



Lola Mae Harryman

November 17, 1934 - August 28, 2025

Lola Mae Harryman, age 90 of Bolivar, Missouri, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on August 28, 2025. She was born on November 17, 1934, in Bethany, Missouri, to Robert L. and Clara (Wells) Gillespie. She graduated from Bethany High School in 1952.

Lola married Joseph E. Wooderson in 1951. They had three sons: Joseph A., Dwight A., and Douglas A. Wooderson. After her husband Joe's death in 1966, she and the three boys moved to Bolivar, Missouri, so that she could pursue a teaching degree at Southwest Baptist College. She graduated in August of 1970 and began her teaching career at Weaubleau, Missouri, and taught there for two years. She then met Porter Harryman and they married in 1972.

Lola was hired at Stockton High School in Stockton, Missouri, to teach English. She taught for 28 years and retired from Stockton schools in 2000. She finished her Master's Degree at Southwest Baptist University and took an adjunct teaching position for two years at Southwest Baptist University teaching English. Lola and Porter continued to live in Bolivar until her passing.

Lola was saved at 20 years of age at First Baptist Church in Bethany. Being a member at Immanuel Baptist and then First Baptist in Bethany, she had taught a teen girls' Sunday school class. Lola was a faithful member of First Baptist

Church in Bolivar, Missouri, since 1967. She served in vacation Bible school but also taught an adult women's Sunday school class for several years.

Lola was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph E. Wooderson, and her youngest son, Douglas A. Wooderson. Survivors include two sons, Joseph A. (Charlotte) Wooderson, and Dwight A. (Linda) Wooderson; three stepchildren, Carla (Roger) Inman, Jayne (Brian) Ewing, and Paul (Lisa) Harryman ; six grandsons, Joe, Jason, Jake, Josh, Caleb, and Jared Wooderson; six step grandchildren, Alicia, Jordan, Robbe, James, Taylor and Paden; fifteen great grandchildren and seven step great grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother Gene (Joyce) Gillespie.

Lola was a member of the Mary Martha Sunday School class of Bolivar First Baptist, the Retired Teacher's Association, and Daughters of the American Revolution. She enjoyed being with her family, watching TV, reading, and journaling. She also enjoyed her cat and loved to sit in her front porch swing.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar.

Funeral services will begin at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 4, 2025, at Butler Funeral Home following the visitation.

Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Greenwood Cemetery

S. Dunnegan Ave.
Bolivar, MO 65613

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lola Mae Harryman.*



September 03, 2025 at 04:29 PM



“ *Richard . purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Lola Mae Harryman.*



Richard . - September 01, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Richard . planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lola Mae Harryman.*

Richard . - September 01, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *This is John Wheeler. I was saddened to hear of your mother's death. I was in history classes at SBU with your Mom when we were both finishing our degrees. She was such a kind and dedicated lady. In those days I so admired her dedication to her boys. A single mom dedicated to meeting her son's needs. I am thankful for knowing her through the years. You all are in my prayers.*
John

John Wheeler - August 30, 2025 at 09:03 PM

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“ Paul and Steve Wooderson families. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lola Mae Harryman.



Paul and Steve Wooderson families. - August 30, 2025 at 08:00 PM

NG

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Lola was a great friend. She will be missed by all.



Nancy Gallatin - August 30, 2025 at 07:40 PM

KA

I knew Lola when we worked at the welfare office in Bethany and then when we attended college. She was a mentor to me in my Christian walk and I considered her a dear friend. I haven't seen her for many years and am sorry for the loss to her family. But I know she's with Jesus and I'll see her some day. Sympathy to her boys who I knew and to her husband.

Karen (Johnston) Fowler

karen - December 07, 2025 at 11:46 AM

EC

I met Lola upon our move to Bolivar, in 1979. At First Baptist we were in the same Sunday School Class but our friendship bloomed outside the church. So many stories and happenings. She was loving, considerate, understanding and one of the sweetest friends, I have ever had.

E. Jane CAmpbell - March 13 at 10:03 AM