



Joan C. Harris

January 10, 1932 - July 1, 2018

Joan C. Harris, 86 of Carbondale, passed away on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at her home surrounded by family.

Joan was born January 10, 1932 in Carbondale, the daughter of Otha and Marie (Wright) Coleman. She married Roy K. Harris on July 12, 1958. They shared 59 years of marriage together.

She graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's and master's degree in education. She taught in the Carbondale public school system and retired with over 20 years of service. Joan had a passion for water colors and was a wonderful artist. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, and the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale Auxiliary.

Joan is survived by her husband, Roy K. Harris of Carbondale; daughter, Sara (Jim)Culhane of Denver, CO; sister, Patsy Gilchrist of Carbondale; nephews, Alan Gilchrist of Mansfield, TX, Jim Gilchrist of Marion, KY, Dan Gilchrist of Smyrna, TN, James Finley Jr. of Donelson, TN, Kenneth Finley of Spartanburg, SC; a sister-in-law, Patricia Finley of Hermitage, TN; other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Leslie Elaine Lindsay; and her niece, Deborah Ann Finley.

Funeral Services for Joan C. Harris will be Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 12:00pm at Grace United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Gilbert and Rev. Jungil Rhee officiating. Private inurnment will take place at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Visitation will be held at Grace United Methodist Church from 10:00am until the hour of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Grace United Methodist Church or the Roy and Joan Harris Engineering Scholarship by contributing to the SIU Foundation and designating the scholarship as the beneficiary of the contribution. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church

Service

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Grace United Methodist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *Joan C. Harris*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Joan's passing! I was a close friend of Leslie's & learned of Joan's illness through Mark! Had spoke with Joan - couple times & communicated via letter - always enjoyed the sweet thoughts & words she shared! She was so creative -was lucky enough to see several if her pieces! Loving thoughts & prayers to Roy & Sara & extended family.*

*Judy Pelfrey
Lexington, Ky*

Judy Pelfrey - July 17, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Joan's passing. I was a good friend of Leslie's (Elaine). After Leslie's passing, I usually wrote the Harris' a letter once a year to let them know I was thinking of them and share a memory of Leslie. They always responded with a kind letter.*

*Prayers,
Susan Mullins
Lexington, Kentucky*

Susan - July 16, 2018 at 09:05 AM

IH

“ You were a sweetie Joan. I still recall wanting to buy your painting at a church auction many years ago (Marilyn Black won, and that's great). You were a very talented artist. I'm glad I knew you for a moment. Ingrid Hansen-Burr

Ingrid Hansen-Burr - July 12, 2018 at 03:20 PM

JF

“ I was sorry to learn of Joan's passing. We think of her often as we have two of her barn paintings hanging in our dining room here in Flagstaff. She will be missed but always remembered.

Joel Fritzler

Joel Fritzler - July 12, 2018 at 12:55 PM

MV

“ Mary Vincent lit a candle in memory of Joan C. Harris



Mary Vincent - July 09, 2018 at 12:09 PM

MV

“ So sorry to learn about Joan. May God Bless you all during this difficult time. Thank you for everything and your friendship all these years. Love and prayers, Mary Vincent💜

Mary Vincent - July 09, 2018 at 12:08 PM

JW

“ I recall with great fondness sharing lunch with Joan and Roy in their home this past fall. Such kindness is increasingly rare in our society, especially towards those who have yet to become close friends. I can only imagine the positive impact Joan has had on those who have been blessed to know her well.

I will miss seeing Joan, but I will remember her kindness and try to somehow pay it forward.

John W.

John J. Warwick - July 07, 2018 at 09:12 AM

RK

“ Roy, we only know you and Joan through our dear friend, Patsy Finley, your sister. However, the few times we were in your company were always delightful. Joan was such a sweet and genuine lady, and we chatted about her art and other talents we had in common. We are so sorry for your loss and hope we will have the pleasure of seeing you the next time you are in Hermitage visiting your sister.

In memory of Joan, we are sending a contribution to the Roy & Joan Harris Engineering Scholarship at the SIU Foundation.

With our deepest sympathy,

*Ron and Ann Keller
4928 Tulip Grove Lane
Hermitage, TN 37076*

Ron. & Ann Keller - July 05, 2018 at 06:38 PM



“ *My cousin Joan has always been a support system to my family. She has provided many a meal and kind words to my family when we needed it most. She has a special place in my heart. Julie Gall*

Julie Wright Gall - July 05, 2018 at 05:42 PM

RH

“ *We have a deep respect for both Joan and Roy Harris for their significant contributions to needy and worthy students who have a desire to obtain an education at John A. Logan College or Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Joan's legacy will live forever.*

*In Joan's memory we are
Making a contribution to the Joan and Roy Harris endowment in the
Illinois Community College Dystem Foundation. Ray and Ruth
Hancock*

Ray Hancock - July 04, 2018 at 11:48 AM

TJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of Joan's family, as you mourn her passing. Her memory will keep her in your hearts until you are together again.*

Ted and Mary Jennings

Ted and Mary Jennings - July 04, 2018 at 10:47 AM

AA

“ I taught with Joan at Thomas School in Carbondale in the 70's. I was a new teacher and Joan took me under her wings to help me become a better teacher. She and I taught a pair of siblings (her 1st grader, and my kindergartner) that had deplorable home conditions. We made home visits to try to help the parent understand the importance of education and child nutrition. We worked on projects together and constantly made decisions that would most benefit the children. Joan will always be a positive memory in my life. Her sister, Patsy Gilchrist, is also a great friend who nursed my "little ones" boo boo's and my two little sisters with epilepsy. Condolences to the family--how wonderful to have been a part of Joan's life. :)



Anna Adams - July 04, 2018 at 08:31 AM