



Sylvia Harper

October 26, 1951 - March 31, 2023

Sylvia Harper, 71, of Hammond, Louisiana, passed away on March 31st, 2023 in her home. She was a loving friend, aunt, mother and grandmother and she will be greatly missed.

Sylvia was born on October 26th, 1951 to Laura Mae and Andrew (Buddy) Peters in Hammond, Louisiana. She married the love of her life, Eugene Harper, on September 22nd, 1968 during his time at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. They later moved back to Hammond, Louisiana where they shared an undying love together for almost 50 years and built a beautiful life.

Sylvia was best known professionally for her career in Early Childhood. She held many jobs, but her passion started in Early Childhood Education about 30 years ago when she took her first job at a small daycare in Hammond. She and her family later purchased Just Kiddin Around where she served as the director and the “Maw Maw” to many many children over the years. Even after her retirement, she continued her passion by serving as a member of the Ready Start Early Childhood Program for the Tangipahoa Parish School System where she continued her work as an observer and a coach for many daycare centers in our area.

When she wasn't working, Sylvia spent many of her years traveling with her best friends, Martha and Nick Battaglia, when her husband was alive. They

loved the mountains and seeing the beautiful bluebonnets of Texas.

Sylvia loved her home. She built a home where she was surrounded by family and where she had the privilege of seeing her grandkids grow up. They visited her almost everyday. She spent most of her days at home outside in her garden. She also loved riding around the neighborhood with her grandchildren and feeding the horses.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Laura Mae and Andrew (Buddy) Peters, her siblings, Hilda Powell, Gordon Peters, Gilbert Peters and Dewitt Peters, and her loving husband, Eugene Harper. She is survived by her daughter, Carrie Sciortino (Anthony), son, Mitchell Harper (Jessica), her grandchildren, Amanda Jackson (Erick), Brandon Sciortino, Miranda Malik (Aaron), Madeline Harper, Emily Harper, Maggie Harper, and Eli Harper and Great Grandchildren, Macy Jackson, Lily Jackson, and Liam Malik and many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend a visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home, 1190 Highway 51 N. Ponchatoula, LA on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Visitation will continue on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. until the funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Rose Memorial Park Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Rose Memorial Cemetery

908 Western Ave.
Hammond, La

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Visitation

APR 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
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Funeral Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sylvia Harper*



Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - April 04, 2023 at 10:49 AM

AN

I used to work with Miss Sylvia at McDonald's many, many years ago. Back when the entire family worked at McDonald's. Prayers of comfort for the love ones she left behind.

Annette Nichols - April 05, 2023 at 03:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sylvia Harper.*



April 05, 2023 at 09:11 AM

RB

“ *Rita Bigner lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Harper*



Rita Bigner - April 04, 2023 at 06:19 PM

RB

I used to work for her when she had the yum yum Drive Inn

Rita Bigner - April 04, 2023 at 06:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sylvia Harper.*



April 04, 2023 at 01:06 PM

ED

“ *Ed and I will miss seeing and talking to Ms. Sylvia. She was a treasure a sweet lady and neighbor.*

Ed and Wanda DiMaggio - April 03, 2023 at 06:41 PM

JP

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of this wonderful person. You all took such wonderful care of Valerie and have always been in our thoughts and prayers. We will continue to pray for you all during this difficult time. She will truly be missed*

Jennifer Stephany Perez - April 03, 2023 at 05:44 PM

TC

“ *Our deepest condolences. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*



Tammy Cogley - April 03, 2023 at 05:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Sylvia Harper.*



April 03, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *23 years ago Sylvia talked me into working for her. I did not know if I could do it. But she had faith in me. Sylvia Carrie and Mitch and Martha help me get to where I am today in Early Childhood. My friend I will miss you at all of our meeting each month You will always still be in my heart. I love you with all of my heart ❤️. Until we meet again*

DeeDee - April 03, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Carrie, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I will have you and your family in my prayers. Love, cousin Diane.*

Diane Singletary - April 03, 2023 at 12:36 PM