



Doree Penny Harris

February 2, 1952 - January 20, 2025

It is with profound sadness and a heavy heart that we announce the passing of my beloved mother, Doree Penny Harris, who left us on January 20, 2025, after a courageous battle with lung cancer. Born on February 2, 1952, in Bronx, NY, to the late Emma Durham, she lived life on her own terms and uniqueness. Her name alone set her a part and its meaning of “golden” defined her essence.

Doree was a woman of remarkable strength and resilience. Throughout her life, she faced obstacles with courage and determination, always emerging stronger and more compassionate. Her nurturing spirit and boundless love touched the lives of everyone she met, and her spunky personality left a lasting impression on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Growing up in Bronx, NY, Doree was the middle child of three siblings, born to Emma Seymour (Durham, nee Barnes). Sister to older brother Barry Seymour and younger brother Guy Seymour, they did not grow up in an idyllic home environment. Placed in foster care at age five due to her mother’s hospitalization, she began her journey to persevere beyond her circumstances.

In 1971, Doree married Russell Harris in Queens, NY, and together their union was blessed with a son, Gregory Harris, whom she cherished deeply until his passing in 2016. In 1980, Doree migrated to Columbus, OH, and welcomed her daughter, Dashah Harris, in 1981. She may have left New York, but New York never left her. As a mother, she was a source of wisdom and encouragement, and a peppered amount of yelling. She loved her children unconditionally and did the best she could with what she had.

Doree was a fashionista, with an iconic sense of style. She spent many hours rifling through the racks of thrift stores, consignment shops, and yard sales to produce her signature looks, complete with a color-coordinated bandana tied around her forehead. There was always someone offering compliments on her distinctive attire everywhere she went, which pleased her greatly.

Doree was also a deeply devoted grandmother who enjoyed being a part of her grandson Eli's life, babysitting him during those tender first four years while Mom was at work. The bond she shared with him continues to this day, into his teenage years. She reveled in his accomplishments and told anyone who would listen how proud she was of him.

As we mourn the loss of Doree, we also celebrate the beautiful life she lived and the legacy she leaves behind. Her love, kindness, and unwavering dedication to her family will be remembered and cherished forever. She taught us the true meaning of love and resilience, as well as the importance of cherishing every moment with those we hold dear.

We find comfort in knowing that Doree is now at peace, reunited with those who have gone before her. Her spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of her loved ones, and her memory will be a source of strength and inspiration for generations to come.

Doree is survived by her daughter Dashah Harris, and grandchildren Gregory Graves, Justin Graves, and Eli Goodrich. She is also deeply missed by her extended family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

An informal memorial service to honor and celebrate the life of Doree will be held on February 2, 2025 (her birthday) at 1pm at the Central Ohio Anglers and Hunters Club, located at 9593 Roberts Road, West Jefferson, OH 43162. All are welcome to attend to enjoy a good meal with good friends.

As we gather to pay tribute to a remarkable woman, we remember the love, joy, and light she brought into our lives. Doree will forever be in our hearts, and her legacy will continue to inspire us every day.

Rest in peace, Mom. You will be missed more than words can express, but your love and memory will live on in all of us.

Day Funeral Service is honored to serve the family of Doree Harris.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Central Ohio Anglers and Hunters Club
9593 Roberts Road
West Jefferson, OH 43162

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Doree Penny Harris.

January 30, 2025 at 06:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Doree Penny Harris.



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“ The Bruno Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Doree Penny Harris.



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