



## Bethany Joyce Harris

September 29, 1996 - December 29, 2015

Bethany Joyce Harris age 19 of Empire, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday December 29, 2015.

Bethany was a member of Pisgah Baptist Church in Sipsey; she was a graduate of Dora High School, where she was valedictorian of the class of 2015; she was also Head cheerleader and President of the SGA; she attended Bevill State College and then the University of West Alabama, where she was a member of the cheerleading squad.

Funeral services will be Sunday January 3, 2016 at 1:00 pm in the New Horizon Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Rice's Chapel Cemetery. Visitation is Saturday from 6-8 pm at the funeral home.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Rabon Sanders, and her aunt, Carrie Barger.

Survivors include her parents, Vernon and Sandra Harris; grandmother, Joyce Gail Sanders; aunts and uncles, Robbie Sanders, Sadie Williams, Vida Whaley and Marvin Harris; several other relatives and a host of friends. New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home, Dora directing 205-648-2323

January 5, 2016

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way during our time of loss. Our deepest appreciation to Pastor Justin Smith and the entire church family at Pisgah Baptist Church in Sipsey; to the faculty and staff of Dora High School and the University of West Alabama, and to

everyone that has reached out to us in any way, thank you and may God  
bless each of you.

Vernon and Sandra Harris

# Cemetery Details

## Rice's Chapel Cemetery

Campbellville Rd.  
Bremen, AL 35033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 5:00 PM (CT)

New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home  
5203 Hollis Goodwin Road  
Dora, AL 35062  
(205) 648-2323

# Tribute Wall



“ *Christie Watson Reed lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



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**Christie Watson Reed** - January 07, 2016 at 05:01 PM



“ *Christie Watson Reed lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



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**Christie Watson Reed** - January 07, 2016 at 04:55 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Angela (Juliannas mom)** - January 04, 2016 at 08:32 AM

AM

“ I remember a sweet happy little girl who gave the best hugs. I remember her as this precious toothless blonde at my daughter's birthday party many years ago. I remember her mom is one of the nicest, kindest loving souls I've ever known and she passed it on to Bethany. Oh sweet baby girl, you are missed so very much but I'm happy for you and I'm happy for God, He couldn't have found a more perfect angel. Sandra, you did an amazing job on raising this sweet girl and she is now fulfilling a higher calling than anyone could have imagined for her. Love y'all so much.



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**Angela (Juliannas mom)** - January 04, 2016 at 05:01 AM

KG

“ Vernon and Sandra,

*We are so sorry for your loss. We want you to know that you both are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Don and Katrinka Guyton*

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**Katrinka Guyton** - January 03, 2016 at 11:16 AM

MC

“ Melissa(Wright} and Steve Cook purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.



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**Melissa(Wright} and Steve Cook** - January 03, 2016 at 09:26 AM

BF

“ Big Mike Motherway and family, George yaw and family!!!! purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "If love could have saved you" for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.



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**Big Mike Motherway and family, George yaw and family!!!! -**  
January 02, 2016 at 11:26 PM

MM

“ Mr. Vernon and his wife, Mike and I want to say how sorry we are for your loss. Nothing we could even say could help the pain you both feel! Just know you both are in our thoughts and prayers. Mike worked with Vernon and Dusty at Breman with Jimmy Meyers. Also my dad George Yaw wants Vernon to know he is also in his thoughts and prayers!!!! May God Be With You Both!!!!!!!! Big Mike Motherway!!!

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**mike motherway -** January 02, 2016 at 10:17 PM



“ 74 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**New Horizon Memorial Funeral Home -** January 02, 2016 at 03:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.*



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January 02, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.*



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January 02, 2016 at 09:46 AM



“ *Bethany was so vibrant in life and a beautiful young lady inside and out. Bethany will truly be missed on this Earth.*

*Prayers go out to all who knew and loved Bethany and to those she loved. Bethany is in Heaven telling everyone she loves them with her great smile.*

*Bethany is watching over her loved ones on Earth. When one feels down or is celebrating, Bethany is with you in your heart. Bethany will be that voice you hear and the arms around you when you need her.*

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**Jan Hambric** - January 02, 2016 at 09:18 AM

LB

“ *Sandra and family.. It has been years since I last saw you and your family and I am so sorry to hear of this tragic loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time and for the days to come.*  
*Laura Vines Bentley*



**Laura Vines Bentley** - January 01, 2016 at 06:13 PM

SK

“ *Shelia (Isbell) Crider and Wanda Isbell and Kids purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.*



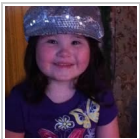
**Shelia (Isbell) Crider and Wanda Isbell and Kids** - January 01, 2016 at 04:08 PM

TC

“ *The University of West Alabama Panhellenic Council purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.*



**The University of West Alabama Panhellenic Council** - January 01, 2016 at 12:30 PM



“ *I didn't know you but you were always nice to my girls when they would watch you cheer at the Dora football games, and u would give my Crazy brother a ball or t-shirts. U will be greatly missed rip Bethany*



**Theresa Elliott** - January 01, 2016 at 12:26 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.*



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January 01, 2016 at 02:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.*



