

Joan Rae Hargis

September 2, 1935 - December 6, 2025

Joan Rae Hargis, a devoted wife, loving mother and grandmother passed away on December 6, 2025 in Murfreesboro, TN at the age of 90. She was the daughter of Walter and Lois (Carll) Klink of Olean, NY.

She married her high school sweetheart, Thomas Hargis on July 6, 1957 and they remained married for 62 years until his death on May 15, 2018.

She was a college graduate at State University College at Geneseo where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Elementary education. She worked as a first grade elementary school teacher for 25 years spending the majority of her career at Allegany Elementary from 1972-1991. Previous to her job in Allegany she worked in both Portville and Cuba, NY as a 2nd grade teacher.

Joan served as a member of the First Baptist Church of Olean and upon moving to The Villages, FL joined the North Lake Presbyterian Church.

She spent her free time sewing, knitting, crocheting and reading and enjoyed socializing with friends by playing games and cards.

Surviving are her daughter Vicki Hargis of Smyrna, TN; son Kevin Hargis of Olean, NY; three grandchildren, Scott Baham of Gainesville, FL, Paige Kicklighter of Murfreesboro, TN and Nicholas Hargis of Olean, NY; one great

granddaughter, Marlowe Kicklighter of Murfreesboro, TN. She has one surviving brother-in-law, Gene Whitney of The Villages, FL and was preceded in death by her two sisters; Donna Whitney of The Villages, FL and Carol Kuchinski and her brother-in-law David Kuchinski of Canton, GA. She has three surviving nephews, Marc Whitney and Eric and Brad Kuchinski.

The funeral service will be held at Beyers Funeral Home 134 US 441 Lady Lake, FL 32159 on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 11:00am with the Visitation from 10:00am to 11:00am. .

The burial will be at the Florida National Cemetery with her husband Thomas Hargis on Monday, January 12, 2026.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake
134 N US Highway 441
Lady Lake, FL 32159
(352) 753-4444

Funeral Service

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

JAN 12 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joan Rae Hargis*



Beyers Funeral Home - January 02 at 08:55 AM

AG

What a beautiful montage of Joan's life □

Alison Gudgeon - January 10 at 08:30 AM

DH

Such a wonderful tribute of joy to share!

Donita Higgins - January 11 at 02:29 PM

AG

“ *Such sad news about Joan. We met Joan and Tom through our parents, John and Hilary Coward, after they bought a place in the Villages. We have such fond memories of them both. We were honoured to have Joan and Tom as witnesses at the church in Spanish Springs back in 2008 when we renewed our wedding vows there. RIP Joan xx*



Alison Gudgeon - January 10 at 07:27 AM

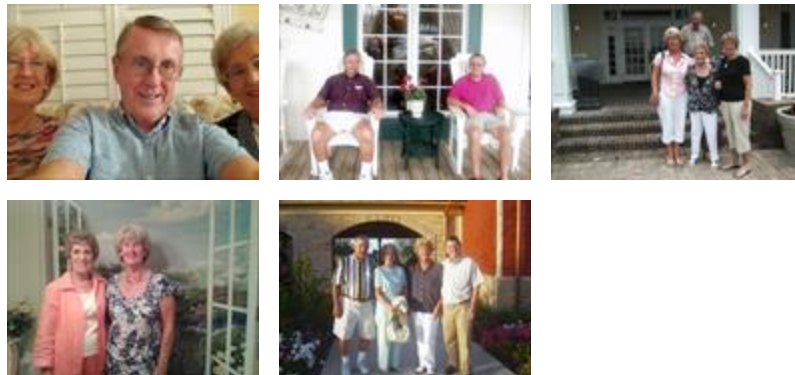
JC

“ We met Tom and Joan on our first visit to the Villages in 1999 when we were adopted into the Olean Dinner group as honorary members and continued the friendship after that .Following the Thursday dinners we usually had a game of cards and to catch up on all the news since our previous visit..Eventually Tom and Joan persuaded us to buy a house in the Villages and they were very helpful when we were setting up our new home. We were in the USA when Tom died and were able to attend his funeral and continued to meet up with Joan when we were over from the UK, to keep up the regular games nights.We certainly missed her when she moved to Tennessee but kept in touch via email and were delighted when she became a great grandna.We send our condolences to all her family.

John and Hilary Coward - January 09 at 02:38 PM

JC

“ 5 files added to the album John and Hilary Coward Memories



John and Hilary Coward - January 09 at 02:18 PM

NH

“ *Nita and Bruce Higgins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joan Rae Hargis.*



Nita and Bruce Higgins - January 06 at 03:59 PM