



## Carolyn Fay Harrison

October 12, 1951 - September 13, 2024

Carolyn Fay Harrison of Salem, Missouri passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family on Friday, September 13, 2024. She was born October 12, 1951 to the late James and Vesta (Mathis) Emory.

Carolyn was united in marriage to Larry Major they were blessed with two daughters. Sadly, they divorced, and a few years later she married Ralph Harrison, they would spend ten years together before he passed away in 2004. Carolyn and Larry reunited a forty years later and were together until her passing. Carolyn was a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, and community member. For 25 years, she was the proud owner and operator of Carolyn's Discount Groceries, where her warm smile and dedication to her customers made the store a local treasure.

Carolyn had a passion for creating with her hands. She spent many hours sewing, and crocheting, crafting beautiful pieces for her loved ones. Her raised gardens were her pride and joy, where she grew an abundance of vegetables which she lovingly canned so that she could share the bounty of her harvest with family and friends.

The holiday season was especially dear to her, particularly Christmas. Each year, she would spend days cooking up a feast and organizing the family gathering that included games that she orchestrated that would bring laughter and joy to all.

Carolyn's kindness, generosity, and dedication to her family will be dearly missed by all that knew and loved her.

Carolyn Fay Harrison is survived by her daughters, Melissa Burgdorf and husband Alfred, of Edgar Springs, MO, and Tammy Oppelt and husband Troy, of Salem, MO; her partner, Larry Major, of Salem, MO; brothers, Jack Emory and wife Pam, of Salem, MO, Darrell Emory and wife Doris, of Salem, MO, and Roger Emory and wife Faye, of Sikeston, MO; grandchildren, Dewayne Emory, Kyle Head, Kim Richards, Allen Oppelt, and Matt Oppelt; 11 great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. In addition to her parents James Emory and Vesta Brawley, she was preceded in death by her husband Ralph Harrison; sister, Joyce Loveday; granddaughter, Jodi Head.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 11AM at the Salem Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary with Pastor Matt Brooks officiating. Interment will follow at North Lawn Cemetery in Salem. A visitation for family and friends will be held at the Chapel on Monday, September 16, 2024 from 5-7PM.

# Cemetery Details

## North Lawn Cemetery

Hwy 19 North  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
dcjames@fidnet.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

## Service

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Salem  
103 West Center  
Salem, MO 65560  
(573) 729-3117  
jgsalemmo@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

# Tribute Wall

OF

“ *Ona Foreman & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carolyn Fay Harrison.*



---

**Ona Foreman & Family** - September 16, 2024 at 12:47 PM