



Cozetta Shirley Harris

September 13, 1930 - January 31, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of Cozetta Harris's passing on January 31st, 2025, in Orlando, Florida. She was 94.

Cozetta Shirley Harris was born in Mell, Kentucky on September 13th, 1930. She was raised on a tobacco farm with her siblings Bernadine, Francis, and James, and grew up during the Great Depression. She put herself through college after graduating high school as a math tutor for basketball players and always had a love for teaching and helping others. After graduating from college, she moved to Florida and became a teacher in the Florida school system, teaching everyone from children in kindergarten to teenagers in high school. Cozetta always had the heart of a teacher and took immense joy in being able to share the excitement and power of learning with every one of her students.

In 1963, she gave birth to her only child, Heather. She then went on to earn her Master's degree in Mathematics and also obtained her pilot's license in the early 1970's. Cozetta spent 45 years as a teacher in the Florida public school system and also served as a Vice Principal before relocating to Orlando to finish her teaching career. Over her long and respected teaching career, Cozetta taught thousands of children and mentored dozens of teachers along the way.

Cozetta also loved to spend time with her three grandchildren, Rachel, Katy, and John, and exemplified the heart of a grandmother. She enjoyed being able to spend precious years with them during their early childhood in Orlando, and even after they moved away, she flew up to visit them each year for Christmas up until just a few years ago. When she wasn't teaching or spending time with her family, Cozetta enjoyed working on crossword puzzles and brain teasers, sewing, learning new things, watching the Celtics and college football, reading the Bible, and spending time with beloved friends.

Cozetta will be tremendously missed and loved by her family and friends, but as a believer, we are so happy to know that she is now and will forever be in the presence of our loving savior, Jesus. She is survived by her daughter, Heather Rittenhouse, grandchildren Rachel Shaw, Katy Estes, John Philbrick, her grandsons-in-law Jeremy Shaw and Tim Estes, her great-children, Arabelle Boyd and Jaxon Estes, and many other nieces, cousins, family, and friends.

A memorial service for Cozetta will be held on Thursday, February 13th from 5-8 PM at:

A Community Funeral Home
910 W Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805

Her burial will take place in Glasgow, KY, under the care of Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home. Flowers are always welcome, but please feel free to make a donation to your favorite ministry or charity in lieu of flowers in honor of Cozetta.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ It is with great fondness for my friendship that I pay tribute to a hard working woman who gave me advice and friendship through some difficult days. She had a wealth of knowledge about the things she cared about. I was fortunate that she cared for me. My dad shared the laundry mat she went to ad so she knew of me from long talks with my father. When the pandemic hit I thought of her and started bringing her veggies and when I was forced to temporarily move north my sister, Leslie took over for me. She was easy to care for and when I was away we shared long chats on the phone. Cozette, I love and miss you. I am away at the time of your service but I will keep you alive in our many memories.



Meg Monahan - February 13, 2025 at 03:49 PM

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“ Sharon, Amanda, Myles, and Kyle purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Cozetta Shirley Harris.



Sharon, Amanda, Myles, and Kyle - February 11, 2025 at 11:09 AM

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“ Ms. Cozetta you were such an amazing a vibrant person. You were such a good friend to my mom Sharon and she loved you dearly. My 2 boys, Myles and Kyle, loved hearing your stories about sports and always thought of you as the "Cool lady that knows all about sports", and they loved that about you! You will be so missed around Camelot and I know my momma will miss you and her sharing your pineapple and ham pizza! Rest in Heaven and make sure you are the Captain of the sports teams up there!

Amanda Figueroa - February 11, 2025 at 11:03 AM

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“ Cozetta S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cozetta Shirley Harris.

Cozetta S. - February 11, 2025 at 10:54 AM

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“ Cozetta S. purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Cozetta Shirley Harris.



Cozetta S. - February 11, 2025 at 10:54 AM