



## Harriet Hammer Tokarz

July 3, 1921 - September 8, 2014

Harriet Ann Hammer Tokarz, 93, of West Point, VA died September 8, 2014 at Riverside Convalescent Center. She was a native of Bristol, TN and the daughter of Laurence Clyde Hammer and Vesta Allen Johnstone Hammer. Harriet was an active member of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church. She graduated from Bristol Tennessee High School and Virginia Intermont College and also studied at William and Mary College.

Harriet was past President of the King William County Seniors Woman's Club, a past member of The Monday Club, and a Scout leader for the Brownies and Cub Scouts. In earlier years she was active in a Little Theater Group in West Point. In 1977 she became a volunteer at the Riverside Convalescent Center in Saluda and later transferred to the convalescent center in West Point. She served as Director of Volunteers at the West Point center and remained active until 2001 when she retired after 24 years of service. Harriet was named the 1989 Outstanding Adult Volunteer in Convalescent Centers in the state of Virginia.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, Raymond Michael Tokarz; a daughter, Andrea T. Mason of Tampa, FL; a son, Michael Allen Tokarz of Richmond, VA; two granddaughters, Sarah Finley Mason of Denver, CO, and Katherine Elizabeth Mason of Chicago, IL.

A funeral mass will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, September 11th at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 3570 King William Avenue, West Point, VA 23181. Interment will follow in St. Theresa Cemetery. There will be a Rosary

at 6 p.m., Wednesday at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, after which the family will receive friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to West Point Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc., PO Box X, West Point, VA 23181 or Capitol Building Fund of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 207 W. Euclid Blvd, West Point, VA 23181.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Theresa's Cemetery

2400 King William Avenue  
West Point, VA 23181

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **10**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
3570 King William Avenue  
West Point, VA 23181

## Service

SEP **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
3570 King William Avenue  
West Point, VA 23181

# Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Kim Bevan lit a candle in memory of Harriet Hammer Tokarz*



---

**Kim Bevan** - September 10, 2014 at 06:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Harriet Hammer Tokarz.*



---

September 10, 2014 at 07:27 AM

MC

“*Harriet and Raymond were not just our next door neighbors, since the 1950's, they were family! Harriet was such a dear, sweet woman and a huge part of my life growing up on Magnolia Drive in West Point. She epitomized a true Southern Lady, with her charm, her wit, that classic accent of hers and her deep love and caring for her family. One week she could host a fabulous formal cocktail party with her amazing food, beautiful table presentations and fresh flowers, and then the next week sit out back with us, in shorts, at the picnic table picking fresh steamed crabs. Bill and I would visit with Harriet and Raymond a lot whenever we came to see mom. I treasure our conversations, our laughs and time spent together with them. I will miss her so very very much. As my sister Maureen said, another piece of our life in West Point is gone. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Raymond, Michael, Donna and Andrea.*

*With love,  
Maryann Ryczak Casterline & Bill Casterline*

---

**Maryann Ryczak Casterline** - September 09, 2014 at 06:42 PM

MR

“*We knew the day was near but it is still hard to think of Harriet being gone. Another piece of my life in West Point is gone. Harriet and Raymond were our neighbors and my husband and I visited Harriet and Raymond often when we were home visiting my Mom. I loved having conversations with her and I loved her laugh. She was such a beautiful lady inside and out. We will miss her very much. Love and prayers to Raymond, Michael, Donna and Andrea.*

*Maureen and Mike Radford*

---

**Maureen Radford** - September 09, 2014 at 08:18 AM

RR

“ We were very sad to learn of Harriet's passing. She and Ray lived next door to us our entire childhood, youth, and young adulthood and were family. Her family relationship to Davey Crockett was so exotic to me, as a young boy in the 1950s. I remember her as quiet, soft-spoken with a classic Virginia accent, kind, easy to talk to, with beautiful eyes when she smiled. We pray for comfort and solace for Ray, Andrea and Michael as they grieve the loss of wife and mother.  
Robert & Sonia Ryczak

---

**Robert Ryczak** - September 09, 2014 at 07:23 AM

SP

“ Harriett epitomized grace and was a lady of class and beautiful stature. Her smile always lit up the room, and her demure yet confident manner is timeless. Harriett's love for her Tokie was something truly remarkable and she will be missed by all of us on the Rivah but her spirit is embodied in the grace of the Heron, the gentle whispers of the pines and the diamonds that sparkle on the water under the moonlight. She will be missed but never forgotten. It's an honor to have known Harriett. God bless you sweet woman.

Love - John, Sonia & Jake

---

**Sonia Valadez Pender** - September 08, 2014 at 08:57 PM