



*Patricia Ann Parnell
Harbison*

Aug. 2, 1949 - Oct. 14, 2025

Patricia Ann Parnell Harbison, 76, of Morganton, NC passed away Tuesday, October 14, 2025.

Born in Burke County, NC on August 2, 1949, she was the daughter of the late Fred Parnell and Margaret Hood Parnell.

Patricia was a 1967 graduate of Morganton High School, where she played basketball. She attended Appalachian State University and earned her master's degree in teaching. She taught in the Burke County Public School System for 36 years.

Patricia was a member of First United Methodist Church and a member of the Junior Woman's Club, where she met her husband. She enjoyed riding motorcycles, camping, golfing with her husband, going to the beach, and tanning in the sun. She will be remembered for her love of sports and the outdoors, attending to her flower beds, gardening every spring and summer, and the love for her pets.

Those left to cherish her memory include her husband of 46 years, Warren Harbison; step-son, Mark Harbison; grandchildren, Caleb Harbison and Nicholas Harbison (Shelby); great-grandson, Waylon Harbison; and canine companion, Sophie.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at First United Methodist Church. A celebration of Patricia's life will follow at 11 a.m. in the church with Rev. Dan Hester officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to [Friends For Animals - Humane Society Burke County \(burkecountyfriends4animals.org\)](http://burkecountyfriends4animals.org).

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

Im sorry for your loss. She was my 3rd grade teacher & I remember her smile and kindness. You will be in my thoughts and prayers

—April Arrowood Henderson

Mrs Harbison Was my 4th grade teacher at Chesterfield. She was a wonderful teacher I have many good memories from that class. My husband and I also camped with her at Daniel Boone for many years. A wonderful lady. Prayers for her family.

—Kathy Ward

Warren, I know you are devastated. Please, take comfort in your memories of Pat and how she was a wonderful, strong, no nonsense person. I always looked forward to her appointments. We always had something to chat about. I know from our many conversation that she loved you dearly. Caleb, she was so proud of you!!!!!! Nicholas, she was happy for you and Shelby and the little family you guys have created. Little Waylon, she was so looking forward to seeing you grow and all your many achievements to come. Pat spoke lovingly about all of you. She was Proud. My condolences to you all. Paige Mulwee

—Paige Mulwee

Warren, I am so sorry and sad for you and the family. She was a good friend for many years and I will miss her. Seeing each other at the reunion was such a

cherished memory. Lee Ann

—Lee Ann Sigmon Farley

Jace and I were so sorry to hear about Pats passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

—Jace Ollis and Shirley Dale

Warren we are so sorry for your loss. Pat was a nice lady and good friend she will be missed. If there is anything we can do don't hesitate to call us.

—Tony&Rhonda Wilson



To my best friend, The memories of the good times fill my mind. The time we sat hand in hand talking about our dreams and our futures. We lost touch but I know that you were always a call away. Thank you for the laughter, the times you were my strength, and being my best friend. I hope to see again. Jane Abernathy Mace

—Jane Abernathy Mace



Warren, I am so deeply sorry for your loss of a beautiful, kind, lady. We go way back to the late '70's and didn't have the privilege to meet up with her after I married as we lived from Ohio to Florida. Prayers for peace and comfort to you and the family. God bless each of you.

—Sharon Carswel Curtis

Warren and family we have lost a dear and loving lady. I have enjoyed her friendship for many years. God b e with you. A friend always, Deanie Johnson

—Willadean Johnson

Pat was a beautiful, talented , and generous lady who leaves big shoes to fill.
Praying for peace and comfort for her family!

—Glenda s Truax

Deepest sympathy

—Ann Smith



Warren, Mark, and family, I do sorry to hear of Pat's passing. She always a fun exciting lady to be around. She had to be to deal with Warren haha. I'm sure she will be missed but knowing where she is makes things better they say. Prayers for you all

—Roger Austin Hart

So sorry to hear about Pat's passing . We LOVED her SO much at Ray Childers Elementary. She always had such a delightful sense of humor ! We enjoyed laughing together during our planning time each week! My prayers are with ALL of you during this time and the days ahead. Love in Christ, Colette Hudson

—Colette Hudson

Warren, we are so sorry for your loss. Pat was a great woman and many thought highly of her. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help. Love you

—Claude and Dolores Huffman