



Marilyn Claire Miller Harper

March 7, 1951 - October 12, 2021

Marilyn Claire Miller Harper was born March 7, 1951, in Los Angeles, California to Wiley Edward Miller and Lorraine Lemoine Miller. On October 12, 2021, surrounded by loved ones it was evident Marilyn was in the presence of the Lord when she smiled a big smile as she took her last breath.

Marilyn was the fourth of eleven siblings. When she was nine, her family moved from Los Angeles, California to Riverside, Texas to be closer to her father's family.

She inherited her mother's loving spirit. Helping care for her siblings then marrying Joseph Harper at a young age, Marilyn carried her tender care and love into the raising of her four children, Tammy, Vicki, Richard, and Randy. Marilyn and Joe loved to take trips with their kids, grandkids, and other family members, traveling to California, Colorado, Utah, Florida and any where they could find adventure.

Marilyn tirelessly served in her church where she taught many years of seminary, women's group, and Sunday school, to name a few. She mentored and touched the lives of many local youth and forming life-long friendships. Most of her free time was spent visiting and caring for friends and family, proving her dependable and unconditional love for others. Marilyn's personal relationship with Jesus was plain to see by the way she lived her life. She was not only a believer in the Word but a doer. The fruits of the spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control paint a beautiful picture of who she was.

Marilyn continued to show her selflessness even as she courageously endured a 12-year battle with Alzheimer's.

Marilyn is preceded in death by her parents, Wiley Edward Miller and Lorraine Josephine Lemoine Miller; son in-law Daniel Craig Killingsworth; brother in-law Joey Anderson; and sister in-law Sharlene Miller.

Marilyn is survived by her ex-husband Joseph Harper; children Tammy Gustafson and husband Ken, Vicki Killingsworth Thompson and husband Charles, Richard Harper and wife Nicole, and Randy Harper and fiancé Whitney; grand children Nathaniel Ross Gustafson, Natalie Mae Salmon, Ethan Harper, Ellie Harper, Claire Harper, Kalyn Killingsworth, Kyli Killingsworth and Madison Thompson; great grandchildren Coltyn Gustafson, Kamryn Struchen, Cannyn Gustafson, Keelie Salmon, Kimber Salmon, and Bryson Salmon.

Siblings Paul (Alice) Miller, Lenore (Garnett) Davis, Louie (Paula) Miller, Jeannine Anderson, Wilma (Bill) Garrett, Michael (Buddy) Widner, Greg Miller, Brian Miller, Johnny Miller, and Celeste (Jimmy) Wood.

Marilyn will lie in state on Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 8:00am to 5:00pm at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX. Visitation will be on Friday, October 15 at Black Jack Cemetery at 1:00pm. Services will begin at 2:00pm. Memorial condolences may be made to the family at www.shmfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Black Jack Cemetery

Black Jack Rd
Huntsville, TX 77340

Previous Events

Public Viewing

OCT **14**. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Visitation

OCT **15**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Black Jack Cemetery

Service

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Huntsville, TX 77340

Tribute Wall



“ *Marilyn Claire Miller Harper*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *It has been such an honor knowing Marilyn. She truly was such a special person. I'll miss that beautiful, sweet soul of hers!*

Ashley Clements - October 15, 2021 at 05:43 PM



“ *The family is in our thoughts and prayers.*



Christine Whitener Burnett - October 15, 2021 at 03:22 AM



“ *I am grateful to have known Marilyn working at Newton Gresham Library. To me, she was one of the sweetest, kindest, and most helpful person we ever had working in our library. I am so sorry for your loss.*

Terrie Newman

Terrie Newman - October 14, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



October 14, 2021 at 03:04 PM



“ *Love, Susan, Gary & Ethan purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



Love, Susan, Gary & Ethan - October 14, 2021 at 12:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



October 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Sending condolences*



Bridgette (Neeley) Clay - October 14, 2021 at 10:50 AM

FC

“ *From the Family of Mike Clark purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



From the Family of Mike Clark - October 14, 2021 at 10:20 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



October 14, 2021 at 10:11 AM

JC

“ *Prayers for the family*



Jeanette Starns Collard - October 14, 2021 at 09:28 AM

CM

Marilyn and I were the same age and I always enjoyed relating to her. She was always so positive and upbeat and we enjoyed mini happy conversations. I always felt loved and excepted by her whenever we were together and at the family gatherings. I am so glad that she excepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and look forward to worshiping the Lord together with her after I too have been promoted from this life. She was a precious loving caring sister. Father God please minister to all of her children and her grandchildren and her great grandchildren with the comfort that only you can give. I pray Lord for all of the brothers and sisters and ask Lord that they would all feel very loved by those who will miss Marilyn. Help them Lord to remember the happy times and to carry those into their relationships with one another. Help them all to draw closer to you and to each other. Blessings on you all. Charlotte Miller

Charlotte Miller - October 14, 2021 at 10:45 AM

CW

“ Cathy Hayman Warren lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper



Cathy Hayman Warren - October 14, 2021 at 08:32 AM

KB

“ Sending my love and prayers for Lenore and family during this time of loss 🙏❤️

Kari Brothers - October 14, 2021 at 08:17 AM

CB

“ Carol Bennett lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper



Carol Bennett - October 13, 2021 at 11:48 PM

CB

My Prayers & Love for this family abounds. I'm truly sorry for your loss. Thank you for allowing me to share in her caring & unconditional love that she displayed in each of you & those that knew her, Her legacy will follow in the footsteps of her .. children, grands, siblings, family & friends.

Carol Bennett - October 14, 2021 at 12:22 AM

HF

“ *So very sorry for your loss...prayers for the family so that you all will be able to bear the pain of this sorrow...
The Homeyer Family*

Homeyer Family - October 13, 2021 at 08:19 PM

S-

“ *Wow, what a great tribute!
Marilyn was an amazing woman. She loved hard & loved everyone she met. She especially was drawn to children as all the Miller sisters are.
Marilyn ALWAYS has a smile on her face & a contagious laugh.
She will be missed.*

Sheila Moon -Davis - October 13, 2021 at 06:18 PM

VE

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Marilyn. She was such a sweet person and a very strong Christian. She will be miss by those who lives she touched. David and I are praying for your family during this time of grief. May God wrap his arms around you during this time

Vicki Pledger Easley - October 13, 2021 at 05:47 PM

MH

“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper



M. Hyvl - October 13, 2021 at 05:29 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.



October 13, 2021 at 05:17 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.



October 13, 2021 at 04:09 PM

ST

“ *Sherry,David,Therese,Kyle,Katlynn Thomas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



Sherry,David,Therese,Kyle,Katlynn Thomas - October 13, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



October 13, 2021 at 09:09 AM

DH

“ *Dianne Harmon lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper*



Dianne Harmon - October 13, 2021 at 08:49 AM

MW

“ *I'm sorry for your loss.*



Mellicent Wiley - October 13, 2021 at 08:36 AM

KT

“ *Katy Tyler lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper*



Katy Tyler - October 13, 2021 at 05:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



October 13, 2021 at 12:35 AM

RM

“ *Rhonda Mckee Mauldin lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper*



Rhonda Mckee Mauldin - October 12, 2021 at 09:43 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper.*



October 12, 2021 at 09:09 PM

EC

“ *Earl & Sherry Carter lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Claire Miller Harper*



Earl & Sherry Carter - October 12, 2021 at 07:58 PM

TA

“ *I beautiful Aunt she will be thought of often and loved deeply. Love the Pattersons*

Tara - October 12, 2021 at 07:47 PM