



Cathy Grinstead Harrington

March 2, 1960 - August 13, 2014

Cathy was the daughter of Jane and Dellos Grinstead having made North Augusta her lifelong home. Cathy was always a happy child who was loved and adored by her sister, Corliss.

On December 27, 1986 she married the love of her life, Tim. When he saw her on the first day of 10th grade, he immediately fell in love and asked her to marry him. He has spent his entire life making her happy so that she would know she was always thought of as someone very special.

Cathy's legacy has touched many people throughout her life. She was called to teaching early and prepared for that calling at Clemson and Augusta State Universities. She taught at Hammond Hill Elementary and Paul Knox Middle schools where many of her now adult students still reflect on the impact she had on their lives. Later she volunteered countless hours at her church, Whole Life Ministries, as a greeter for Honey from the Rock Café as well as in the Healing Center.

When her health would no longer allow her to teach in a classroom, she turned to her second passion which was to make everything more beautiful for those around her. Whether arranging flowers for a friend's wedding or choosing just the right accessory for someone's home, Cathy's greatest joy was in making other people happy or things more beautiful. One of her

greatest creations was a live production at Whole Life Ministries called The Perfect Gift, which portrayed the life of Christ from birth through the resurrection. In all things, Cathy gave God the Glory for her gift of creativity.

More than anything Cathy cherished her family and friends. From planning and celebrating holidays, special life events, and getaways with Tim, Corliss & Mickey, Ashley, and others who she loved. Cathy brought joy and blessings to everything and everyone. She was always full of beauty, life, and laughter.

Over the last 13 months, Cathy continued to teach us with her bravery and her courage. She faced each day with a smile and assurance that God was in control. She lived and died with grace and dignity.

Survivors include her husband of 27 years, Tim Harrington; a sister and her husband, Corliss and Mickey Derrick, North Augusta; a niece and her husband, Ashley and Patrick Richards, North Augusta; a great-niece, Melissa Richards.

Pallbearers will be Sonny Kimm, Dan Leverett, Gary Alexander, Glenn Parker, David Allen, Mark Singh, Tom Ledbetter and Brian Deichman.

The Family will receive friends at the funeral home this Friday evening from 5 until 7.

Memorials may be made to Whole Life Ministries, 2621 Washington Road, Augusta, GA 30904.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181). Visit the registry at www.poseycares.com

Cemetery Details

Westover Memorial Park

2601 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC

Service

AUG **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Whole Life Ministries
2621 Washington Road
Augusta, GA 30904

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Cathy Grinstead Harrington



Posey Funeral Directors - August 15, 2014 at 07:53 AM



Cathy's video

Lisa Alexander - May 12, 2021 at 03:00 PM



Such a beautiful video of beautiful, sweet, and loving Cathy. We had some fun times together. She is surely missed.

Jodisue James - July 13, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Cathy Grinstead Harrington

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Cathy Grinstead Harrington

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM

DA

“ *When I was twelve years old, my 6th grade middle school teacher, Mrs. Harrington, gave us an assignment which was to draw a picture of what we would look like or what we would be doing many years later from that day later in the future. I am so appreciative of that exercise because it has given me a mental picture and goal to strive for that has lasted my entire life - Daniel Leon*

Daniel - September 15, 2017 at 08:46 AM

SL

“ *Mrs. Harrington was the one of the best teachers. She is the reason I became a writer. I remember the lively way she would tell stories and her passion for literature. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. I will never forget her.*

Sheneika Lofton - June 20, 2015 at 08:18 AM

RY

“ *She was always sweet and kind every time I may have bumped into her. I will miss her.*
Raymond Youmans

Raymond Youmans - April 26, 2015 at 02:39 AM

CV

“ *I knew Cathy from way back when ! She was the sweetest woman inside and out & her smile of her's brighten up a room & her laughter did too ! Words seem inadequate to express the sadness we feel about Cathy's passing. We are here to support you in your grieving process. With sincere sympathy, we will never forget her! May your hearts and souls find Peace and Comfort, Prayers and Blessings,*

Cynthia Vaughn - August 20, 2014 at 10:14 AM

EE

“ Corliss, I am praying for the whole family and for GOD to give the peace, comfort and strength at this time in your lives. I know what it is like to lose a sister that was so loved to cancer. There are so many good memories left behind and I know that it makes the family feel good how many wonderful things people have said and how many wonderful things your sister has done with her life. She is smiling in heaven I am sure.

Erma Ellis - August 19, 2014 at 04:36 PM

SA

“ Tim, I'm very sorry for your loss, I will be praying for you and all of your family.

