



## Christine Johnson Harper

June 26, 1952 - December 31, 2019

A memorial service for Christine Johnson Harper, 67, of Tyler will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church with The Rev. Mitch Tollett officiating.

Ms. Harper was born June 26, 1952, in Tyler, to Reinhold Peter “Ray” Johnson and Alice Levingston Johnson. She passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2019 in Tyler.

Christine graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The University of Texas at Austin. She subsequently received a Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from The University of Texas at Tyler and a Master of Science in Nursing from Texas Woman’s University.

For the majority of her career, Christine had the pleasure of teaching Psychiatric Nursing at Tyler Junior College, The University of Texas at Tyler, Angelina College and Stephen F. Austin State University. She held multiple clinical nursing positions before she began teaching. She also held the position of Director of Nursing at Rusk State Hospital.

Christine was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her loving family including: her sister, Caroline Gayeske (Stephen); her son, Tim Harper; her long-time partner and best friend, Jim Harper; stepson, Adam Harper

(Kimbra); three step-grandchildren; two nephews; multiple great-nieces and nephews who lovingly referred to her as “Aunt Grandma”; and numerous cousins and friends.

There will be a reception immediately following the memorial at St. Francis.

If desired, memorials may be made to St. Francis Episcopal Church, 3232 Jan Ave., Tyler, TX 75701. The Salvation Army, or Community Relations at Rusk State Hospital, P.O. Box 318, Rusk, TX 75785.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 11. 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Francis Episcopal Church  
3232 Jan Ave.  
Tyler, TX 75701

## Reception following service

JAN 11 (CT)

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Tyler, TX 75701

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ Dear Jim and Timothy, I knew Chris for many, many years first at Rusk state hospital where she brought her students, and at the Skyview unit again when she brought her students. I was working for UTMB as a psychiatrist mental health nurse practitioner. We shared the same wicked sense of humor, shared our thoughts, our hopes, etc. I think of her often and miss her wisdom and humor. Timothy was her greatest joy and pride. Jim, you were her best friend. She spoke of you both often. Praying for comfort, healing, and peace. Belinda Meharry

Belinda Meharry - June 06 at 08:25 AM

CM

“ So sorry to hear about Christine. We went to elementary school together and I remember playing games with her on the playground!

Connie Schimank McGilvray - January 13, 2020 at 06:49 PM

JM

“ I will miss Christine's intelligence, compassion, wit, and love of the absurd. She and I shared a love of dark humor and ridiculous situations. And, Christine was always thirsty for knowledge. We will all miss her. I know her family must miss her terribly. She was a good and authentic human being. She was comfortable with herself and that is rare.



JoAnn Tunnell Muench - January 11, 2020 at 08:36 PM

DE

“ Christine and I taught together at SFA. She was an amazing nurse, teacher, friend, and woman and the most compassionate person I know. Timothy was her pride and joy. I will miss our girl trips and lunches and her sense of humor. She took this final trip without me, but I know she is playing the piano with the angels. May God bless and comfort Caroline, Jim, and Timothy.

Debbie Ellisor - January 10, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Christine Johnson Harper.



January 10, 2020 at 05:33 PM

LS

“ Having worked with Chris at TJC, I found her to be a quite intelligent person with a somewhat wicked sense of humor at times. Enjoyed her company. She could quickly size things up whenever concerns or problems arose. She will be missed. My condolences to her family. She loved you & often spoke fondly of all of you.  
Laquita Showen

Laquita Showen - January 10, 2020 at 11:25 AM

RR

“ Renee Rapp lit a candle in memory of Christine Johnson Harper



Renee Rapp - January 09, 2020 at 08:55 PM

SW

“ *My most sincere condolences to Christines family. Having grown up with Christine, i realized at an early age what a special person she was. One of the most intelligent people I ever met and knew. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Steve Weathersby*

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**Steve Weathersby** - January 08, 2020 at 09:42 PM

HH

“ *Harvey Hill lit a candle in memory of Christine Johnson Harper*



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**Harvey Hill** - January 08, 2020 at 08:52 PM

SL

“ *Sam and Holly Lee purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Christine Johnson Harper.*



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**Sam and Holly Lee** - January 08, 2020 at 02:46 PM