



Nita Grace Harper Williams
October 4, 1926 – March 17, 2019
(From Pivont Funeral Home – August 2019)

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Nita Grace Harper Williams, 92, of Jumping Branch, who passed away August 6, 2019 with her family by her side.

She was born to Grover and Demma Harper in Sand Knob, WV on October 4, 1926 and lived most of her life in Summers County. She graduated from Hinton High School in 1944. She married Billo B. Williams in December 1945 who preceded her in death in 2016 after 71 years of marriage. After raising her children and being a homemaker for 31 years, Nita returned to school and received the Licensed Practical Nurse degree from the Summers County School of Practical Nursing in 1976.

Nita was a geriatric nurse at Pinecrest Hospital in Beckley, WV until her retirement in 1988, which suited her servant heart. She enjoyed her family, visits with friends, and church. Nita was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children and grandchildren and embraced every moment with them. She had a loving, calm, and witty personality that always made people around her laugh and feel valued. She will be remembered as a person who lived a life of grace and kindness. Nita loved playing setback and for years had weekly card games with family. In the last couple of years, she played Scrabble nightly with her daughter, Dianne, who cared for her in the home. She had a strong faith which she lived as an example of the Bible verse, Ephesians 4:32: “And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.”

Nita is survived by her daughters, Dianne Whitlock (Beckley), Karen Peters (Stafford, VA), Lynn Williams (and son-in-law, Jim Bitter; Johnson City, TN), and son Billo B. Williams, Jr., "Benny" (Forest Hill); 5 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; and 2 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by 2 sisters, Elaine Durrett and Peggy Montgomery and one brother, James Harper. She was predeceased by her husband, parents and step-mother, 4 brothers, 2 sisters, 5 grandchildren, and daughter-in-law.

The funeral service will be at 2:00 on Saturday, August 10 at the Sand Knob United Methodist Church in Nimitz, WV. Pallbearers will be grandsons, Stephen and Mark Whitlock, granddaughter, Nora Williams, nephews, Michael Montgomery and Jerry McClure, and great nephew, Jules Harper-McCombs. Reverend Bob Combs and Phillip Maddy will serve as honorary pallbearers. Nita will be laid to rest at the Harper Family Cemetery in Sand Knob, WV. A reception and time of visitation will follow at the Harper Family home next to the cemetery. She was a member of the Sand Knob United Methodist Church.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sand Knob United Methodist Church (124 Harper Family Farm Lane, Nimitz, WV 25978) or the Jumping Branch Tabernacle Church (307 Robins Roost Road, Jumping Branch, WV 25969). The Reverends Tom and Dalene Coffman will officiate the service of celebration of Nita's life. Reverend Bob Combs and Reverend Patricia Worles will assist.