



## Eva Louise Horton Pettus

March 20, 1947 - February 17, 2018

Eva Louise Horton Pettus born March 20, 1947 to J. B. Horton and Melba Farris Horton in Detroit, Michigan passed away February 17, 2018 at CrossRidge Hospital in Wynne, Arkansas. She grew up in New Madrid, Missouri and attended the First Presbyterian Church. While in the Presbyterian Church she represented her local church at the World Missions Conference in Montreat, North Carolina her senior year in high school.

Eva graduated from New Madrid High School in 1965. Among the honors she received were Salutatorian, Latin, Bookkeeping, and Band Awards and served as Vice-President of her graduating class.

Eva attended college at Arkansas State University and graduated from ASU in 1970 obtaining a Bachelor of Music Education Degree and in 1971 was awarded a Master of Science in Education Degree. While attending ASU Eva performed in many musical groups including Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, ASU Marching Indian Band, ASU Concert Band and accompanied many soloists and operas. She was also active on campus as President of Kay's Hall, President of Associated Women Students and President and Vice President of Sigma Alpha Iota. She also served the ASU community as a member of the President's Roundtable and the Lecture-Concert Committee and was a member of the women's hospital auxiliary at St. Bernard's Hospital during her year in graduate school. Awards included, Miss AWS Award, the

ASU Distinguished Service Award, the Alpha Omicron Pi Music Award, the Sigma Alpha Iota Sword of Honor and the SAI Ruby Sword of Honor, the Dean's Honor Award in the School of Music, and was selected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities her senior year at Arkansas State University. Eva taught Jr. and Sr. High Choral Music in the Lilbourn and New Madrid School Systems and the Campbell, Missouri School System. She was director of K-12 Choral Music in Tuckerman, Arkansas and 7-12 Choral Music at Lakeside in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She also taught K-6 music at St. Paul's Catholic School in Pocahontas, Arkansas. In 1972 Eva transferred her membership to the United Methodist Church and has served the church in the capacity of Sunday School Teacher, Choir Director, Organist, Pianist, and Children and Youth Choir Director's. She has also been active in the United Methodist women and on many Conference and District Committees in bringing Emmaus and Chrysalis to Arkansas. She has served as Chairman of the Arkansas Emmaus and Chrysalis Formation Committees and as Lay Director of the Women's walk to Emmaus and as Lay Director for the Girl's Chrysalis Flight. She has also served on the International Emmaus Board and National Chrysalis Board.

Eva received the honor of being selected to sing as a member of the Southwestern Division Church Honor Choir that performed at the American Choral Director's Convention in Corpus Christie Texas in 1998. The choir was under the direction of the esteemed Alice Parker who had worked on staff with Robert Shaw for many years.

Eva is a certified adjudicator with the National Piano Guild and is a National Certified Teacher of Music through the National Teachers of Music Association. She is a member of the Music Educator's National Association, Sigma Alpha Iota, American and Arkansas Choral Directors Associations, Choristers Guild, Suzuki Music Association, Musicgarten, Kindermusik, Musical Coterie, Music Club and P.E.O.

She was married to her husband Glenn on December 27, 1981 in Piggott, Arkansas. Eva was a member of the Wynne First United Methodist church, the United Methodist Women, American Legion Auxiliary, Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln Presenters, and the Kelly's Roundtable. Her greatest gift was her enormous love of others and especially her love of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

She was preceded in death by her father J. B. Horton. She is survived by her mother Melba Horton, Sisters Janelle (Kenny) Burch and Karen Horton of Sikeston, Mo., several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews and her husband Rev. Dr. Glenn Pettus of Wynne, Arkansas.

A memorial service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Wynne at 1 PM on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 with visitation to follow in the Martha Murray Hall. In lieu of flowers you are encouraged to donate to the First United Methodist Church, New Roof Fund. Kernodle Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A memorial service will be held at the Stanfield General Baptist Church of Gideon at 10 AM on Saturday, March 3, 2018, with Rev. Andy Evans officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in New Madrid, Missouri. In lieu of flowers you are encouraged to donate to the charity or church of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial services

FEB 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Wynne  
800 Falls Blvd  
Wynne, AR 72396

## Visitation

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Wynne  
800 Falls Blvd  
Wynne, AR 72396

## Memorial services

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

Stanfield General Baptist Church  
608 Gideon Ave  
Gideon, MO 63848  
(573) 448-5296

## Interment

MAR 3 (CT)

Evergreen Cemetery  
9712 US-61  
New Madrid, MO 63869

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Eva Louise Horton Pettus.*



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February 28, 2018 at 12:33 PM



“ *Gail Horton-Russell lit a candle in memory of Eva Louise Horton Pettus*



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**Gail Horton-Russell** - February 21, 2018 at 10:49 PM



