



## Marsha Sue (Yarberry) Harrison

February 12, 1949 - May 10, 2019

A memorial service for Marsha Harrison, 70, of Tyler will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Marvin United Methodist Church with Dr. Doug Baker officiating. The visitation will follow the memorial service at the church. A private burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Harrison passed away Friday, May 10, 2019 in Little Rock, Arkansas. She was born February 12, 1949 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Randle A. Yarberry and Sarah Ann (Lee) Yarberry.

Marsha was a member of Marvin United Methodist Church where she participated in the United Methodist Women, Bell Choir and was an integral leader of the Youth Handbell Choir for 20 years. She participated in many Tyler civic organizations including the Tyler Rose Festival, Tyler Chamber of Commerce, the Parks Board, the Transportation Board, the Tyler Symphony League (of which she was twice made Chairman), and the Cattle Barons. She was a member of the Tyler Literary Club, the Mildred Floyd Garden Club and the Four Seasons Garden Club (of which she was President). She was one of the original co-founders of the Discovery Science Place. She was the second recipient of the "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" award from the Tyler Junior League. She was also awarded the United Way "Be a Life Savior" award. She received the Silver Beaver Award bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America, of which she was East Texas Area Council President. She was the President of the Medical Alliance Auxiliary and was involved in the American Red Cross. During the 1960's/Viet Nam era, Marsha was an active member of the USO and performed for troops in Germany, Japan and the Philippines.

Marsha was preceded in death by her father. She is survived by her loving family including her husband of 45 years, Dr. Preston E. Harrison M.D.; her mother, Sarah Yarberry; sons, Tofer Harrison and wife Christine, Robert Randle Harrison and wife Hannah; grandchildren, Anne, Margaret, Alexandria, and Preston Lee; sister, Linda Ann Bragg and husband David; brother, Lee Yarberry and wife Olita; nieces, Cheri Castleberry, Karen Haddon, and Kristin Bragg; nephews, Eric and Brandon Yarberry.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Marvin United Methodist Church - Handbell Choir Fund, 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX 75702.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Private Burial**

TX,

**MAY Memorial Service 11:00AM**

**15**

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Marvin United Methodist Church  
300 W Erwin St, Tyler, TX, US, 75702-7131

**MAY Visitation and reception after service**

**15**

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# Comments

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“ Ashley Anderson lit a candle in memory of Marsha Sue (Yarberry) Harrison



Ashley Anderson - May 15, 2019 at 10:14 PM

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“ Wonderful picture! She was the talented gal. Marsha could do almost anything & did it well and with good graces. We will miss her. Dave & Carolyn Halbrooks Bain

Carolyn Bain - May 15, 2019 at 04:55 PM

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“ Dear Tofer, Rob and Preston,

I loved Marsha! I am so saddened with you. My personal experience was that she made each acquaintance feel as if that person were her very best friend! How gifted was her organizational mind! Every time I was blessed to work alongside her on any project, Marsha's enthusiasm was contagious. Her attentions to minute details made every experience better! She had the ability to bring out "the best of contributions" from all she touched masterfully with her leadership. I saw those traits also in you, Tofer, as our close friend and co-leader through high school projects at Lee. I know she will "go on" through you.... "living" in your girls in her unforgettable honor. One of Marsha's greatest gifts was being able to embrace both yours and Rob's gifts and differences and "count them all joy!"

I shall never forget the lovely way she reached out to Shaye and me with her artfully-planned, engagement dinner party! How we all shall miss the very thought of Marsha Yarberry Harrison in this community; the sweet aroma of her presence will linger always in our hearts. Certainly, the "tolling of bells" in Heaven could never be more blessedly beautiful than when welcoming Marsha to God's Eternal Keeping.

Sincerely honoring all of you with my love and admiration, Joy Moore Missildine

Joy Moore Missildine - May 14, 2019 at 05:39 PM

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“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Marsha Sue (Yarberry) Harrison.



May 14, 2019 at 11:31 AM

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“ Mrs. Yarberry, Linda, Lee, and all the family,  
You have my deepest sympathy for your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers.  
Marlo B. Krueger

**Marlo B Krueger** - May 13, 2019 at 11:25 PM

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“ Martha Lindblom lit a candle in memory of Marsha Sue (Yarberry) Harrison



**Martha Lindblom** - May 13, 2019 at 07:41 PM



“ I enjoyed working with Marsha for many years. She may have been a client at Richbourg and Associates, but she was also my friend. I did enjoy working with her on her bookkeeping for Preston and just taking to her about her travels and my travels and all her volunteering. She will be missed. My prayers and hugs to Preston, Tofer and Rob and their families.

**Martha** - May 13, 2019 at 07:46 PM

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“ Marsha was a force of nature. She touched so many people's lives wherever she went. She was the backbone of so many organizations. She was such a good friend to our family and to so many others. I know that she leaves a hole in all of your hearts. She loved her family more than life itself! She will be sorely missed by all who knew her. Marsha was so thrilled to be a grandmother. Her four grandchildren were such a source of pride and joy. I am quite sure that she has already started the preparation for her Homecoming Party and will be on the official "Welcome Committee" when the rest of us get to Heaven. I pray that the Lord will surround each of you, her precious family members with the Peace that Passes all of our Understanding. Just know that Marsha leaves a legacy of love, service, generosity, and compassion for all. That is the greatest thing anyone can leave to the next generations. We are all better because Marsha Harrison touched our lives. Lloyd and I extend our deepest sympathy for this tremendous loss. Please let us know if we can help any of you.

Much love,

Rebecca Mercer  
903 521-1376



Rebecca Mercer - May 13, 2019 at 05:58 PM