



## Rachel Harper

December 18, 1937 - September 30, 2023

Rachel Harper, beloved mother, and grandmother passed away September 30, 2023. Her final moments were spent peacefully surrounded by her sons. Rachel was born on December 18, 1937, to Rupert and Dana Henry in Terrell, Texas. She was raised in Terrell and graduated from Terrell High School in 1956. Rachel married Chester Dowell Harper on June 16, 1956, in the First Christian Church of Terrell and to this marriage two sons were born, James (Jim) in 1958 and Joel in 1967.

Rachel enjoyed her profession as a legal secretary and worked many years for Mr. Robert Ramsey at his law firm. After Mr. Ramsey's retirement, Rachel worked for Anderson-Clayton Bros. Funeral Home and Goggan's Funeral Home. Her reputation for attention to detail and the ability to get things done made her a valued employee and her penmanship was legendary.

Rachel remained a devoted member of the First Christian Church. She served as a Sunday school teacher, Church Secretary, member of the Church Board, choir member, and C.Y.F. sponsor and was very active in the CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship). She loved Church socials and was a tireless supporter of Boy Scout Troop 390.

Known for her love of her family, church family and all things Texas A&M, Rachel will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Her family asks that she be remembered for the joy she brought to others in life, not the sadness of her passing. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Dowell and brother Rupert A. Henry.

She is survived by sons, Jim Harper and wife Kathy, Joel Harper and wife Sharon; grandchildren: Ashley Fontenot (Gregg), Heath Harper (Cassie), Sarah Denney (Caleb), Samantha Reyes (Reed), Jamey Harper, Allyson Goldsmith (Carlton), Case Harper (Kaitlin), Jenna Martinez (David); great-grandchildren: Henley Harper, Hannah Perry, Gus Harper, Harper Freeman, Kyleigh Denney and Brenden Goldsmith as well as nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Funeral service will be at 2:00pm, Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel with the family receiving friends beginning at 1:00pm to service time. Interment will follow at Oakland Memorial Park. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to CWF, c/o First Christian Church, 405 N. Adelaide, Terrell, TX, 75160 or to Hospice of East Texas at <https://hospiceofeasttexas.org/giving/> .

# Cemetery Details

## Oakland Memorial Park

1000 W. Moore Avenue  
Terrell, TX 75160

# Previous Events

## Family to receive friends

OCT 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel  
642 N. Rockwall Ave.  
Terrell, TX 75160

## Funeral Service

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Terrell, TX 75160

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel Harper*

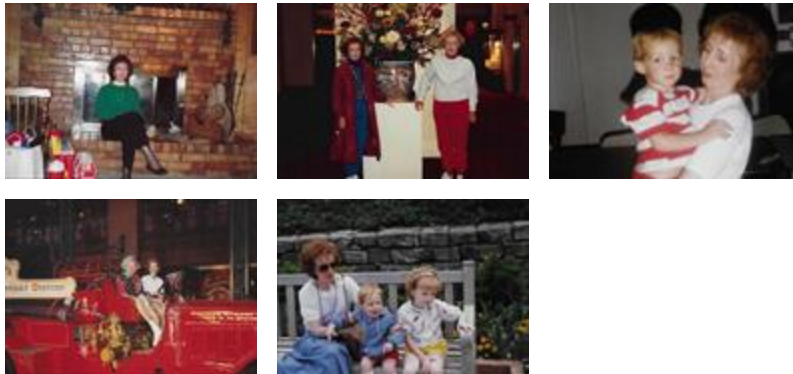


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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - October 04, 2023 at 03:06 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations** - October 16, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Rachel Harper*

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October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

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“ Dear Jim & family, Joel & family,  
We were so sorry to hear about your sweet  
Mother, Grandmother & Great Grandmother! I  
have known your Mother my entire life & have  
always thought she was the most gracious  
beautiful lady with such a radiant smile! We are keeping you in our  
thoughts and prayers today and in the difficult days to come!  
With deepest sympathy,  
Karo & Wilson Stewart



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**Karo Stewart** - October 04, 2023 at 09:48 AM

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“ Ashley and Heath, so sorry for the loss of your precious  
grandmother, lifting you in prayers.

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**Donna Tapp** - October 04, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ A [Memorial  
Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rachel Harper.

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October 03, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of  
Rachel Harper.



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October 03, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rachel Harper.

October 03, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Rachel Harper.



October 03, 2023 at 08:37 PM



“ *Jim, Joe!, and family, I am so sorry to hear of your sweet Mother's passing. I am will be praying for all of you as you walk through this new part of your life.*



*Much love, Sharon Rush Collins*

**Sharon Rush Collins** - October 03, 2023 at 07:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Rachel Harper.



October 03, 2023 at 09:07 AM

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“ I remember her sweet smile. Dowell would be telling his jokes and she would just smile. My thoughts go out to Jim, Joel and all other family members. ❤️

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**Cindy Hunter** - October 02, 2023 at 07:30 PM

JR

*So sorry to the Harper family. Nice lady*

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**Jesse Rowe** - October 02, 2023 at 08:01 PM

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*Rachel and I were the only 'girl' Cousins on the Choate side of the family, and that made for some fun times together. She was a dear lady and friend, and I will miss her.  
Linda Kay Choate Placko*

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**Linda Kay Placko** - October 03, 2023 at 11:33 AM