



Sally Ann Harper Shanks

September 15, 1954 - June 22, 2019

ADRIAN – Sally Ann Harper Shanks, age 64, passed away Saturday, June 22, 2019, at home under the loving care of her family.

She was born September 15, 1954, in Jackson, Michigan, the oldest child of Arlo and Rosemary (Creery) Harper, and graduated from Columbia Central High School in Brooklyn. Sally went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Michigan University and a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan where she graduated summa cum laude.

On August 14, 1982, Sally married Stephen Shanks in Houston, Texas, and he survives.

Sally drew and painted all of her life. In college, she took as many art classes as she could but graduated with a Bachelor's and then a Masters in Social Work. She worked as a therapist for 30 years. Through her experience as a therapist in private practice, she worked with many issues including childhood trauma and abuse. In the last few years, Sally shifted her work more and more into painting under the name Ann Harper as it was evident that people connect, on a personal level with the art.

In addition to her mother Rosemary Turgeon and Stephen, her husband of 36 years, she is survived by her children, Charissa (Tim Signor) Shanks Redman of Manitou Beach, Daniel (Elysia) Shanks of Houston, TX, and Kelly (Brandon) Jackson of Apex, NC; brothers, Evan (Jimi) of Jacksonville, NC, Gary (Laurie) of ValDese, NC and Wade Harper of Brooklyn, MI; sister-in-law,

Nancy Harper of Hudson; 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Arlo Harper.

A memorial service will take place at 7 p.m., Thursday, June 27, 2019, at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian with visitation beforehand starting at 5 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Sally are suggested to the Ronald McDonald House. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Memorial Service

JUN 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

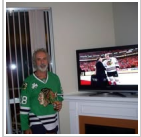
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sally Ann Harper Shanks*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *We see Ann's beautiful works throughout our house daily! We are so proud of them! May God bless Ann!*

Perry Willits - May 06, 2020 at 06:37 PM



“ *It is shocking that Sally's bright light has been extinguished so early. She was a lovely person, so compassionate, with deep concern for children in particular. Her ability to express emotions through her art was amazing. I am so sad about her death. Love to Steve and the children and our deepest sympathy. Susan Nichols and Chuck Vanderwell.*

Susan Nichols - June 27, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Harper Shanks.*



June 26, 2019 at 11:17 PM

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“ *Evan and Jimi Harper Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sally Ann Harper Shanks.*



Evan and Jimi Harper Family - June 25, 2019 at 10:42 AM

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“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. May you find peace knowing that she is no longer suffering. During her time on earth, she helped many people. She is loved by many and we will miss her greatly.*

Cynthia Turgeon - June 23, 2019 at 09:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Harper Shanks.*



June 23, 2019 at 08:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sally Ann Harper Shanks.*



June 22, 2019 at 08:38 PM