Scott Antonelli

Scott Antonelli - August 19, 2014 at 09:50 AM

MG

“ I won't forget that pretty smile and personality that I saw in class and everywhere around NAHS. Sympathy to all the family.
With love,
Marion Griffith



Marion Griffith - August 17, 2014 at 01:15 PM

KB

“ Tim, I am so very sorry for your lose. I just found out today Sunday. You and your family are in my prayers.

Ken Bryan

Ken Bryan - August 17, 2014 at 11:07 AM

BR

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you all in my prayers. She was such a beautiful, sweet, caring girl in high school. She made NASH a fun place to be. Nicest , genuine smile. She made everyone happy that met her. It was a privilege to have known her.

Beth Kurtz Rice

Beth Rice - August 16, 2014 at 04:46 PM

BB

“ Tom and Corliss, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Cathy touched so many lives in her too short life. My children adored her as their teacher and I respected her so much. She will indeed be missed by so many but we all know her body is healed and you will see her again. She was definitely greeted with our Jesus saying "Good job my good and faithful servant".

Bonnie Bradley

Bonnie Bradley - August 16, 2014 at 09:38 AM

JJ

“ Corliss, I'm so deeply sorry to hear of Cathy's passing. I know you both were very close. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you all at this difficult time. Jo Johnson

Jo Caston Johnson - August 16, 2014 at 07:21 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear this news. I remember Cathy's generous and vivacious personality as she beautifully decorated my mother's apartment in her new assisted living home and made that transition easier for her.

Jennifer Van Horn - August 16, 2014 at 05:04 AM

SH

“ We will be praying for Tim and Corliss and Mickey. Cathy was a wonderful person. I remember her always laughing and talking and of course her beautiful smile. Her tribute on here was beautiful and it is how I will remember her. I know her Mother met her with open arms.

Susan Harper-Cromer - August 15, 2014 at 11:31 PM

JS

“ May the "Sparrow" soar as Jill, Cindy, and Jane share their loss and honor Cathy.
May God share His Grace with family and friends for one who lived life well.

joe Singleton - August 15, 2014 at 03:24 PM

BE

“ Such a tremendous loss for this world, and such a gain for Heaven. I will never forget the kindness of "Miss Grinstead" (my favorite teacher) and her wonderful mother, Mrs. Grinstead. I know their reunion was amazing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.
Bethany (Buckner) Smith

Bethany - August 15, 2014 at 02:31 PM

PH

“ My heart goes out to you, Tim and the entire family. We have lost a beautiful person, but heaven has gained one. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Patricia Howard - August 15, 2014 at 11:33 AM

MT

“ Tim, Corliss and family, so very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of Cathy all through school. I can see her so clearly cheerleading, on the trampoline and always with her beautiful smile. May God bless you and comfort you in your grief. Mary Jane Salter Truemper

Mary Jane Salter Truemper - August 15, 2014 at 11:23 AM

BZ

“ Tim and family,
May God Bless and keep your family close during this time of sorrow. You all are in our prayers.

Brent, Susan Zachow

Brent Zachow - August 15, 2014 at 10:44 AM

LH

“ My sincere sympathy to Cathy's entire family. She was the most beautiful person, both inside and out. She always had a smile on her face and the Lord in her heart. She knew who her God was and He shined in her life. There will never be another Cathy, but I strive to be like her with her abiding love for the Almighty. I know because He Lives, we can face tomorrow and I look forward to seeing Cathy's smiling face and loving personality one day again!
In Christ,
Leigh Hill

Leigh Hill - August 15, 2014 at 08:22 AM

GC

“ Tim, I am so sorry for your loss. I will continue to lift your family in prayer: that you will hear God's voice, that you will know God is with you at all times, keeping watch over you and giving you strength. I pray you find comfort as Cathy rests in the arms of the one who gives eternal life.

George Cartledge

George Cartledge - August 15, 2014 at 06:34 AM

TW

“ Tim, you have been and will continue to be in the prayers of many. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to help. We may not know exactly how right now, but surely God will use this for His purposes on earth as your dear wife is being welcomed home.
Todd Woodsmall

Todd Woodsmall - August 14, 2014 at 11:05 PM

DA

“ A great friend. A great person. No one could bring joy into a room like Cathy. In spite of a long journey thru poor health, even before the cancer, Cathy was a great person. When my family knew no one Cathy made us her friend. She decorated my house and office. She influenced my children to seek more. She brought glamor and joy into their lives. You could always expect her smile and her heart. Her eye for beautiful things was flawless. She will be greatly missed by many people. We will look to the reward of once again seeing her smile as we walk into the Gates of Heaven. We love you Cathy. Our hearts are heavy in your loss but are incredibly larger because of your presence in our lives. You were a special woman, who with the help of God and Tim, overcame the medical problems to bless so many others. May your joy be complete as you meet our Lord.

