



Della Harden

August 21, 1942 - February 4, 2026

It is with saddened hearts to announce the passing of Della M. Harden (Goins) on February 4, 2026 at the age of 83 of Schererville, Indiana.

Della was born on August 21, 1942 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Ruby and Carl Goins and had four siblings (Dorothy, Danny, Doug, and Madelyn). All had preceded her in death. Della married her childhood sweetheart, Fred Harden, and they were married for 63 years. Both Fred and Della enjoyed a beautiful life together until his passing in April of 2022.

Della always wanted to help others and decided to pursue that passion through nursing where she graduated from nursing school in 1988. Della loved babies so much that she decided to work in Labor and Delivery at Community Hospital in Munster, Indiana for 27 years. She retired in 2013 and pursued her secondary passion of gardening, paying special attention to all of her flowers.

Della is survived by her five daughters (Gwen Mulligan (Kelly), Kelly Brueck, Fredella Prather (Donnie), Kimberly Nicks (Dale), and Sherilyn Busker (Joel)), ten grandchildren (Grant, Justin, Brandon, Danielle, Jonathan, Kyle, Andrew, Ryan, Taylor, and Alyssa), nine great grandchildren (Nicole, Abigail, Emersyn, Everly, Gabe, Cecilia, Ingrid, Arlette, and Oliver) and one great-great grandchild (Kira).

Cemetery Details

Memory Lane Memorial Park

6305 W. Lincoln Highway (US 30)
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
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<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ *Sister in law that cared for husband like no other and good role model in many things*

Don Harden - February 26 at 07:24 AM

TB

“ *Sorry to hear of Della's passing. She was such a kind and loving person. Her and Fred were always there for my mom and dad. They basically all grew into adult hood together, starting their careers and families simultaneously. Their support after my dad passed away was unmeasurable. May all four be reunited, drinking their coffee and perhaps planning the next prank.*

Tanya Buhr - February 16 at 10:54 AM

KB

How true this is, absolutely having coffee and planing there next prank. Thank you for the thoughtful post. Xo

Kimmy AKA Babycita - February 16 at 09:43 PM

AN

“ *Grandma, I miss you so much already. My favorite memory with you was when we would have sleepovers at your house and we made the best homemade pizzas. More recently I got very sick and you were always so loving and supportive every time we talked. Your love and prayers for me really helped get me through the tough times. Most of all I want to thank you for bringing my mother into this world, that is the greatest gift you have given me. Rest in peace Grandma. Love, Andrew*

Andrew Nicks - February 14 at 01:31 AM

BB

“ Kimmy, I'm so very sorry for the loss of your momma 😞 You and your boys are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏 Although I didn't know your parents I feel like I knew them through you. They are together now ❤️ Your momma sounds like she was the sweetest person, just like you! I love you, my friend 💔😞 God bless your parents in heaven and God bless you and your boys 🙏❤️

Brenda Meeter Beltz - February 13 at 05:48 PM

JL

“ I only have loving memories of Mrs. Harden, she was like my second mom. I loved seeing and watching Mr. and Mrs. Harden together, they were just the cutest couple, always so loving to each other. They were the example of true love and now they're back together again up in heaven, I will be forever grateful for all the wonderful memories and all the love that she gave to me and everyone around her. God bless and comfort your family as you're more in the loss of this wonderful woman. Love you!! Xoxo

Julie Lange - February 13 at 08:18 AM

LM

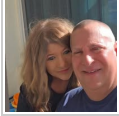
“ Kim, I've known you and your family my entire life. I will Always have fond memories of our childhood. Mrs. Harden and Mr. Harden were dedicated loving parents. I'm sorry for your heartbreak Kim. Soar high Mrs. Harden, rest easy. I will Always remember you, close at heart. Love you Kim

Laura Matthias - February 12 at 07:38 PM

KB

Thank you Laura, , I love you

Kim AKA babycita - February 12 at 08:34 PM



So sorry for the loss of your mom...its so hard, will be praying for your family.

