



## Lillian Harwell Carter

December 13, 1923 - September 20, 2021

Lillian “Polly” Harwell Carter, of Pulaski, Tennessee passed away peacefully on September 20, 2021. She was 97. Born in Prospect, Tennessee on December 13, 1923 to parents Thomas H. Harwell and Octa W. Harwell both native Tennesseans. In 1943 she married William Cowan Carter, a Pulaski Tennessee native who she dutifully supported throughout his distinguished 28 year career as an officer in the United States Army. In 1968 the couple retired from McLean, Virginia to a farm in Giles County where Polly routinely hosted memorable friends and family gatherings.

She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church of Pulaski, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a founding member of the Giles County Historical Society. Polly was an avid genealogist conducting research not only on her own family, but helping many others with their research often through her volunteer work at the Giles County Library.

Preceded in death by her husband Colonel William C. Carter (USA-Retired), her daughter Anne Ball and each of her three sisters. She is survived by her daughter Paige Garner (Sam), son-in-law Frank E. Ball, Jr., granddaughter, Jayne Ball and husband Mark Kilpatrick, grandson, Sergeant First Class Samuel B. Garner, III and his wife Morgan L. Garner as well as two great-grandchildren Hadley Garner and Jack Garner.

Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to the First Presbyterian Church Pulaski (P.O. Box 174, Pulaski, TN 38478), the Giles County Historical Society (P.O. Box 693, Pulaski, TN 38478), or the American Cancer Society (P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123).

Bennett-May & Pierce Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for Lillian "Polly" Harwell Carter.

# Cemetery Details

**Arlington National Cemetery**

Arlington, VA

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ I always enjoy seeing Polly at Martin walking on the track..  
respecting her neat attire in skirt and tucked in blouse

Caroline Scoggin - September 28, 2021 at 04:37 PM

MP

“ Paige, I will always remember Polly working at First Presbyterian Church. She was usually in the kitchen alongside my mother, Bonnie, Addie, Joyce, Georgia, Edna, Mabel, etc. What a wonderful group of godly women. Praying for your peace and comfort at this time.

mimi pollock - September 26, 2021 at 07:15 PM

KC

“ I loved being in the candy aisle with your Mama! And always dressed in bright colors

Kate Cardin - September 23, 2021 at 01:39 PM

TE

Dear Paige,  
My brother Randy and I send our love and share in your sorrow. Your wonderful Mother holds a special place in our hearts. We know she was happy to share her final years near you and your family. Our parents were the best of friends through the years, being stationed together in Japan (where Anne and I were born), Germany, and DC. Our father's retired the same year and continued visiting for years. Randy and I are grateful for all the wonderful memories. God bless you, Sam, your son and grand children.  
Randy Loftin  
and Teresa Loftin Behrman

Teresa - October 14, 2021 at 07:44 PM