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December 31, 2015 at 10:52 PM

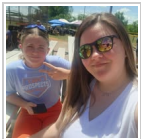


“ *Dr. Nicole Farris, Asst. Professor of Sociology purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.*



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**Dr. Nicole Farris, Asst. Professor of Sociology** - December 31, 2015 at 09:30 PM



“ Sandra and Vernon,  
Me and my family send our deepest condolences to you in this devastating time. I feel so sad about the loss of this sweet young woman. She grew up so wonderful and beautiful and I know how proud you must be of the life she had and the life she chose. You raised a wonderful person and she will never be forgotten, she touched so many including me. I am so sorry that this happened to her and I pray that you find peace down the road. I think she would want us to be happy and celebrate the glorious life she chose to lead. I know that every time I look at Tiffani I will think of Bethany. I pray that she is getting settled into heaven and that we will all see her again some day.

Love you,  
Brittani Levan Starr and family

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**Brittani Starr** - December 31, 2015 at 05:39 PM

MS

“ Miss Model America Directors and Pageant Sisters purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.



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**Miss Model America Directors and Pageant Sisters** -  
December 31, 2015 at 04:03 PM

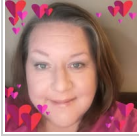
BD

“ Bethany you were the sweetest person anyone could have even known. You never judged or treated anyone different. You truly were an angel sent to show us the perfect human being.

-Love you, Brittany Day

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**Brittany Day** - December 31, 2015 at 11:44 AM



“ Sandra and Vernon, my heart is broke. And I know yours is shattered. But I think of Bethany and what she would say. She hated for anyone to be sad.. I think she would say, that it's OK to cry for her for a moment. But after that dry your tears and remember her life for all that was good. So many people were blessed for knowing her. She was only here a minute, but she will be with Jesus for eternity.



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**Brandi Davenport** - December 31, 2015 at 11:35 AM

CS

“ Bethany, you touched so many lives, more than you could have possibly imagined. Every time you hugged my sister and told her you loved her and danced around with her and even wanted to take pictures with her made her feel special. To see you work with her and the other special needs was extraordinary because your heart of gold and your caring personality shined so bright. You made my day every day when you told me good morning gorgeous/baby. My thoughts and prayers are with the Harris Family. May God watch over you in this difficult time.



*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. -Psalm 34:18*

*-Love Always, Caitlin Swindle.*

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**Caitlin Swindle** - December 31, 2015 at 10:31 AM

KA

“ *Bethany u was a amazing person u never judged someone u always made people feel good about them selfs I love you and miss u dearly*



kasey - December 31, 2015 at 10:13 AM

AM

“ *Praying for this precious family.*



ann mcannally - December 31, 2015 at 09:49 AM

TS

*Didn't know her personally, but I know Robbie Sanders, and Sandra I knew of you. My prayers are with your family during this tragic event.*

Tammy Stelman - January 05, 2016 at 04:51 PM

SA

“ *Susan Sloan Anderton lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



Susan Sloan Anderton - December 31, 2015 at 08:49 AM

WW

*Sandra, thinking of you during this heartbreaking time. With Great Affection, Wanda Raynor Rouse Wells*

Wanda Raynor Wells - January 02, 2016 at 10:09 AM

DD

“ *Dora D.Helms lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



Dora D.Helms - December 31, 2015 at 07:16 AM

HW

“ *Holly Whitt lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



Holly Whitt - December 31, 2015 at 05:39 AM

CL

“ *Prayers are going up for the Harris family, so sorry for your loss*



Cynthia Day LeVan - December 31, 2015 at 05:25 AM

CF

“ *Share a memory of Bethany Joyce Harris or send condolences to the family.*



Collins/Babbs family - December 31, 2015 at 02:46 AM

DM

“ *Sandra and Vernon were blessed by God to the fullest when He placed Betany in their lives. Prayers are with the family.*

*Roget and Deborah Miles*

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**Deborah Miles** - December 31, 2015 at 12:04 AM

LB

“ *Lonnie And Sina Beard lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



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**Lonnie and Sina Beard** - December 30, 2015 at 11:28 PM

 Tiffany Roberts

“ *I will never forget spending so many nights at your house learning off the wall cheers and tumbling stunts.! You were my best friend no matter what babygirl. I love you and I miss you.! 🥺*

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**Tiffany Roberts** - December 30, 2015 at 09:49 PM

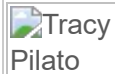
LS

“ *I didn't know this beautiful young lady. But I see she was a very sweet girl. Always smiling. Gone too soon . Prayers for her family in this time of grieving. Rest in paradise sweetie.*



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**Lacy Scott** - December 30, 2015 at 09:34 PM



“ *Bethany I knew from the first time Josh brought you to meet me I knew you was a special person and through all the talks we had I grew to love you more and more each time and that love will always remain with me and you will always be in my prayers till we meet again..*



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**Tracy Pilato** - December 30, 2015 at 09:10 PM

TP

“ *Tracy Pilato lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



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**Tracy Pilato** - December 30, 2015 at 08:08 PM