Debbie Brucato - February 12 at 09:38 PM



“ Della and Fred were awesome. Great parents who loved their girls so much. I loved being in their home and seeing how they interacted and loved each other. It's was a wonderful experience that I will always be thankful for. To the girls, I'm very sorry for the loss of your mom. She was an incredible woman who worked hard to care for others her whole life. I'm sure you will miss her.

Christine Birkett - February 12 at 05:36 PM

KB

Thank you Christine, so thoughtful and kind. Love you, Kimmy

Kim AKA babycita - February 12 at 07:31 PM

DT

“ I grew up down the street from the Harden family, I was over at their house often playing with Kimmy and Sheri. Kim taught me how to ride a bike, how to swim and how to become a teenager. Sheri and I had lots of fun swimming and playing with whatever the latest toy or gadget was, Della always made sure her girls had it! Every time I was over Della was so kind to me and made me feel like one of her girls. It's funny, the random memories.... I learned how to eat artichoke at the Harden house..... I remember being so tripped out when I walked into the living room one day and they had mirrored one whole wall.... I had never seen that before and it made their house feel so huge! I remember thinking how rich they were because they had central air conditioning and a swimming pool. I remember being in awe of Della who was such a pretty blonde nurse. She worked the night shift so we often played outside or in the basement so we didn't disturb her sleep. Fred and Della were another set of parents to me, especially during those long summer days when I wanted to be at their house with their central air. I will always remember Della with fondness, I am happy I was able to put a smile on her face recently in her latter days of suffering. I sent her a picture of the flowers I put on Fred's grave. Fred and Della will be buried in the same row as my parents, just a few headstones down from them. Neighbors in life, neighbors in death... It is an honor for me to put flowers on their grave when I visit my parents grave, I will always love and respect Fred and Della, I am so glad she is out of her suffering, and I thank her for the happy childhood memories and for giving me a precious friendship with my other sister, Kimmy. ❤️

Donna Twilla - February 12 at 02:59 PM

KB

Donna, this was so special! It also made me LOL, Tripped out with the mirror wall! I remember the first time you walked into the house with the Air conditioning. Such a great childhood we all had growing up in Glenwood, You had that Rooster in your suburban neighborhood yard! LOL growing up without you all wouldn't have been the same, we were Blessed to have wonderful childhoods. Love you Donna!

Kimmy AKA Babycita - February 12 at 04:53 PM

MC

My sincere condolences go out to the family.

Mike Cahill - February 12 at 06:11 PM

DH

“ *Della was unique as professional nurse but still a wife with even more devotion to husband and family. She was a sister-in-law that even not much older than me still provided being a mentor confidante and friend*

Don Harden - February 12 at 11:42 AM

KB

Thank you Uncle Don, that was so sweet, She loved you! And we Loved making the trundle bed fall when you were sleeping. Love, Kimmy

Kimmy AKA Babycita - February 12 at 04:44 PM

KB

“ Momma, I miss you so much! But I have over 25 voicemails saved, so I get to hear you say how much you love me, I know we said our goodbyes, and you told me to look for the brightest star in the sky and you would be there.

You were an amazing Mom, I would have chosen you again if I had the chance. You have always Protected me, looked after me, Defended me , Helped me, I am forever Grateful, and Blessed. I'm thankful your Suffering is over, you suffered so long, your pain was so bad, and your heart was broken. I know you know what's going on, you prepared me, and left reinforcements to protect me till your last breath. I'm so sorry they put you through so much mentally and physically, But it's over, no matter what happens, No one can take away our bond or memories. God will take care of this, rest in him, my beautiful Momasita, Love Babycita, PS, I had that engraved on your urn! xoxoxoxoxoxoxox till I see you again! Give daddy a big hug! Looking for brightest star every night! Kimmy

Kimmy AKA Babycita - February 11 at 10:34 PM

LR

*I remember how much she and Fred loved their children and each other Rest in peace reunited with each other and with Adonai Yahwah.
Lane Reese*

Lane Reese - February 11 at 10:45 PM

KB

Thank you Lane! It means a lot! I remember you Bon doing dad's car in some spots, it turned out great! I talked to your mom last night.

