



## Lane Alice Harris

June 1, 1936 - May 11, 2025

Lane Alice Harris, lovingly known as “Mimi” to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, passed away peacefully in Conroe, Texas. She was born on June 1, 1936, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Arthur Charles Oswald Sr. and Doris Elsie Branch.

As a 1954 graduate from Austin High School, she went on to pursue a degree in dress design at Washington University in St. Louis. She married Ted Harris Sr. on October 21st, 1955, recently celebrating 69 years of marriage. They had 5 children, and many other chosen children.

A nurturing and involved mother, Lane dedicated countless hours to her children’s schools and community as a room mother, a Blue Bird and Camp Fire leader, and school event volunteer—often managing multiple troops and contributing wherever her talents were needed. She further served as a school nurse at Oakridge Elementary, seeing volunteering not just as a duty, but as a calling.

Passion for creativity and service defined her life. Lane’s gifts were many—painting, sewing, decorating, cooking, ceramics, woodwork, and homemaking among them. She poured love into everything she touched. In 1961, she began running creative businesses, eventually opening a ceramics shop and later co-owning a craft business with her husband, Ted, that spanned several counties across Texas. Her home was filled with the fruits of her labor and her heart—with countless meals prepared from a collection of over 2,000 cookbooks and many decor items that reflected her attention to detail and

thoughtfulness.

Lane had a gift for forming deep, enduring connections. She was a collector not only of beautiful things but of beautiful relationships. She was a matriarch not just to her family, but to many who came to see her as a mother by choice. Her groups of treasured friends—the Birthday Group, Need to See Group, Bunco Group, Red Hat Ladies, and the Service League—were extended family, bonded by love and shared joy.

Lane is survived by her devoted husband, Ted Harris Sr., with whom she shared a beautiful life. Together they raised their children: Veni Garrett, Dara Fuller and husband Ralph, Laran Cone and husband Jim, Ted Harris Jr. and wife Vivianna, and Juliana Harris. She leaves behind a cherished legacy in her grandchildren: Dutch Fuller (wife Katie); Amie Oelze (husband Jarrod); Chere Garrett; Dorinda Lee (husband Jeremy), Justin Fordinal (wife Barachel); Lauren Fuller; Teddy Harris; Kirstin Fairman—proudly raised by Ted and Lane —(husband Konner); Jessica Garrett; Bryanna Dubois (husband Owen); and Brayden Harris—as well as fifteen great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her brothers Arthur Charles Oswald Jr. and Stewart Allen Oswald, as well as her grandsons Christopher Dane Fuller (wife Lauren) and Darren Scott Harris.

Lane's spirit was generous, her laughter infectious, and her ability to make others feel seen and celebrated unmatched. Lane lived a rich and joy-filled life, and her vibrant presence will be profoundly missed.

We will remember her in every warm smile, every meal made with care, and every moment shared with family and friends. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

# Cemetery Details

## Smith Memorial Park

10129 FM 1097 Rd W  
Willis, TX 77318

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY 18. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis  
10129 FM 1097 Rd. W  
Willis, TX 77318

## Interment following service

MAY 18 (CT)

Smith Memorial Park  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lane Alice Harris*



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**Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home** - May 15, 2025 at 01:32 PM



*The Harris family and my family have been neighbors for 50 years. Lane was the best. She made every formal dress I had in junior high & high school. She made the dresses for my bridesmaids. She was our Camp Fire Girl leader every week (when she didn't even have daughters that age anymore - she just did it for us), etc. She picked me up from school when I was sick and my parents didn't have an extra car at that time. She always had food to eat, and the door was always open. She was a generous neighbor, mom figure to so many, and the ultimate volunteer. She truly made our community a better place. From now on, when I hear the term "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," I'll be thinking of Lane.*

*Lane was a true jewel, and all of our lives are better for having known her. Rest in peace, dear neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ted and the entire family. Hugs!*

*Jerri Burris & family*

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**Jerri Burris** - May 18, 2025 at 01:48 PM

PR

“ *Pat R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lane Alice Harris.*

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**Pat R.** - May 19, 2025 at 10:47 AM

BC

“ Bruce and Michelle Cairns purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Lane Alice Harris.



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**Bruce and Michelle Cairns** - May 16, 2025 at 10:02 PM

SW

“ Shellie Winkler purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of Lane Alice Harris.



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**Shellie Winkler** - May 16, 2025 at 07:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lane Alice Harris.

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May 16, 2025 at 02:28 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Lane Alice Harris.



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May 16, 2025 at 02:28 AM

DP

“ *Debby Johnson & Lynette Parks purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Lane Alice Harris.*



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**Debby Johnson & Lynette Parks** - May 15, 2025 at 01:06 PM

DP

“ *Debby Johnson & Lynette Parks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lane Alice Harris.*

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**Debby Johnson & Lynette Parks** - May 15, 2025 at 01:06 PM

BC

“ *BIRTHDAY CLUB purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Lane Alice Harris.*



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**BIRTHDAY CLUB** - May 14, 2025 at 12:22 AM

BC

“ *BIRTHDAY CLUB planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lane Alice Harris.*

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**BIRTHDAY CLUB** - May 14, 2025 at 12:22 AM

CD

“ My sincere sympathy and prayers to your family Ted. My mom, Rowena Poole and Lane were ceramic buddies and mom loved sharing her discoveries with Lane. I cherished her friendship as a school nurse looking out for my three Oak Ridge Owl students, I volunteered while she was a nurse there and she calmed my fears when a sickness arose or the first and only dealing we had with head lice! She would laugh at me while hugging me and telling me all would be ok that I wouldn't have to shave my daughters long blond hair! She had such a calm spirit with not only the children but with all of the adults as well. I know you will cherish the memories she leaves you with now and in the days ahead.

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**colleen Duhon** - May 13, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lane Alice Harris.



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May 13, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lane Alice Harris.

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May 13, 2025 at 05:53 PM

MG

“ Lane Harris will always be remembered by the Birthday Club who loved her dearly. She was missed by us this past year by the members during her illness. Many prayers were sent up for her at each of our gatherings. Rest in Peace Dear Friend!

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**Martha Gustavsen** - May 13, 2025 at 04:58 PM

LA

“ *Lauren & Alex purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Lane Alice Harris.*



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**Lauren & Alex** - May 12, 2025 at 11:54 PM

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“ *Lauren & Alex planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lane Alice Harris.*

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**Lauren & Alex** - May 12, 2025 at 11:54 PM