David Allen

david allen - August 14, 2014 at 10:28 PM

BR

“ Tim and family,
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. May God bring you comfort and peace during this time of sorrow.

Tom and Beverly Ramos



Beverly Ramos - August 14, 2014 at 08:37 PM

GD

“ Ginger Daniel Davids lit a candle in memory of Cathy Grinstead Harrington



Ginger Daniel Davids - August 14, 2014 at 08:23 PM

JF

“ Words cannot express my feelings tonight. I know Only God will help you through this time. God Bless! Cecil and Jane

jane Faircloth - August 14, 2014 at 07:54 PM

CC

“ Tim,
Elaine and I are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We could see how much the two of you loved each other.

Chris and Elaine Cechak

Chris Cechak - August 14, 2014 at 07:24 PM

NH

“ Cathy and I were both cheerleaders at NASH and I will always remember she was the beautiful young girl who always had a smile. She was so very sweet and thoughtful. I am so sad that God decided to take her away. Prayers to her family for their terrible loss. God has a new angel in heaven, and I am certain the bright star we see from above is her telling us all is well. Nancy Hodge

Nancy Hodge - August 14, 2014 at 07:12 PM

SW

“ Dear Tim, Corliss, Mickey and Ashley, I will never forget that day she was so excited about her table she found! She loved to decorate so. I am sure she is decorating Heaven right now. Praying for all of you.

Sandy and John Wood

Sandy Wood - August 14, 2014 at 07:02 PM

TL

“ Tim, Corliss, Mickey and Ashley our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I remember alast our years at First Baptist North Augusta. Cathy was a very special lady with a heart of gold. God has gained a very special angel. She has now gotten her wings and is whole.

Teresa Bishop Lee - August 14, 2014 at 06:49 PM

TL

“ Teresa Bishop Lee lit a candle in memory of Cathy Grinstead Harrington



Teresa Bishop Lee - August 14, 2014 at 06:45 PM

MK

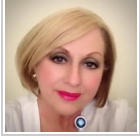
“ I went to school with Cathy at NASH. She was a great girl. Always upbeat and kind to everyone. Her laugh would light up a dim room. Tim, I wish you Godspeed in the days ahead. Mark Kenny

mark kenny - August 14, 2014 at 06:44 PM

DU

“ Tim, my heart goes out to you on your great loss. But I know how much you and Cathy loved and trusted in our most Heavenly Father and his promises which I know are fulfilled for Cathy and will be also for us very soon. We all love you and keep you close in prayer. Debbie Utley

Debbie Utley - August 14, 2014 at 06:29 PM



“ *My prayers are going up for you all during this most difficult time. I pray that God will wrap his arms around you and give you peace.*



Lauren Hall - August 14, 2014 at 06:17 PM



“ *Vicki Woodward Coffin lit a candle in memory of Cathy Grinstead Harrington*



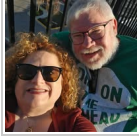
Vicki Woodward Coffin - August 14, 2014 at 06:06 PM



“ *Prayers being lifted for your family that they may receive peace and comfort as they remember the beautiful life you lived. When our mothers were at National Health Care, we were always checking on each other's mother. Cathy offered some of the most beautiful prayers for their comfort. Her love for life was evident and all around felt her love. She will be watching over her loved ones now and she will be missed. We have lost a wonderful person, but heaven has gained a most caring angel.*

Sue Lotspeich

Sue Lotspeich - August 14, 2014 at 04:43 PM



“ Thank you for being a wonderful teacher and amazing person. You gave so much to so many. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends.



Christi McClintock - August 14, 2014 at 04:28 PM

BH

“ Went to school with Cathy, she was a very sweet and caring young lady, and I'm sorry to hear of her untimely passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family and friends. May God Bless.



Bill Holland - August 14, 2014 at 04:14 PM

LB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Cathy's family. Her Mom was at NHC while my Dad was there. I first met Cathy when I was a young girl going to recreational cheerleading camp. She was so sweet even way back then! I am so sorry for your loss, she was truly special!



Libby Burckhalter - August 14, 2014 at 03:05 PM

CD

“ *Cathy, you are now in the arms of your sweet Mother and our precious Lord. I will always remember several fun times but especially the week at Jacksonville Beach. You were so cute and fit right in with us older girls. Your bright smile, your warm personality, your contagious laugh, and your love for everyone will be missed by so many here. I am praying for your devoted husband Tim, your wonderful sister, Corliss and your precious niece Ashley. I love you, Prune.*

Cheryl Dean - August 14, 2014 at 02:58 PM