“ *Thinking of you in your loss of Eva. May the special memories of her will live on in your heart.*  
*I am Eva first cousin from Tennessee miles between us has kept us from seeing each other over the years. Will be praying for you and the family during this difficult time.*  
*LeFan Cole*

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**LeFan Cole** - February 21, 2018 at 12:00 PM

DD

“ I am very sorry to hear of Eva's death. I remember visiting New Madraid, MO a lot when we were young coming to see our Aunts, Uncles and cousins. Have not seen Eva in several years but remember her many talents and know she will be greatly missed. Our sincere sympathy, love and prayers to all Eva's family. Dean Horton Donovan daughter of Bill & Leona Horton

Dean Horton Donovan - February 20, 2018 at 04:51 PM

Suzi Jackson

“ Suzi Jackson lit a candle in memory of Eva Louise Horton Pettus



Suzi Jackson - February 20, 2018 at 10:07 AM

JL

“ Hey Bro. Glenn Pettus ,, so sorry for your loss, .although I never knew your wife , she has laid a great background for others to endure and follow I her footsteps ,, , prayers go out to you and family ,, , God Bless

Joe Lucas - February 19, 2018 at 07:53 PM

LC

“ So sorry to hear of Eva passing. I am her first cousin from Waynesboro, Tn. Miles between us limited getting to see her and her family very often.

*For the Lord your God goes with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you.*

*Deuteronomy 31:6*

*I will be praying for all of Eva family.*



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**LeFan Cole** - February 19, 2018 at 05:24 PM

VS

“ Dear Bro. Glenn, we send our deepest sympathy in the loss of Dear Mrs. Eva. May God's Love and Peace surround you in the coming days. You will always have a special place in our hearts. Virginia and Bert Stevens, Pocahontas, Ark. FUMC

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**Virginia Stevens** - February 18, 2018 at 07:39 PM

GD

“ We cannot think of anyone more thoughtful and caring than Ms. Eva. She had a "servant's heart" and a caring soul. We miss her and her ever present love. She was special to all who knew her and we were blessed to have her in our lives.

*Danny and George Anne Draper*

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**George Anne and Danny Draper** - February 18, 2018 at 09:50 AM

NS

“ Needra Sisson lit a candle in memory of Eva Louise Horton Pettus



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**Needra Sisson** - February 18, 2018 at 08:39 AM

SS

“ Bro. Glenn,  
My heart broke to learn of Mrs. Eva's passing.  
You will be in my prayers. She was a lovely  
person, inside and out.  
With love and prayers,  
Susan Stewart



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**Susan Stewart** - February 17, 2018 at 11:41 PM

WF

“ Brother Glenn, You are in our prayers. You and Mrs. Eva mean so much to our family. It was because of getting to know Mrs. Eva when she did Kinder Music with our kids at Cedar St in Pocahontas that we started to go to the Methodist Church. And we just continued to grow closer to your family once we became members. We so much enjoyed her playing the piano at the early service and missed the 2 of you when you received another call. Mrs. Eva and you have been and will be such a blessing to our family. May God continue to use you for his glory.

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**Willie and Sara Frazier** - February 17, 2018 at 08:30 PM

DS

“ Donna Sisk lit a candle in memory of Eva  
Louise Horton Pettus



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**Donna Sisk** - February 17, 2018 at 06:28 PM

DS

So sorry for your loss. We are praying for you.

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**Donna Sisk** - February 17, 2018 at 06:31 PM

WR

*Just like Mrs. Eva, to go ahead and prepare a place for us. Loved her.  
Willie Ramsey*

**Willie Ramsey** - February 18, 2018 at 07:58 PM

VR

*Praying for you zBrother Glenn.*

**Virgil Roberts** - February 20, 2018 at 06:51 AM

DD

*My sincere sympathy, love & prayers to Glenn and all Eva's family. I have fond memories of traveling years ago from our home in Tennessee to New Madraid, MO to visit our Aunts, Uncles and cousins with my parents Bill & Leona Horton, sisters and brother. Dean Horton Donovan*

**Dean Horton Donovan** - February 20, 2018 at 11:34 PM

LW

*What a lovely, beautiful woman! I had the wonderful pleasure of knowing and seeing Eva in action, teaching our daughter piano and the love of music. Her teaching skills were above most. She taught thru love and compassion. She shared her time between her love of God, Glenn and her gifts. God received a well done and faithful servant.  
Leah Williamson*

**Leah Williamson** - February 21, 2018 at 09:56 PM



*Today is the first time I have been able to read all these. God bless each of you and thank you for your love and prayers. Mrs. Eva and I love you all. Bro. Glenn*

**Glenn Pettus** - October 15, 2018 at 04:36 PM