



## Mary Grace (Kiser) Harston

January 24, 1933 - May 17, 2014

Mary Grace (Kiser) Harston, formerly of Salem, MO, passed away on May 17, 2014. Mary Grace was born in Selmer, TN on January 24, 1933. She was 81 years of age at the time of her death. For the past two and one-half years, she resided in Rolla, MO.

Mary Grace was preceded in death by her husband, Harold E. Harston, and her parents Buel and Grace Kiser.

She is survived by her two daughters: Mary Kaye Kramme and her husband Joel Kramme, of Rolla, Missouri, and Sylvia Bryant and her friend David Bruno, of Alfred Station, New York; four delightful grandchildren: Katherine Kramme (Kirksville, MO) and Nathan Kramme (Rolla, MO), and Parker-Bryant Carty and Duncan Bryant-Carty (Alfred Station, NY); and one sister, Lola Francis Kiser (Birmingham, Alabama).

Mary Grace was interested in all things lovely—music, poetry, art, puzzles, symmetry, books, cooking and nature. In 1968 she published *Inspirational Devotions for Christian Women: 13 Studies on Growing a Christian Character*, a book of Christian devotions that contains her philosophy about how to keep God at the center of a woman's busy life.

Mary Grace earned a degree from Memphis State University in 1953 in music

and elementary education. Her senior recital was an exacting technical program: Prelude #1 (J.S. Bach), Ballade in G Minor (Chopin), Sonata Appassionata (Ludwig van Beethoven), and Suite Pour Le Piano (Claude Debussy). Following one year as a first grade teacher in East Prairie, MO, she spent her career teaching individual piano lessons to many students, youth and adults.

A little later in life, she took up and mastered the organ. For many years, she took pleasure and pride in playing the organ for church services at First Christian Church and East Salem Christian Church, in Salem, MO, and Ozark Highlands Christian Church, in Rolla, MO.

Mary Grace was an avid Bible scholar and spent many years in an active role as a teacher and leader in the church.

She spent her entire life helping others – especially those less fortunate than herself.

She passionately loved her family and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. She is now with the Saints.

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God,” by Lesbia Scott (1929)

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true.  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor and one was a queen and one was a shepherdess on  
the green  
They were all of them saints of God and I mean – God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear and his love made them strong  
And, they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives

long.

And one was a soldier and one was a priest and one was slain by a fierce  
wild beast

And there's not any reason no, not the least why I shouldn't be one, too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands, still.

The world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes or at sea

In church, or trains, or in shops or at tea

For the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one, too.

Funeral service for Mary Grace Harston will be held 11:00 AM Wednesday,  
May 21, 2014 at the Ozark Highland Christian Church with Pastors David  
Rausch and Bob Simpson officiating. Visitation will be held at the Rolla Chapel  
of the James & Gahr Mortuary from 5-7 PM Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Internment will be at the Rolla City Cemetery Rolla, Missouri.

Memorial contributions in honor of Mary Grace may be sent to Phelps  
Regional Home Care Hospice, cards are available at all James & Gahr  
locations.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Janie Jones lit a candle in memory of Mary Grace (Kiser) Harston*



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**Janie Jones** - October 30, 2024 at 02:20 AM



“ *Mary Grace (Kiser) Harston*

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *Mary Grace (Kiser) Harston*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Mary Kaye and Sylvia, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at the loss of your dear mother. We have been friends for many years and have many fond memories of the times that our paths have crossed. God bless and comfort you.*

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**Ken Fiebelman** - August 12, 2014 at 12:35 PM



“ *I have known Mary Grace for many years. She was such a kind and Godly woman. The world has lost a true Saint.*

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**Larry Thompson** - August 12, 2014 at 12:35 PM

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“ *I'm sorry for your family's loss. What a wonderful lady.* ”

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**Ruby Crowley** - August 12, 2014 at 12:35 PM