



Sharon Lee Harper

April 18, 1936 - November 26, 2019

Sharon Lee Harper of Overland Park, Kansas, previously of Versailles, Missouri, passed away peacefully November 26, 2019, after a courageous battle with dementia and complications from a stroke.

Sharon was born April 18, 1936, to William H Harper Jr. and Loretta J. Harper (Ziegelmeier) in Kansas City, Kansas. She joined the Air Force in 1953 and served in the Women's Air Force Band before returning to Versailles to raise her son. Versailles was her home for over 50 years, where she was a rural mail carrier, retiring from the United States Postal Service in the early 2000's. Family, music, sports, and God were all centerpieces of Sharon's life. She was full of energy, feisty and brought joy to every family gathering, particularly to the children in attendance because she would often be found outside playing with them. When playing, even well in to her 70's, she only knew one speed, 100 miles an hour, which meant she'd also usually find a way to get injured while playing – once nearly blinding herself after taking a football to the face while trying to block a kick and on another occasion taking a yucca plant up the nose while playing baseball, trying to catch a fly ball for the final out with a group of kids. She was committed to the WAF Band, where she played the clarinet and attended the annual reunion until her health prohibited travel. She was also a member of the Lake Area Community Orchestra, Glensted United Methodist Church and the American Legion, Post 343 in Stover, Missouri. She loved the farm, her horses, the Chiefs, the Royals and the Mules & Jennies (UCM).

She is survived by her son Raymond Nicolson (Betty), sister Donna Geivett (Earl), sister Dorothy Harper, sister Gayle Weinand, sister Judy Masters (Eldon), sister-in-law Carol Harper, nephews Greg Hughes (Catrina), and Chad Hughes, three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many other nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family of friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Donald James Harper Sr., brother, William H Harper III and sister, Carol D. Hughes (Harper).

The family would like to thank Prairie Elder Care and Ascend Hospice and their staff for loving and graciously caring for her for the past few years. A celebration of life will be held in the spring. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations the University of Central Missouri, Athletics (memo: Harper Project) or the Glensted United Methodist Church, Versailles. Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Another band sister is now at home with our Heavenly Father keeping the angels choir happy while she plays her clarinet. It was a long struggle but now is at peace. Janice*



Janice hovey walker - December 12, 2019 at 10:02 AM

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“ *Marleen Gerber-Baker lit a candle in memory of Sharon Lee Harper*



Marleen Gerber-Baker - December 11, 2019 at 08:00 AM