



## Suzann R. Harrison

April 10, 1938 - September 23, 2024

### In Loving Memory of Suzann R. Harrison

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Suzann R. Harrison, who left this world peacefully on September 23, 2024, at the age of eighty-six.

Born in Oakland, Kentucky, on April 10, 1938, to the late Ernest L. and Myrl Drake Rector, Suzann, affectionately known as “Sue,” “Ms. Sue,” “Gran,” or “Gran-Gran,” embraced life with an adventurous spirit and a heart full of love. In the late 1960s, Suzann met the love of her life, Jerry Louis Harrison. Their union was a beautiful blend of families, adventures, and cherished moments spent together. They traveled extensively, designed and built homes, boated on Lake Lanier and Lake Burton, and indulged in saltwater fishing along the Gulf of Mexico. Their retirement years in the serene North Georgia Mountains, particularly in Clayton, were a testament to their love for nature and tranquility.

A proud graduate of Western Kentucky University, Suzann dedicated her life to education. As a secondary education teacher in English Literature at North Warren High School in Smith’s Grove, Kentucky, she was known for her firm yet loving approach, always striving for the best in her students. Later, she became a professor at Western Kentucky University and DeKalb College in Atlanta, Georgia, where she passionately inspired her students and

colleagues alike. Her unwavering dedication to advancing education and supporting fellow educators was particularly noteworthy during her pivotal role in the development and implementation of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission.

Suzann's quick wit and unmatched skills at games like Chinese Checkers and Rummikub were legendary among family and friends. Her talent for hosting exquisite gatherings, complete with stunning decorations and culinary delights, created lasting memories in their homes across Dunwoody, Roswell, Alpharetta, Mexico Beach, Clayton and even in her final home at Village Park Milton. She loved her time at Village Park and the friendships she cultivated there. A passionate lover of gourmet cooking, nature, gardening, camping, and travel, she lived life to the fullest and inspired those around her.

A devoted mother of five, grandmother of eleven, and great-grandmother of seventeen, Gran adored her large family and took immense joy in celebrating their lives. Her pride in their accomplishments was boundless, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Suzann is reunited in heaven with her cherished husband, Jerry, her parents, and her brother, Richard Rector. She is lovingly remembered by her son John Friar Harrison, daughters Robin H. Cannon (Shane), Marian Lynette Okenica (Ed), Bill Harrison (Michelle), and Jennifer H. Lewis (Shack).

A celebration of her remarkable life will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Alpharetta United Methodist Church, with a reception to follow. The immediate family will gather in June 2025 to scatter the ashes of both Jerry and Sue Harrison, honoring their everlasting bond.

We are deeply grateful for the outpouring of love and support during our mom's funeral service. Gran-Gran had a profound appreciation for flowers,

particularly white ones, and she cherished the idea of her children and grandchildren planting perennials to remember her by.

In her honor, Alpharetta United Methodist works closely with The Flower Post at Vickery Village. We encourage you to reach out to Billy Bates at 678-455-4566 to explore beautiful options that reflect her spirit. However, any local florist will deliver to her service. Thank you for celebrating her life with us! If you're considering making a donation in honor of Gran, please consider contributing to

[www.PULMONARYFIBROSIS.org](http://www.PULMONARYFIBROSIS.org).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (ET)

Alpharetta United Methodist Church  
69 N. Main Street  
Alpharetta, GA 30009

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ Remembering 1986, 1988.....

*Sue and I met in 1986 when Shane and Robin announced plans to be married in just a few short weeks. Preparations began immediately. Sue did what she did best - she gathered the players of which I was one, and orchestrated, making arrangements, dotting I's and crossing t's. Sue was amazing She pulled it off without a hitch. I marveled at the finished work. The wedding was perfectly attended at Dunwoody Methodist Chapel The reception held at their home on Grimesbridge was something out of an English fairytale - a stunning setting - Sue had worked her magic to make it a wedding to be remembered, a showstopper to be talked about for years to come.*

*Our next shared event was the birth of our first grandchild, Lindsay, in Fairfax, Va. 1988.*

*Same playbook. Sue took the baton once again. Both sets of parents. Jerry/Sue and Ron/Me stood watch for 2 weeks to make sure our children and granddaughter had the best “welcome home” party we could muster. It was all that and more. Over many years our lives have managed to weave a tapestry of love around our families, including births and deaths. Many magical memories are stored in my heart, Sue, because of you, because we married our children together and loved our grandchildren together. Those memories have always been and will continue to be my treasures. I will keep watch until we meet again. Love, Jean*

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**Jean Giglio** - October 31, 2024 at 12:28 PM

RC

*Thank you. ❤️*

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**Riobin H Cannon** - October 31, 2024 at 12:59 PM

LC

*Aweee that's a sweet message. ❤️ love it*

Lindsay Carroll - November 01, 2024 at 09:08 PM

LC

“*My Grans adventurous spirit will live on through all of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She shared her love for travel, cooking, and beanie babies with all her children and grandchildren, all of which we are so very passionate about, yes even the beanie babies. Most of my fondest memories are from Grans house on Grimesbridge. You would walk into that home and smell the flowers, the baking, her spice cabinet ( which I loved walking next to just to breath in all the spices.) Music was always playing, the house was always full, the amount of hiding places for us to play hide and seek in were countless. Grans love for gardening made that house a dream. As young children we never wanted to come inside, we were always running in and out of her gorgeous backyard, as well as playing in the creek, and walking around on pops famous hand made stilts. Grimesbridge was a very special place, my Gran was a very special person. We shared a lot of things in common her and I, and I will miss her so very much. I will miss sharing my travel adventures with her, I know she was excited for my family to return to the Utah mountains. We are gifted such a short amount of time here on this earth, and my Gran made sure to make the absolute most of that time. I will celebrate her life for the rest of mine, and continue to teach my family how to cook gourmet dishes, I will continue to take my family on adventures around the world, and I will strive to make my home as beautiful, elegant, memorable, and full of beanie babies just like my Grans. Forever in my heart, thank you for the wonderful memories and teachings my beautiful Gran.*

*-Lindsay*

Lindsay Carroll - October 29, 2024 at 11:26 AM

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Riobin H Cannon - October 29, 2024 at 01:15 PM

RC



Riobin H Cannon - October 29, 2024 at 01:16 PM

TW

“ I LOVED your rose wallpaper in the kitchen and the holidays at the house on Grimes Bridge! Your quick wit just a month before you left us makes me smile as I remember you today and always.

Tammy Weiser - October 29, 2024 at 10:26 AM

RC



Riobin H Cannon - October 29, 2024 at 01:16 PM

LC

The wallpaper was amazing! The hall bathroom at grimesbridge was my fave.

Lindsay Carroll - October 29, 2024 at 01:51 PM

JL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jennifer Lewis - October 29, 2024 at 10:07 AM

RC



Riobin H Cannon - October 29, 2024 at 01:17 PM