



Mary Ardis Harris

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Mary Ardis Harris of Manson, died October 17, 2013, in Chelan, WA. Ardis was born in Wenatchee on March 25, 1928 to Arden and Cleta (Meredith) Harris. Her grandfather, C.A. Harris pioneered in both Douglas and Chelan Counties, while Washington was still a territory. Her uncle, T.J. Cannon, was one of the first pastors in the Entiat Valley. Ardis was raised and attended schools in Ardenvoir and Entiat. In 1950, she graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College in Indiana, with a degree in Biblical literature. She later earned a degree in education from Whitworth College. Ardis taught special education in the Chelan School District for 26 years. She was also a regular and active member of several churches over her lifetime. Whether teaching Sunday School, or raising her lovely voice in song, her presence was felt at the Little Stone Church, at North Shore Bible Church and at Real Life Lake Chelan.

Ardis devoted her life to others and especially to children. In addition to teaching in the public schools, she and her lifelong companion, Betty Mason, participated in the Childhood Evangelism Fellowship, traveling to be of service. In their home, Ardis and Betty raised Betty's three nephews as their own. Children of her heart, these were her sons: Bud, Raymond and David Walters. Raymond preceded her in death in 2008.

If you had the opportunity to know Ardis, then you know what a kind and amazing woman she was. Although small in stature, she was giant in compassion and kindness. She's touched thousands of lives and will continue to do so through her legacy she's left, in those of us still here.

Survivors include, Bud (Jan) Walters, David (Trista) Walters; her sister, Kathleen (Gary) Weiber; four grandchildren: Mary, John, Davia and Mason; and her numerous nieces and nephews. Her parents and brothers, Meredith, Merlin and Bob, preceded her in death. We will miss her dearly, but have no doubt that we'll see her again someday.

Services will be held Saturday, October 26, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at North Shore Bible Church in Manson. As a memorial, please consider initiating or renewing a relationship with Jesus. Ardis found such joy in her faith. Please feel free to leave the family your condolences through our website at www.prechtrose.com.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **26**. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (PT)

North Shore Bible Church
123 Wapato Point Parkway
Manson, WA 98831
(509) 687-3636

Tribute Wall



“ *Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Ardis Harris*



Precht Rose Chapel and Barnes Chapel - October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary Ardis Harris*

January 29, 2023 at 08:49 AM



“ *Ardis always had a word of encouragement on her lips. She is someone I looked up to that in her advanced age, She found joy in life rather than bitterness because she loved her God. That's how I want to be when I grow up!*

Lea Carpenter - October 29, 2013 at 03:59 PM



“ *Ardis was always supportive and encouraging. She always made everyone feel like they were doing amazing things. She was so humble and passionate though that she never felt she was doing enough for Jesus. She was an incredible example of God's compassion and unconditional love. May we all strive to love others as Ardis showed us we should and could.*

Marcella Lindert - October 29, 2013 at 08:59 AM

BP

“ David, Trista and family: We are thinking about you and praying that God will provide you comfort. Ardis was such a special woman, and we will all miss her. We know that she is singing and dancing in Heaven.

Art & Betty Paulsen

Betty Paulsen - October 27, 2013 at 05:18 PM

LW

“ I have always said that I could have not wished for a better example in a mother in law. Ardis was so full of Love, Patiance, Life, Generosity, Compation, and God. I was so blessed with the oportunity to learn from her and I am a much better person for having been loved by her. She loved me and mine so unconditionally from the first time we met until her passing and even now I feel her love and caring spirit. She will never be forgotten and always loved. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Linda walters

Linda Walters - October 26, 2013 at 04:21 PM

AL

“ I first met Ardis many years ago, when she became my son's teacher at Chelan Grade School. She was truly the most kind, caring and patient person I have ever met. She continued to ask about my son's achievements long after he graduated from high school! She will be greatly missed. My heartfelt condolences to her family. Annette Lenz

Annette Lenz - October 25, 2013 at 02:24 PM

RC

“ Our minds hold the memories and our hearts keep the love. Ardis was a very special lady and will be greatly missed by all who had the great fortune to have known her. My deepest sympathy to her family. Ruth Crowe

Ruth Crowe - October 25, 2013 at 01:58 PM

RD

“ I taught many years with Ardis at the Chelan Grade School and have always marveled at her caring, kindness, and endurance while dealing with the children, their parents and her colleagues. She was a lovely lady. She will be missed. My condolences to her family that she loved unconditionally. Rosanna Detering

Rosanna Detering - October 25, 2013 at 08:37 AM

GZ

“ Miss Harris was my first teacher when my family moved to Chelan in 1971. She taught me so much about so many things. She almost never said no to anything. She will be missed!



George Z - October 24, 2013 at 01:22 PM

GI

“ Even as a child, when I first met Ardis, I knew she loved the Lord and it strengthened my faith in Jesus Christ. She was a wonderful woman! Ginger

Ginger - October 22, 2013 at 10:19 PM

RD

My sincere condolences to all the family and friends of Ardis, but especially to Mary Walters. Mary, I know how much you loved your 'gramma' Ardis. Peace be with you Mary and to all of the loved ones and friends of Ardis. - Rod Daut

Rod Daut - October 24, 2013 at 06:50 AM

LW

Ginger nothing would make Ardis happier than to know that you are being faithful in your walk with Jesus.

Linda Walters - October 26, 2013 at 04:27 PM