



Sharon Harwood Knighten

February 23, 1935 - April 6, 2011

Sharon Harwood Knighten, age 76, of Harrison, Arkansas, passed away, Wednesday, April 6, 2011. She was born February 23, 1935 in Cass, Arkansas, a daughter of Hervy Harwood and Jewell Cooper Harwood. She was the widow of Millard B. "Slick" Knighten. Mrs. Knighten was a retired teacher, member of Northside Church of Christ of Harrison, Delta Kappa Gamma, Retired Teachers Association, Master Gardeners, Lions Club, American Home Economics Association, and Arkansas Vocational Association.

Survivors include her daughter, Kim Oelke and husband Jim of Harrison; sister, Karen Koch of Fayetteville; grandsons, Matthew James Oelke of Springfield, Missouri and Wesley Berwyn Oelke of Ft. Smith.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 11, at Harris Chapel with Dr. Bill Brown officiating. Burial will be at Cleveland Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 10, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to UAMS College of Nursing where Mrs. Knighten established the Knighten Family Endowment.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sharon Harwood Knighten*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. I was proud to have served with Sharon in Lions Club and she will be missed.*

Eric Parker - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM



“ *Kim, Jim and boys so very sorry to hear about your loss. Kim I know you have many shared memories and vacation of your mom that you will cherish forever. Keep those close to your heart to help carry you thru the hard time. Just wanted you all to know that we are thinking about your family during this time. Love ya!!!*

Bobby and Becky Howard - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM



“ *The family will be in my thoughts & prayers .Sharon was my state supervisor for many years that I taught Home Ec. at Foreman High. She was a dear friend to me. May God Bless all of you.*

Marilake Gibson - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

LH

“ Kim, Jim and Wesley. I did not know your mother/mother in law/grandmother except through your comments and your examples. She must have been a great women to have raised and nourished such a great family. Our condolences on your loss. Be assured she is out of pain and in a better place.

We pray for your peace and comfort that is found in God's grace.

Lawson and Debbie Hembree

Lawson and Debbie Hembree - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

JC

“ Kim & family, I am so thankful to have celebrated Sharon's 76th birthday w/you all. She was always so positive,up-beat, & generous. What a tribute to our earthly family but more importantly to our Lord's heavenly kingdom.Prayers & blessing to you all. Jeanne K. Cross

Jeanne Knighten Cross - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

SM

“ Just wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We thought a lot of your mother and also of your father. May God grant you peace in this time of sorrow.

Sonny and Judy Miller - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

RW

“ Kim, I worked with your Mom in the State Home Economics office for several years. I appreciated the professional attitude that she had in working with teachers. She always spoke so highly of your family. She was a special friend.

Rose Marie Willis - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

MO

“ i met Sharon through her friends from Morrilton, who live at College Square Retirement Community. She was an instant friend, so full of life, sweet and caring....my thoughts and prayers are with her many friends and the family....i am thankful our paths crossed, however briefly, she is in my memories forever....

Mark O'Kelley - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

HE

“ There are no words that can adequately describe how special Sharon was or her beautiful smile that could light up a room. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Love to Kim and the family.

Helen Evans - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

JA

“ Kim, so sorry to hear about your mother. Sharon was always a good friend to me when we both taught at MHS. I'll never forget her. God bless and keep you.

James Anderson

James Anderson - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Knighten was absolutely one of my favorite teachers at Morrilton High School. She taught me a lot in Home Economics. I still use a couple of recipes from her class. I love sewing and gardening, using the things she taught me. I graduated in 1975 and was friends with her daughter Kim. I am very saddened to learn of her death. She was a wonderful teacher and mother. I was blessed for knowing her. Cindy (Murph) Strauss

Cindy Murph Strauss - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

JS

“ Kim,
I am praying for you and your family during this difficult time. Sharon was one of the most delightful people I have ever met. She will certainly be missed by many.
Jennifer Shepherd

Jennifer Shepherd - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

LH

“ Loved Sharon very much. Enjoyed having lunch with her many times, and getting to know her. She will definitely be missed by many, including myself. It is a joy to know that she is in heaven with our Lord and Savior, Jesus; and no longer knows the pain she suffered here. I thank God that I had the privilege of knowing and loving her. God bless and keep all of you.
Leila

Leila Hutton - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

PH

“ Please accept our sincere sympathy in the loss of your mother. She was always kind and patient with me as a student. I remarked recently that she taught me to sew in Home Economics class.
Sincerely,
Phyllis & Bruce Hawkins

Phyllis Williams Hawkins - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

SO

“ We will always remember Sharon on the 4th of July. She was a delightful guest.

Charlie and Shirley Ormond

Shirley Ormond - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

PS

“ Sharon and I attended many meetings together. I retired from Perryville. She was always so nice and friendly to me.

Patsy Smith - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

EH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Sharon's passing. She was always a good friend to me. After she moved, she always came back to visit me and that meant so much to me.

Eloise Hayre - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

KR

“ I remember when Kim was in school in Fayetteville. Sharon came to our house in Springdale and was repairing a T-Shirt of Kim's. I wish I had taken the time to tell Sharon thank you for teaching me to make that repair! I know you will miss her!!

Kathi Carlon Reed - June 30, 2018 at 01:49 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry to read of Sharon's death. She was a member of the home economics club at Teachers with me and a classmate of my cousin who also graduated in 1959. We all had so many assigned class projects that we would stick together to help each other. I'll be thinking about all you family members as you begin to adjust to trying to live without her. Cecily Coffelt Bullard

Cecily Coffelt Bullard - April 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM