



# Lorraine Harrelson

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**S**ervices for Lorraine ?Rani: Ashwell Harrelson , 78, of Longview will be held 4 PM Monday, July 12th at the Rader Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dick Stagner officiating. Burial will follow at Lakeview Cemetery. Mrs. Harrelson died Friday morning at a Longview Hospital.

She was born in Roanoke, Virginia, the daughter of Wilbur and Mavis Reed Ashwell on August 11, 1925. She grew up in Parkersburg, West Virginia where she graduated from high school in 1943. There she was a member of Masque and Gavel, Quill and Scroll, and the Student Council. She later attended Kilgore College in Kilgore, Texas.

She met her husband, James Richard Harrelson, while she was working in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. He was an officer in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. They were Married December 28, 1946 and moved to Shreveport, Louisiana. They lived there until 1966 when they moved to Longview, Texas. He preceded her in death March 29, 1988.

Mrs. Harrelson had a varied career as a newspaper reporter, executive secretary, bank secretary and teller, bookkeeper, co-owner of a hobby shop, real estate broker, retailer, and co-owner of Jay Elle Refrigeration Services. She retired in 1994 and enjoyed her family and hobbies.

Mrs. Harrelson was a member of New Beginnings Baptist Church and Golden Gems Bible Study.

In 1944 she became a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and 50 years later in 1994, she and her good friend, Evelyn Willis, were honored with a beautiful candlelight ceremony for their 50th year with the sorority.

Mrs. Harrelson is survived by three sons and a daughter-in-law: Richard Craig Harrelson of Houston; Derek Tilden Harrelson of Longview; and Gregory James Harrelson and wife, Linda of Longview; a step-son, Dr. Ronald Eric Harrelson of Ridgeland, Mississippi; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Francis Head of Longview; a brother and sister-in-law, W. Lee Ashwell and



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Janice of Parkersburg, W Va; several grandchildren; one great granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Rader Funeral Home Sunday afternoon 5 to 7 PM.

Those desiring to do so may make memorial contributions to the Building Fund Projects at the New Beginnings Baptist Church, 600 George Richey Rd., Longview, TX 75604 or to a favorite charity.

A memorial guestbook may be signed at [www.raderfh.com](http://www.raderfh.com)



## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** posted:

She was a very nice lady, and we always enjoyed being with her. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love you, Sue & Pat##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Pat Tomberlain##imported-end##

July 12 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. I knew your Mother several years ago;she was also friends with my brother, Dick Pence. My daughter is sending this email on my behalf. If you would like to talk to me please call, 1-304-295-0575 anytime. Again, My Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. Joyce Pence Sims##imported-begin##Joyce Pence Sims##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My family and I were sad to hear of "Rani's" passing. You have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Mrs. James L. Ashwell, Susan Ashwell and children, and Barbara Ashwell##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

So sorry. Was a friend and class mate at PHS, graduating in 1943. Saw Lorraine at our 50th Class Reunion.##imported-begin##Anna Gilchrist Nutter##imported-end##

July 10 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

My deepest sympathy for the Harrelson family for your loss.##imported-begin##Mitch Feazel##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

With each memory let our hearts be reminded that nothing can ever take away the beauty we have known for love remains a part of us forever. Julie Ashwell Grand-daughter of Burke T. and Geneva A. Ashwell and daughter of James L. and Sharon L. Ashwell, Vienna, WV##imported-begin##Julie Ashwell##imported-end##

July 10 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Greg, Linda & family..Linda is my cousin and we grew up across the road from each other, so she's special, and so are you, Greg. We never knew your mother, Greg, but from the notes already written, she must have been a special lady. We are sorry to hear the news of her passing. May your hearts be lighter just knowing that she's in heaven with no pain or problems. May God give your family His comforting touch and special grace that sustains us all during these times. You'll be in our prayers in the coming days. Love, Myrtis & Jerry##imported-begin##Jerry & Myrtis Milam##imported-end##

July 10 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lee and Jan, We were so sorry to hear about the death of Lee's beloved sister. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time. love, Gary & Judy Prater##imported-begin##gary & judy prater##imported-end##

July 10 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I pray that God will cover you with His peace during this difficult time.##imported-begin##April Davis##imported-end##

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**Anonymous** posted:

Dear Lee and Jan, We are so sorry about the loss of your sister. Please know that our prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. May God bless and give you traveling mercies back to West Virginia. Love, Earl and Diana Johnson###imported-begin##Earl and Diana Johnson###imported-end##

July 10 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

To Ricky, Derek, Greg, and Family: Your Mother, who is my Aunt Rani and second Mom, will truly be missed. Your entire family has been and will be in our prayers asking God to give you peace and comfort. I have lots of fun memories of our families together throughout the years. We always seem to live close or nearby over the years which was great. I remember times of camping together, going to each others house to visit, and going up to the northeast to visit Granny Mavis in the old station wagons. What a trip those were, we had a great time. Aunt Rani was so special to me, she was like a second Mom. Her home was our home, she always expressed her love to you no matter how bad your were during the visit. With her boys and the boys of our family we were bound to get in trouble somewhere. It is amazing how we all survived through the years and how our Mothers were able to stay sane. Aunt Rani will always be in my memories and heart. God bless you and yours!###imported-begin##Jim Head###imported-end##

July 9 at 7:00 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

I was told that this was a dear and very sweet Lady. My thoughts and prayers are with all the Family and her friends. May your happy Memories be a source of comfort to your hurt Hearts.###imported-begin##Milie Harper###imported-end##

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Lorraine by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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