



## Phyllis Juanita Harkins

December 6, 1959 - March 13, 2024

Phyllis Juanita Harkins, 64, of Richland, MS passed away peacefully on March 13, 2024, after a four-and-a-half-year journey with cancer. She confronted each diagnosis and each new challenge with an enormous strength that has been inspirational to all who knew and loved her.

Visitation will be 9 am – 11 am Saturday, March 16 at Stringer Family Funeral Home in Crystal Springs. The service will be at 11 am at Stringer Family Chapel with burial immediately following at Floral Hills Memory Garden in Pearl.

Besides spending time with her family and close friends (and watching Hallmark movies!), she is most known for the incredibly delicious home-made meals that came from her kitchen. Cooking was one of many ways she showed her love to her family and friends. She knew everyone's favorite dish, and always made extra to send home with you or to share with others.

Phyllis was born on December 6, 1959, to Hilmon and Helen Cooley in Waynesboro, MS, but spent most of her childhood and early adult years in Crystal Springs.

Phyllis shared her three children and six grandchildren with former spouse, Larry Neal of Crystal Springs. She was a proud mom to daughters Dana Neal

Terebessy (David) of Nashville, TN and Amy Neal Stovall (James) of Brandon, MS; and son Micheal Neal (Jamie) of Pearl, MS; and a proud Meme to beloved grandchildren Dylan Strong, Tucker Neal, Jayden Neal, Cadence Neal, Anna Claire McGuire, and Shelby Neal.

Phyllis is survived by her brothers Sidney Cooley, Sr. and Jackie Cooley, Sr.; sisters Lynda James, Ida Cooley, Audrie Wilson, and Wanda McManus; and many nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her husband Robert Harkins and her parents, Hilmon and Helen.

Her family wishes to extend sincere thanks to Dr. Lana Jackson and her incredible ENT team at UMMC for their first-rate care and personal connection throughout her cancer journey.

Watch service here: <https://youtube.com/live/V1rFDEHS-DQ?feature=share>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs  
PO Box 431  
26141 Hwy 27  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059  
(601) 892-1521  
stringerfuneral@bellsouth.net

## Funeral Service

MAR 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

Stringer Family Funeral Home - Crystal Springs  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Phyllis Juanita Harkins*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - March 15, 2024 at 04:45 PM

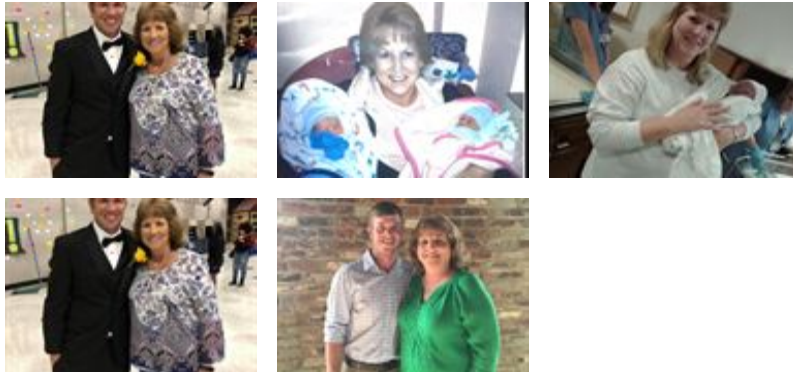


“ *Larry and I and our family are so sorry for your loss. We are remembering you guys in prayers and hate we couldn't be at the funeral.*

Larry/ Tracie and Laura Rushing - March 16, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *182 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - March 15, 2024 at 03:31 PM

FF

“ *From the Rash and Shoemaker families. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Phyllis Juanita Harkins.*



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**From the Rash and Shoemaker families.** - March 15, 2024 at 09:18 AM

CW

“ *Caitlin & Caleb Williams purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Juanita Harkins.*



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**Caitlin & Caleb Williams** - March 14, 2024 at 09:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Phyllis Juanita Harkins.*



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March 14, 2024 at 08:26 PM

TT

“ *The Nashville Chamber Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Phyllis Juanita Harkins.*



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**The Nashville Chamber Team** - March 14, 2024 at 05:11 PM

SS

“ God has received another Angel . Phy thank you for being you . You were and always will be my heart . You will be carried in my heart lil sis always. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Sidney Cooley Sr - March 14, 2024 at 04:18 PM

SF

“ Sidney and Blanca Cooley& Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Phyllis Juanita Harkins.



Sidney and Blanca Cooley& Family - March 14, 2024 at 08:56 AM

SF

“ Sidney and Blanca Cooley& Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Juanita Harkins.

Sidney and Blanca Cooley& Family - March 14, 2024 at 08:56 AM

DW

“ I met Phyllis in Life group at our church, The Exchange, and was friends from the beginning. She was a truly lovely lady. Love and prayers to all of her family 🙏💜🙏

Donna Wade - March 13, 2024 at 07:51 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Phyllis Juanita Harkins.*



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March 13, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ *Kristen Chappell and Tammy Smith planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Phyllis Juanita Harkins.*

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**Kristen Chappell and Tammy Smith** - March 13, 2024 at 04:47 PM