



## Sondra Ann Harris

May 2, 1938 - April 14, 2025

Sondra Ann (Sala) Harris passed away peacefully April 14, 2025 in Newton, Kansas. Born May 2, 1938, Sondra was the cherished daughter of James (Clinker) Sala and Enoice Lemon Sala of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Sondra spent her formative years in Oklahoma City. A proud graduate of NW Classen High School class of 1956; she went on to study at the University of Oklahoma. There she met William Harvey (Bill) Harris and they married in 1959. They shared 62 years of marriage before Bill's passing in 2021. In 1960, They both graduated from OU before Bill's career took the newlyweds to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Sondra embraced her new role as wife and mother.

In 1963, the family moved to Muskogee, Oklahoma, and later Fort Gibson, where she became involved in her community and shared her many talents. Sondra was an active member of UMW, Service League, a volunteer at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, and she led a lively group of Brownies and later Girl Scouts. She was an accomplished calligrapher, painter, knitter, crocheter, and embroiderer. Often you would find her creating heartfelt gifts and making things for those in need. Joy was found in cooking, shopping, and collecting recipes. Many of her recipes are relished by her family during holidays spent together. Her love of games brought her delight. She was an enthusiastic Mah-Jongg player, a formidable Scrabble opponent, and in later years an avid puzzler. Sondra's charm and knack for storytelling endeared her to all.

Preceded in death by husband Bill, and son Jim. her memory lives on through her surviving family: daughter, Elizabeth Leeds (son-in-Law, Rusty Leeds), and her grandchildren, Garrett Leeds, William Harvey Harris III, Katie Leeds (Dakota Cox), Lucy Harris (Andrew) Kerr, Grace Leeds (Tyler) Whitson; and her great-grandchildren, Lilith Kerr, Kyle Kerr, and baby Whitson.

There will be a small family conducted service at a later date.

Those wishing to honor Sondra's memory may contribute to the Muskogee Community Food Pantry by mail to MCFP at PO Box 1623, Muskogee, OK 74402.

Services provided by Cornerstone Funeral Home, 1830 N York St Muskogee, OK 74403. Condolences can be made to the family at [www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com](http://www.cornerstoneofmuskogee.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Sondra and I go way back to High School. She was a bridesmaid in my wedding and her future husband, Bill Thomas was one of my husbands groomsmen. we maintained our friendship over many years, getting together periodically even when we lived far apart. I recently ran across a picture of our children and their children which had been taken when we rented a cabin together at one of Oklahoma's lakes in 1969. Both Sondra and Bill were great people that we were honored to have them as friends.*

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**Cynthia Bower** - April 17, 2025 at 01:59 PM

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“ *Sondra and Bill were my next door neighbors for 20 years. They were both so kind and friendly. Sondra was a woman of many talents and enjoyed sharing her knowledge. I moved some years ago but always missed our chats and greetings. We stayed in touch. Prayers of comfort to her sweet family.*

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**Linda Sizemore** - April 16, 2025 at 11:46 AM