



Ellen Fay Harmon

July 21, 1927 - September 3, 2015

Albany-Ellen Fay Harmon, died Thursday, September 3, 2015. Born on July 21, 1927 in New York City, she was the daughter of the late George W. Fay and Phyllis Kinney Fay Ford.

Ellen moved to Albany from Harmon-on-Hudson in 1938. Ellen graduated from Vincentian Institute in 1944, and has been a parishioner of the Church of St. Vincent DePaul since 1938.

She earned her B.A. in 1949 from State University of Albany and her M.A. in 1950. Ellen taught in the City School District of Albany at the former P.S. #4 from 1950-1952. From 1948-1953 Ellen was the Children's Program Director for WROW, and also hosted her own program, "The Good Fairy." In 1977 she returned to teaching after a 25-year maternity leave.

Ellen was a member of the Science Faculty at Albany High School, retiring in 1992. She was a regular reader for print disabled (RISE) from 1992-2013 and has been an AIDS Care Partner for the EDDY VNA since 1995. Ellen was a former member of the Board of Directors for Catholic Charities Diocesan AIDS Services.

She was the wife of Thomas R. Harmon whom she married on August 16, 1952 in the Church of St. Vincent DePaul; beloved mother of Mary Ellen O'Connell (James), Thomas J. Harmon (Laurie), Michael G. Harmon, Karen T. Law, William P. Harmon, ret CDR John V. Harmon (Maureen), Maureen Fay

Harmon, Phyllis Fay Blow (Steven), the late David R.J. Harmon and James F. Harmon; beloved aunt and godmother of Edward M. Fleming and Rev. George P. Fleming; beloved grandmother of numerous grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited and may visit with Ellen's family Tuesday, September 8, 2015 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany.

Funeral services Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 11:00 am in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to the Church of St. Vincent dePaul at 11:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by her beloved nephew, Rev. George Fleming.

Interment will immediately follow the Mass at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

In lieu of flowers donations in Ellen's memory may be made to either the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, RISE radio programming of WMHT, or Catholic Charities Diocesan AIDS Services.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, light a candle or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellen Fay Harmon*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 08, 2015 at 09:19 AM



“ *Ellen Fay Harmon*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Tom and family....my deepest sympathy to you on Ellen's passing. She was the greatest lady and one who deeply cared for so many others, especially those in the HIV/AIDS community. Her outreach to so many has blessed her life here on earth and given her the reward she so richly deserves. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Fr. Bernie Turner

Bernie Turner - September 09, 2015 at 08:11 AM

SP

“ *Sandra Pangburn lit a candle in memory of Ellen Fay Harmon*



Sandra Pangburn - September 08, 2015 at 05:36 PM

CA

“ *Cathy Anderson-Harmon lit a candle in memory of Ellen Fay Harmon*



Cathy Anderson-Harmon - September 08, 2015 at 12:52 PM

JZ

“ *Ellen was such a spark plug for her NewYork State College for Teachers class of 1949. She was very involved, not only in her college years, but also in the alumni reunions. She was a creative force and always had positive suggestions. Ellen was much loved and respected by her classmates and will be sorely missed. Right up to just a few weeks before passing away, she was eagerly planning to attend a reunion committee luncheon. She was a fighter and much admired. Just a wonderful person. On behalf of her classmates of 1949, I wish to extend sincere condolences to the Harmon family.*

Joe Zanchelli, class of 1949 class councilor

joe zanchelli - September 08, 2015 at 11:43 AM

“ 50 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 08, 2015 at 09:13 AM

PJ

“ Dear Tom - On behalf of all of us at the Albany Damien Center, we are sending our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. We are so appreciative of Ellen's work over the years in caring for people living with HIV and AIDS in our local community - it was indeed God's work she was doing to help those who were so sick and in need. I know there are many angels she helped over the years with her now, looking over us and with us in spirit.

Sincerely, Perry Junjulas, Executive Director, The Albany Damien Center and Person Living with AIDS

Perry Junjulas - September 08, 2015 at 07:50 AM

PA

“ So sorry for your loss Tom and family. She was a wonderful person and will certainly be sorely missed. Love and prayers to all of you. Peggy Fay Albano and Family.

Peggy Albano - September 07, 2015 at 01:10 PM

JK

“ Mike, I have heard so much about your mom and seen the calendars she lovingly assembled every year, with pictures of family. It was clear she never grew tired loving you all and expressing that love in so many ways. Wish I had met her in person. My condolences to you and your family.
Janaki

Janaki Krishnamoorthy - September 06, 2015 at 02:56 PM

MF

“ I made a donation to the St Vincent food pantry continuing Helen's ministry nourishing the empty souls of the poor.

Prayerful regards, Michael Fay

Michael Fay - September 06, 2015 at 12:31 PM

MA

“ Bill, Maureen and Family,
Deeply sorry to here about your Mom. What a wonderful women, your in my prayers.



Maryhelen - September 06, 2015 at 08:24 AM

MH

“ My mother died peacefully at home with the love of her life and constant companion, Tom, at her side. Although her health has been in decline, her departure was quite sudden and unexpected. I was with her and dad the evening before she passed, and we had a wonderful time chatting, singing and laughing together.

Maureen Harmon - September 06, 2015 at 04:15 AM

KS

Tom, Maureen, Mary Ellen and the entire Harmon family, My deepest sympathy to all of you. I met Ellen at St. Vincent's and for many years we were neighbors and became very good friends. She was a generous and talented lady, as any who heard her read scripture at mass, or her writings up at Pyramid Lake learned the first time they listened to her. She had a quick wit and a loving heart. She loved her family more than anything, and she cared about every person she met. She was loved and will be missed by many. While there is a hole in our hearts, I am sure heaven is a happier place as Ellen continues her stories . . . May she rest in peace.

Kathy Schongar - September 06, 2015 at 05:48 PM