

Harriet Hancock Roberson Obituary

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On the afternoon of Monday, May 18, 2026, Harriet May Hancock Roberson, 96, left this world surrounded by those who loved her.

Harriet was born on Oct. 13, 1929, in [Richmond, Virginia](#), to Lee Tyler Hancock and Isabel Hammond Hancock. She lived there with her family for 10 years before moving to Wilmington, North Carolina. Originally upset about the move from Virginia, Wilmington became one of the most favorite places she ever lived.

After only a year and a half in North Carolina her family moved to Brunswick, in January 1942. Always the smartest girl in the room, Harriet was advanced from 9th to 11th grade by Mr. Boswell, principal at Glynn Academy.

After graduating high school, Harriet was sent to West Virginia to attend Fairmont State College. She graduated in 1950 with a teaching certificate. At the age of just 21, she taught high school in Woodbine for two years. It was during that time she met Ralph "Bugs" Roberson. Bugs later admitted that while looking for a job, he read Harriet's name in the newspaper. He decided that he should get a job in Woodbine to meet her. They were married for 47 years until Bugs' death in 1998.

After two years of teaching school, they moved to South Carolina where they both helped to build the Savannah River Plant. They began their family there and after the plant was completed, moved to Brunswick.

Harriet was a homemaker and involved in several civic organizations, notably the Junior Women's Club. She served as president and was selected as Young Woman of the Year for the State of Georgia in 1968. She was also involved in and president of Koinania; an interfaith group.

She was actively involved in school life for her children as a room mother and served on the PTA, of which she was president many times. From childhood, she was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and parish secretary from 1967-1983. In 1967. During her time at St. Mark's, she was also a Sunday School teacher, president of the Episcopal Church Women, adult youth advisor and treasurer for the vestry.

Harriet was most proud to have had the courage and support of her husband to head the group of Glynn County citizens who were instrumental in changing the Georgia law to have an elected school board in Glynn County.

After retiring from St. Mark's, she and her husband purchased a river home in McIntosh County, and split their time between McIntosh and Brunswick. Several years later, she moved to Brunswick permanently to be closer to her grandchildren.

To stay busy, Harriet was a member of and held several offices in the League of Women Voters, Coastal Georgia Audubon Society and the Lower Altamaha Historical Society. She was also an avid Bridge player and a longtime member of the Brunswick Country Club Third Thursday Bridge Club. The ladies until October 2025.

During her time in McIntosh, Harriet became a member of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. She was active in parish life. She was a school tutor in the program offered by the church, a member of the ECW and the choir. She remained a choir member until she could no longer see the music at the age of 94.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents and husband, as well as her son, Lee Ammons Roberson; brother, William Tyler Hancock; and sister, Isabel Hancock Tyler.

She is survived by her children, Laura McIntosh (Gary), Kay Brown (Hugh), Tyler Roberson (Billy Jefferson); grandchildren, Kristal Kenner (Jared), Wil Brown and Waverly Brown; great-grandchildren, Jaxon Kenner and Karson Kenner; brother, James Hancock; and several nieces and nephews. Harriet, affectionately known as Granny and Nana to her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their friends was loved by all. She lived her life with passion and compassion.

During her time on this Earth she was a great daughter, sister, wife and mother, friend, Christian, mentor, advocate, teacher and matriarch. Although her earthly presence will be missed, the lessons she taught will always remain and the love she gave will be forever in the hearts of those she touched.

Her service will take place at 11 a.m. June 27, 2026, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, in Darien, with the retired Rev. Francis T. Daunt and the Rev. Ted Clarkson to officiate.

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