christ. She interpreted for us and invited us to her church. We enjoyed her company a lot.

As much as we will miss her in this world, we rejoice that she is with our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God grant her eternal rest and the whole family the fortitude and courage to bear the loss.

Banwo & Jubby

Banwo & Jubby - December 09, 2025 at 04:36 PM

TT

“ The Areli Team purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Carol Bates Harrison.



The Areli Team - December 09, 2025 at 11:48 AM

AS

“ Mrs. Carol gave me a way to talk to my mom when I was 6. Mom had a bad vocal surgery and was left mute. But I wasn't old enough to know how to read well. So Mrs Carol taught us sign so we could communicate with mama, without pen and paper. It has been a part of our life, a second language, that has trickled down to my own children. My oldest is a licensed interpreter now, and teaches disabled kids who are non verbal. It's a direct effect of a woman who gave my mom a voice when her original one was taken. (Mom talks now in a Mickey Mouse whisper, but we still sign daily)

Andi Smith - December 09, 2025 at 11:44 AM