



# **Mrs. Carolyn M. Harris**

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**I**t is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Carolyn Milligan Harris, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, sister, and friend. Carolyn was born on April 20, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois, to her loving parents, Dorothy and Gene Milligan. She peacefully left this world, surrounded by her family on September 22, 2023, in Dallas, Texas.

Carolyn's life was defined by love, family, and an unwavering commitment to those she held dear. She was married to the love of her life, Sam O. Harris, with whom she recently celebrated 67 years of marriage. Their partnership was an enduring testament to the strength of their bond and an inspiration to her family.

As a mother, Carolyn was the heart of her family. She leaves behind three cherished daughters: Joanie Gill, Pamela Weber (Todd), and Susan Figiel (Mike). Her love and guidance helped shape their lives, and her legacy of love will continue to inspire them.

Carolyn was an adoring grandmother to Matt Tatum, Bill Weber, Maddie Weber, and Michael Figiel. Her great-grandson, Sam Tatum, brought her immeasurable joy and laughter. Her family was her greatest source of pride and happiness.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her beloved sisters, Jan Ensminger (Cliff) and Shirley Milligan. Carolyn's family was at the center of her world, and she now joins those who have gone before her in eternal rest. Carolyn's life was filled with rich experiences and passions. She graduated from Highland Park High School in 1957, laying the foundation for a life of curiosity and learning. She was an avid reader, a talented seamstress, and an adventurous world traveler, sailing the Caribbean with her husband for four years which were some of the best days of her life. Carolyn's green thumb graced gardens with beauty wherever she went, and her love of music and art enriched the lives of those around her.

Throughout her lifetime, Carolyn and Sam cultivated lasting friendships that spanned over six decades. These cherished relationships were a testament to her warm and welcoming nature. Her



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circle of friends will deeply miss her presence and the joy she brought into their lives. Her legacy of love, kindness, and grace will continue to shine brightly in the hearts of all who knew her. A Celebration of Life will be held on October 12 at 2:00 pm at Restland Funeral Home's Wildwood Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Unity of Dallas (<https://www.unitydallas.org>) or a charity of your choice.



# Events

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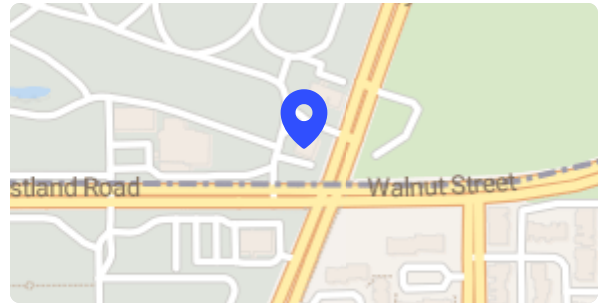
## Memorial Service

 **Thursday**, October 12, 2023

 2:00 PM cst

 **The Wildwood Chapel at Restland Funeral Home**

13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas TX 75243





# Tribute Wall

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**Susan And Kit Campbell** lit a candle in honor of Carolyn.

Kit and I shared a rare adventure with Carolyn and Sam, sailing the Bahamas with them. Carolyn loved everyone and everything. Her sense of adventure was unwavering and we admired the beautiful marriage they built!! We are so very sad to hear of her passing, and we send blesses to Sam and the family. Rest in God's home sweet Carolyn.



October 7 at 1:02 PM



**Rudy York** shared 6 photos and a video to the **June 2018 Chesapeake Bay Sailing** album.



September 28 at 10:48 AM



**Rudy York** lit a candle in honor of Carolyn.

I am fortunate to have shared a sailing adventure with Carolyn on the Chesapeake Bay in June 2018. Sam and Carolyn joined our club in 2015 and they did not hesitate to go on this trip. I was a bit concerned about her ability to maneuver on and off the boat because of her agility due to age as well as her depth perception challenges due blindness in one eye. Whenever I attempted to assist her getting into the small rubber dinghy, she would plop herself down on the swim platform of the boat, exclaiming that "I can do it myself", and then slide her rear onto the dinghy. At one of our club meetings, Sam gave a presentation about their experiences of living and cruising on their sail boat. on the east coast. I recall that he said that when it was time for them to give up the boat life (the first time), they were walking on the dock to the boat broker and she stopped dead in her tracks proclaiming that she wasn't ready and insisted that they continue cruising for a bit longer. We had been friends for less than a decade, but I will always remember the exuberance for life that she exemplified as well as her stubborn independence. Thank you Carolyn for sharing a small portion of your journey with me.



September 28 at 10:48 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Harris family.



October 7 at 10:23 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Harris family.

October 6 at 12:46 PM



**Marina & Roy Adams** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Harris family.

October 6 at 12:42 PM



**Marina & Roy Adams** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Carolyn.

October 6 at 12:42 PM



**Roy A.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Carolyn.

October 6 at 12:30 PM



**Love, Charlotte And Bill Wood** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Harris family.

October 5 at 11:48 AM



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**Anthony & Sheila Madigan Levatino** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Harris family.

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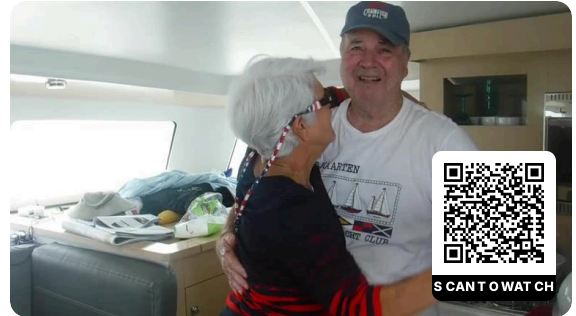
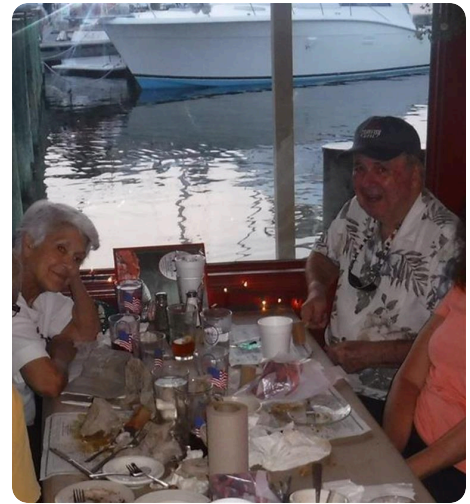


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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Carolyn by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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