



## Mary Lou Harrell

January 15, 1929 - December 19, 2019

Mary Lou Harrell, affectionately, known as “Lucy” and “Shug” was born on January 15, 1929, to the late Charlie and Valley Carrington Allen in Oxford, North Carolina. Mary peacefully departed this life on Thursday, December 19, 2019 surrounded by her loved ones as she entered the pearly gates to receive her crown. She is preceded in death by the love of her life, John Walter Harrell and son, Vandy R. “Bill” Dickens, joined together in happiness again.

Marylou was educated in the Oxford County School System, and at an early age she accepted Christ, into her life. She later joined Gospel Baptist where she loved to worship until her health began to fail and was not able to attend. However, she continued her walk with Christ within her home, until the end. She would always say, “I don’t know who has you, but God’s got me”. Her trust in God was everlasting as she held on to her faith.

While life came with its challenges, Lucy was always determined to live it to the fullest. She loved traveling, gardening, canning, cooking and having a good time. Lucy loved her role as a wife, mother, grandmother, auntie and a dear friend. She was stern and not afraid to express how she felt, but always loving and found the good in everyone that crossed her path. Lucy was always willing to help where she could. Marylou loved life, and she let her light shine and wasn’t afraid to live.

She meant so much to so many people. Lucy was a wonderful home-maker, very inspiring and dependable. She will always live in our hearts forever.

We give special thanks for her guidance and love and will always cherish her memory.

Marylou leaves to cherish her memory: children, Hazel Mae Dockery, MaryAnn Harrell, John W. Harrell Jr, (Fern), Dino Harrell (Karen), Tammy Simms and devoted son, Tommy Harrell; 3 nieces, 14 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren; 7 great great-grandchildren; a host of other relatives and caring friends.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **23**. 12:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

## Visitation

DEC **26**. 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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## Celebration of Life

DEC **26**. 1:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lou Harrell*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

**March Funeral Homes** - December 20, 2019 at 04:52 PM

JF

*I met Mary Lou after my oldest Sister Celestine married Nathaniel Harrell. I got to know her and her Husband Johnny after that. I remember spending time at their house. She was always happy and cheerful and a wonderful host. I will miss her smile and friendly warm welcoming ways. She was a wonderful person. I will miss her greatly. Our deepest condolences to the family. Know that she is now at peace.*

**James A. Riley & Family** - December 21, 2019 at 12:04 AM

PH

*Deepest sympathy to the family.*

**Phyllis** - December 21, 2019 at 03:51 PM

DE

*Sympathy to the family of Ms Mary Lou.*

**Delores** - December 24, 2019 at 12:13 AM

EA

*My Condolences to the Harrell Family! I will greatly miss your Mom i look at her like my Mom! you all had a beautiful Mom inside and out. She had a very humble spirit! May she rest in peace in the bosom of Jesus until we meet again! Love you all! God bless!*

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**Edna Austin** - December 25, 2019 at 11:01 PM

BC

*To the Harrell family, Please except my sympathy and heartfelt condolences, Ms Mary Lou was a great lady and enjoyed every day of life. Rest in peace*

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**Brenda Clark** - December 25, 2019 at 11:07 PM