



Lawana Sibley

November 9, 1938 - February 21, 2021

Lawana Harper Sibley, 82, of Tyler, Texas went to be with the Lord on February 21, 2021 after a brief illness. She was born on November 9, 1938 to Henry Haskell Harper and Sallie Mae Harper in Tyler.

Lawana was a model of God's grace and love, caring for her mother in her home for fourteen years until her death in 2010. A proud graduate of Tyler High School, Lawana enjoyed the company and fellowship of her classmates, some of whom she first met in elementary school, at weekly lunches and reunions. She loved the company of her friends and family, particularly time together in quilting weekends where the sewing was often secondary to the conversations and good food. One friend noted that she never knew anyone who had as many friends as Lawana and Sib. Lawana was never far from a good book and enjoyed spending time working in her beautiful yard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Charles "Sib" Sibley, and her son, Wade Sibley, and her brother, John Harper. Lawana is survived by her two daughters, Sally Bridges (Prosper) and husband Jim, and Jill Riggs (Henderson) and husband Mark; grandchildren, Steven Burt (Lindale) and wife Sheila, Randy Burt (Bullard) and wife Bri, David Burt (Lindale), Cameron Bridges (Dallas) and wife Anna, and Abby Hecht (Austin) and husband Cole; grandchildren, Kyle Riggs and Jessica Riggs Pierson (Kilgore); and great-grandchildren, Chelsea, Luke, Addie, Riley, Harper, and Millie.

Honorary pallbearers are Cameron Bridges, Steven Burt, Randy Burt, David Burt, Kyle Riggs, Cole Hecht and Jason Pierson.

A private graveside service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tyler, under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen Rhoads of Pollard United Methodist Church officiating. Visitation is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 2021 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the East Texas Food Bank, 3201 Robertson Road, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Cemetery Details

Private Graveside Service - Rose Hill Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Tribute Wall



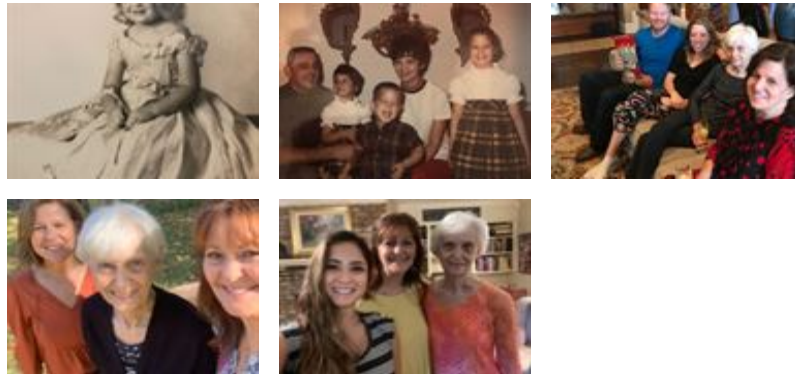
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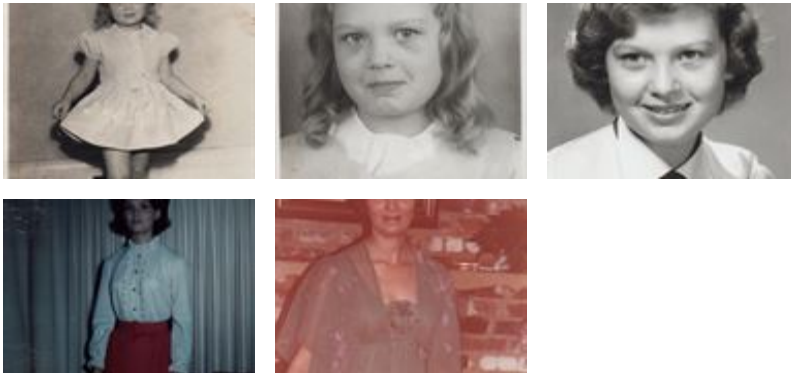
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“ When we moved across the street from Sib and Lawana more than 50 years ago, we didn't know what was in store for us. Before we even got the moving truck unloaded they were across the street with ice tea to welcome us to the neighborhood. That began a long, wonderful and fun friendship. Our kids were young and the same age as theirs and this just added icing to the cake. We had so much fun living on Birdwell St.! Almost every night, after we both had put the kids to bed, we were at one of our houses visiting, telling tales and just talking. We moved from Tyler after a little more that a year, but that time across from the Sibleys was probably the happiest and best year of our life. We and our children still talk about all the funny, funny things that happened on Birdwell. Such special, special memories! Much, much love to Sally and Jill during your time of loss. She was, indeed, a "one of a kind" lady!

----Wayne & Bitsy

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“ So sorry to hear about this. Have known Lawana for many years and cherish the many laughs we have had. Love to Jill and Sally. I know she is rejoicing with Sib and Clint now. Stay strong.

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