



Nan Barron Harpole

March 8, 1940 - June 4, 2025

“All the world’s a stage”, and we have lost one of its most charismatic actors. Nan Barron Harpole died quietly and at home with her husband on June 4th at the age of 85. She went out like a lamb but lived life like a lion.

Nan was born March 8, 1940, in Atlanta, Georgia. She attended Druid Hills High School with her life-long sweetheart, Jim Harpole. She attended the University of Georgia where she was a scholar as well as a Dawgs cheerleader alongside UGA I.

She gave willingly and tirelessly to her community and taught English at Tucker High School for 30 years. Her truest gift as a teacher was not only her intellect, but also her desire to give the best education to the students who needed it most. While working at Tucker High School, Nan received her Masters of Education. Her wit and infectious humor made learning fun for many, but her passion was for those who struggled.

Although she loved her students like her own, her commitment to her three children was unwavering. Nan was always first to sign up for any volunteer opportunity to stay involved in the lives of her children and the greater community.

Nan’s enthusiasm for life took on many forms. She loved a good party and was well known for her elaborately themed events, especially her Halloween parties. She travelled every continent and never met a stranger. Nan was a collector of all things beautiful and strange. There was never a dull moment when you were around her.

Nan was born to loving parents, Milly and Tom Barron. She is survived by her husband, Jim Harpole, her brother, Tommy Barron, and her three children, Kirk Harpole, Kerry (Harpole) Ankenbrandt, and Mary Margaret (Harpole) Shorter. She was a grandmother to Alex (Harpole) Johst, Tate Ankenbrandt, Mary Claire (Harpole) Mills, Sydney Ankenbrandt, Sarah Shorter, Shannon Shorter, Cole Ankenbrandt, and Shelby Shorter. She was a great grandmother to Ellie Johst. She is also survived by her loving pets Boo and Dooley.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Samaritan's Purse, the Atlanta Humane Society, or Apraxia Kids.

A celebration of life will be held on Tuesday, June 10th at 1:00 at Druid Hills Golf Club.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life Service

JUN **10**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Druid Hills Golf Club
740 Clifton Rd. NE
Atlanta, GA 30307

Tribute Wall

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“ We, at the Silver Moon, learned of Mrs. Harpole's passing the day after her service. My heart is broken. I called her my Silver Moon granny. There is, and always will be, a special place in my heart for Mrs. Harpole. She would come into the Silver Moon telling jokes and making us laugh. Mr. Jim and family, I'm so sorry for your lost. You have my deepest sympathy. Mrs. Harpole, may your rest in eternal peace with our lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Miss and love you forever!

Sherrell Robbins and The Silver Moon Staff

Sherrell Robbins - June 12, 2025 at 11:02 AM

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“ When I worked at Reynolds, Nan and Jim would come visit me on Wednesdays. She was such a firecracker, had the whole room in cackles and always great way to start my work week. Thank you for sharing this wonderful tribute, my heart goes out to Mr. Jim and the whole family, I know she is cracking jokes with all the angels in peace.

Kelsey M. - June 06, 2025 at 11:44 AM