



## Harriet Hillery Stansfield

November 24, 1927 - April 11, 2021

Harriet Hillery Stansfield, age 93, recently of Hot Springs Village AR passed away peacefully in the early hours of April 11, 2021. Harriet was born and raised in Manchester CT where she graduated from Manchester High School in 1945 and Saint Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Hartford, CT in 1948 as a Registered Nurse. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Robert (Bob) G. Stansfield. She leaves behind seven children: Jane Nitchals (Bob) Hot Springs Village, AR; Patrica Stansfield, Austin, TX, David Stansfield, (Elaine) Olathe, KS, Barbara Stansfield, Austin, TX, William Stansfield (Patricia), San Fernandina Beach, FL, Robert Stansfield (Patricia), Covington, GA, and Edward Stansfield, Playa del Rey, CA. In spite of growing up in the great depression she had a happy childhood with her siblings Frank and Grace. She wrote a family history in 2014 that contained many happy childhood memories of her parents and family. After graduation from nursing school, Harriet worked at Manchester Hospital as a surgical nurse. She married in Feb. 1951 and left her nursing job when she and Bob began their family. She kept her nursing skills honed by treating her children's childhood illnesses like chicken pox, measles and mumps before vaccines were available for these. Childhood asthma, broken bones and surgeries were added bonuses. Bob's job as a geologist had the family move to New York, Tennessee, Kansas, Georgia, Nebraska, and upon Bob's retirement back to Tennessee. Harriet met each move with excitement and adventure which she instilled in her children. Throughout her life she was an active volunteer. In Tennessee she served as PTA president at Claxton Elementary School. She volunteered as a nurse for the American Red Cross in Kansas, served on the Board of Directors at the local chapter, taught First Aid, Home Health Care, and Mother and Baby Care classes there. She had an exceptional memory and was an avid reader. She continually amazed her children with her ability to remember history, biographical information, the latest medical advances, politics, and the familial relationships of everyone she knew or had known. She was a member of Newcomers Club of Knoxville and its book club for over 20 years. She learned to play golf when she was 70 and also kept active doing water aerobics into her 90s. Harriet made friends wherever she was. She set a great example of a life well lived to those she left behind. In addition to her children, she left nine grandchildren: Marie Stansfield, Matthew Stansfield, Amy Williams, Patrick Nitchals, Emily

Rapier, Zoe Kaiser, Amanda Stansfield, Johanna Reynolds, and Mack Henningsen, great grandchildren Violet Kraft and newcomer, Georgia Harriet Reynolds.

A funeral mass is to be held on April 20, 2020 at 10:30 at All Saints Catholic Church, 620 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., Knoxville, Visitation at the church with the family is at 10:00. Interment is at 12:30, April 20 at East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, 2200 E. Governor John Sevier Hwy., Knoxville, TN. 37920.

Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Boys Town, 14100 Crawford St., Boys Town, NE. 68010 (boystown.org) or to the American Red Cross of East Tennessee.

More about the service is on the Rose Funeral and Cremation - Mann website and All Saints Live is streaming the funeral mass at [boxcast.tv/view/harriet-ann-stansfield-funeral-mass-jc9eulsclmxi6fy8cpni](http://boxcast.tv/view/harriet-ann-stansfield-funeral-mass-jc9eulsclmxi6fy8cpni). On-line condolences may be extended at <http://www.rosefuneraltn.com>. Arrangements by Rose Funeral and Cremation – Mann.

# Events

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**APR**   **Visitation**                      10:00AM

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All Saints Catholic Church  
620 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, TN, US

**APR**   **Funeral Mass**                      10:30AM

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All Saints Catholic Church  
620 N. Cedar Bluff Road, Knoxville, TN, US

**APR**   **Interment**                              12:30PM

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East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery - Gov. John Sevier Hwy.  
2200 E Governor John Sevier Hwy, Knoxville, TN, US, 37920

# Comments

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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Harriet Hillery Stansfield.



April 18 at 07:58 PM

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“ 42 files added to the album Life Tribute



William F. Stansfield - April 16 at 07:53 PM

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“ 8 files added to the album Life Tribute



Jane Nitchals - April 16 at 05:55 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Harriet Hillery Stansfield.



April 16 at 12:48 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry for the loss of your sweet Mother. David and Elaine (and all of her family), you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

**Teresa Mejia** - April 16 at 08:47 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Life Tribute



**Jane Nitchals** - April 15 at 11:06 PM

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“ Stansfield Children purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Harriet Hillery Stansfield.



**Stansfield Children** - April 15 at 10:45 PM

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“ Harriet will be greatly missed here at Mt. Carmel In Hot Springs Village. We had a lot of good times together and a lot of laughs. I enjoyed picking her up in the golf cart to come to bingo. She made friends here very quickly and just fit right in, we sure miss her

**Alice Kosmach** - April 15 at 04:41 PM

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“ Harriet will be missed by many of us. She was a good friend of my family. My Sympathy for her family and for all of the people who cherished her. She is gone but never forgotten.

With Love,  
Norma Gregory and Chip Gregory

**Norma Jean Gregory** - April 14 at 01:03 PM

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“ May God Rest Your Caring Soul, Harriet, and, May God Bring a Sense of Peace to Her Family at this time. . . Reminding them of Her Love, Dedication, & Sacrifices whenever sorrow overtakes them. And, Thank You for having a Son such as Bill, a Caring Husband to my Sister Patty.

John & Julian Castellanos, Brother & Father of Patricia Stansfield

**John R. Castellanos** - April 13 at 03:10 PM

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“ Mom you will be greatly missed. You were a wonderful mother-in-law and Mom. I learned from you to appreciate sending a thank you note, birthday card or just a note to family and friends. I will cherish the recipes you passed onto me, especially Bill's (and maybe Bob's too) favorite Molasses Cookie Recipe, as well as the Chocolate Cinnamon Cake Recipe. We love you and to know you are at peace and with Dad now is some comfort, but you will be missed.

Love,  
Your Daughter-in-Law Patty and Son Bill

**Patricia Stansfield** - April 13 at 02:35 PM



“ Kevin and I will miss Harriet so much. She was a wonderful woman and a wonderful friend. When I first joined the Fort Samders swim classes, it was Harriet who went out of her way to make me feel welcome. We enjoyed taking her to concerts at the cathedral and Kevin loved talking books on the way to Harriet's eye appointments. She always picked up on details he missed. Although she was a proper lady, she always had a good laugh when someone at the gym shared a risqué joke. Harriet always spoke of her children and grandchildren with such pride., to the point that we almost feel that we know them. Our sympathies go out to her family. Harriet was so loved and will be missed by so many of her Knoxville friends. Kevin and Suzanne Burke

**Suzanne Senn Burke** - April 14 at 06:17 PM