“ *Rip to Mrs Bethany joyce Harris I love you baby doll and its sad you were took so soon but I won't ever forget that bright and shiney smile and face of yours no matter where u were or what you were doing you always had a smile on ur face and on everyone else's you were so smart kind and a most beautiful girl and the best friend anyone could have or want. I still can't believe this happend its just sooo unreal and I keep telling myself it cant be you but its hard knowing it's true but fly high sweet angel! I'll see you again someday I promise. Watch over me sweet girl I'll love you forever and always and you will never be forgotten I love and miss you already. Rest in peace baby #flyhigh*

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**Kayla Hardin** - December 30, 2015 at 08:01 PM

TP

“Baby girl its so hard to believe but I'm so glad me and you still talk or text when you and Josh broke up you can make anyone smile when they were down..

Tracy Pilato - December 30, 2015 at 08:00 PM

TR

“You had a smile that lit up a room,a personality beyond compare, intelligence,beauty and could make anyone laugh. You were a role model for all young girls to aspire to be. You were the kind of friend that parents hoped their children would have. You were an amazing young woman that touched the lives of everyone that you met. You were truly a blessing to all. My children will always have a special place in their heart for you. Spread those beautiful white wings and fly free. We will forever love you.



The Rentfrow's - December 30, 2015 at 07:56 PM

WA

“May God give your family strength during this time... Heaven has gained a new angel. Rest in Peace.....

WaeEagle - December 30, 2015 at 07:39 PM

JP

“You brightened up everyone's mood as soon as you walked into the room. Your smile, gentle heart, and fun personality were a gift you gave to strangers, friends, and loved ones. We love you forever, Sunshine!



Joni and Jessica Pruitt - December 30, 2015 at 07:26 PM

Stacy  
Pilato  
Smith

“ *I love you Bethany I still look back at all my pic of you & Josh I have just can't believe it's is happening... #flyhigh baby girl*



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**Stacy Pilato Smith** - December 30, 2015 at 06:56 PM

JB

“ *Joan Gann Butler lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



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**Joan Gann Butler** - December 30, 2015 at 06:07 PM

AP

“ *As it is said in small towns most all people know everyone as in this case we have three small towns where everyone knows everyone. Bethany I am unsure of just how many people knew you but I can say I'm sure you touched whoever had the pleasure of knowing you! I am so thankful you gave your time to our park and rec cheerleaders this summer for I know you made each little girl feel like you were their best friend helping them with their struggles and laughing with them! You were a blessing to be around thank you for being just who you were. Cheer down the streets of gold sweet girl....*

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**April** - December 30, 2015 at 05:38 PM



“ *Tracy Rivers lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



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**Tracy Rivers** - December 30, 2015 at 04:51 PM



“ *I have never met someone as sweet as you . I knew you since you were about 6 .you always had a smile and always told me you lived me when I saw you. You were always kind go everyone .my daughters lived you like a sister.I remember when they had heart surgery you gave me encouragement .you have touched many many lives and I know your mom and are very proud of you . you will be greatly missed baby girl. We love you from Tracy ,mckinna and Madison rivers Rip Bethany fly high*

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**Tracy Rivers** - December 30, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ *Bethany was one of the students I had the pleasure of knowing as a substitute teacher at Sumiton School She was such a sweet girl. She never gave me any problems and was always smiling. I know she is having a great time in Heaven with our Lord and Savior. RIP Bethany! You will be missed!*



*Melanie Dale*

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**Melanie Dale** - December 30, 2015 at 04:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bethany Joyce Harris.*



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December 30, 2015 at 04:27 PM

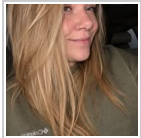


“ *The Coopers lit a candle in memory of Bethany Joyce Harris*



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**The Coopers** - December 30, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ *You were the sweetest person I have ever met. You always knew how to make someone laugh and how to turn someone's day into a good one. You were kind, loving, cheerful, funny, and beautiful. I'm so glad I got to share 2 years at Dora with you. We could be upstairs changing classes and we could hear your voice all the way from the band room lol. We love you Bethany, we will miss you. At least we know you are home* ❤️🌟😭💕

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**Jaylee Johnson** - December 30, 2015 at 03:33 PM



“ *Bethany and my daughter have been good friends since they was 8yrs old, I never saw her without a beautiful smile on her face and before she would ever leave our house she'd always say I love u all my darlings. Bethany was truly an angel here on earth and will be greatly missed.*

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**Done Andrews** - December 30, 2015 at 03:29 PM

JA

“ *Bethany received her wings now she can fly!  
Everyone is in my thoughts and prayers!*



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**Jennifer Anderson** - December 30, 2015 at 03:11 PM

RH

“ *I didn't know this young lady, but she was a very beautiful girl, and I know she made her family very proud of her. From all the comments on Facebook about her I knew right away she was a very special young lady. I am so sorry to hear of her passing. My thoughts and prayers are for all this family in the coming days ahead. I pray for peace and comfort for all of the family and friends of this beautiful young lady.*

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**Regina Hood** - December 30, 2015 at 12:06 PM