Kimmy AKA Babycita - February 12 at 12:28 AM

LS

We go back a long time! I actually knew Fred before I met you. My sister Jo Anne and his Aunt Joan were good friends. I think I was two years ahead of you in school, but you were a beautiful gal and that never changed! Then after graduation I started going with Richard a cousin to Fred. Remember you, Fred, you and the two older girls came down for the family reunion, and we took you back home and spent a few days with you all. Such a good time and how you guys struggled keeping the restaurant going! You two ended up with five of the most beautiful and sweetest girls! Kim is the one that kept us in stitches with all her mischievous acts! She and Ty made a hit together! You were so hospitable with us when we flew to Germany to see Rick while he was stationed there. We left our car there and took a bus to the airport and back to your house after spending a month overseas. Planned to spend a few days, but we got the sad news the day we got back that my dad had died while visiting my sister in Texas and had to head for home. Was so proud of your hard work and getting your nursing degree and so happy we were able to attend your capping. Not long after that your beautiful daughter, Kimmie, got married and we were so happy to get to come for that as well as Rick. Just so many wonderful memories and nobody can take them from us! I know you suffered more than your share before God claimed you! that is the only thing good about losing someone to death is the fact they are no longer suffering. My prayer is that I am fortunate to be in our beautiful home above together! My prayers and thoughts are with those that are suffering the loss of you God Bless all of you and know that God is with you! She will be forever missed! Love and Prayers! La Verne, Richard, Jeff, Rick, Ty and the family

La Verne Smith - February 12 at 01:13 AM

SH

Kim im so sorry for your loss....your mom was a great mom...and I know she loved you soooooo much! I am so glad I got to visit with bith your mom and dad in the past and to help them out. ... both your mom and dad will always be with you and in uour heart....wush I could be there for the service...will watch and pray online...call when you need to talk!!

Sally e harth - February 12 at 05:13 PM

RP

Dear Gwen, Kelly, Fredella, Kim and Sheri (hope I spelled everyone's name correctly) ... I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mother. I will always remember how kind both your Father and Mother were to me during our childhood. I will also always remember the thoughtfulness of the many messages received by your Mom when my Mother was struggling with Alzheimer's. Sending prayers for strength during this difficult time. Hugs to all and please hold onto all the glorious memories of your amazing Mom! Soar with the angels, Mrs. Harden! Love, Renee Kieper

Renee Potasky-Kieper - February 12 at 07:06 PM

KB

Thank you Renee, it doesn't seem possible, life has moved on so fast, and now we are that next generation that will start all downhill. We are blessed we had our parents as long as we did, like you did as well. I wonder what they are all doing in heaven? Love you

Kim AKA babycita - February 12 at 07:36 PM



Thinking of all of Della's daughters at this time, with love and peace for your hearts. Beautiful, fun people giggling and laughing the first time I was able to enjoy the family. My childhood impression was of a lady loving her family, but fierce on their behalf as well. The "Moms" who went back to school hold a special part of my heart. The family love and commitment it takes, by everyone, speaks to her determination and strength she gave to her family to work together for a successful outcome. To all five of you girls my sympathy and respect for your mom. Cindy (H.) Michalski

Cindy Michalski - February 13 at 12:04 AM

MR

So sorry to just find out about Della's passing. I had tried to call her several times since Bill and I moved away. Was able to reach her a couple of times and we had some wonderful talks. I tried to call her a few months ago to inform her of Bill's passing and found out her number had been disconnected. I'll miss our conversations but I know Fred is happy now to be reunited with his beloved Della. May they all rest in peace now.

Marie Rucker - March 02 at 03:39 PM

KB

Marie. I'm sorry about Bills passing, I thought of you, didn't know how to reach you, I forgot your last name. I'm glad you did some research to find out . My parents Loved you and Bill.

kim Aka Babysita - March 06 at 10:33 PM