



Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Harper Crabb

September 17, 1948 - January 24, 2026

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Harper Crabb, age 77, of Douglas, Georgia, passed away Saturday afternoon, January 24, 2026, at her residence following a lengthy illness.

Liz, as she was affectionately known by friends, was born September 17, 1948, in Douglas, Georgia, to the late David J. "D.J." Harper and the late Mary Vining Harper. She was a medical transcriptionist at Coffee Regional Medical Center, in Douglas, Georgia, for many years and was of the Baptist faith. Along with her parents, Liz was preceded in death by 2 sisters-in-law, Valerie Harper and Bessie Harper; two brothers and their wives, Thurston and Sue Harper and James and Ann Harper; as well as a nephew, Ricky Harper.

Liz is survived by her husband, Charles Allen Smith of Douglas, Georgia; her three children: Belinda Thomas of Douglas, Georgia, Jessica and Scott Bennett of Douglas, Georgia, and Chet Thomas of Colorado Springs, Colorado; eight grandchildren: Amelia Lashley, Devan Thomas, and Chloe Thomas, all of Dothan, Alabama, Chandler Griffin of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Trey Thomas of Douglas, Georgia, Colby Thomas of Alma, Georgia, Taylor Thomas and Sarabeth Heveder, both of Douglas, Georgia; eight great-grandchildren; two brothers: Leonard Harper of Okeechobee, Florida and Reverend Donald Harper of Montgomery, Alabama; five nieces; four nephews; as well as a number of extended family members and friends.

Liz's family will receive friends on Saturday morning, January 31, 2026, from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM in the Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel. A celebration of her life and legacy will be held at 11:00 AM with Rev. Donald Harper officiating. A private family burial will be held at a later time and place.

Condolences, kind words and fond memories may be shared with Liz's family at www.ricketsonfuneralhome.com.

Liz's family and arrangements are being cared for by the kind and compassionate staff of Ricketson Funeral Home, Inc. of Douglas, Georgia.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ricketson Funeral Home Chapel
305 West Ward Street
Douglas, GA 31533

Celebration of Life

JAN 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ricketson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Harper Crabb



Ricketson Funeral Home - January 28 at 11:41 AM

TD

“ The Douglas Dragons purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Harper Crabb.



The Douglas Dragons - January 28 at 09:58 PM

MM

“ Mary Ellen Maynard lit a candle in memory of Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Harper Crabb



Mary Ellen Maynard - January 27 at 12:13 PM

DS

“ Darline and Corey Spivey purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Harper Crabb.



Darline and Corey Spivey - January 27 at 09:01 AM

DS

“ Darline and Corey Spivey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Harper Crabb.

Darline and Corey Spivey - January 27 at 09:01 AM

BB

“ I have fond memories of visiting Aunt Mary and Uncle DJ and Liz on our yearly family trips from Florida to Georgia. Liz's beautiful smile, quick wit and laughter would always light up the room. She brought much joy to those around her. Sending love, thoughts and prayers to the family.
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Beverly Sanders Thiess and Bill - January 27 at 08:54 AM

LH

“ So sorry for your loss!!!! Prayers and condolences to you all!!!



Lynn Harrell - January 27 at 06:13 AM

KE

“ *Karleen K Evans lit a candle in memory of
Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Harper Crabb*



Karleen K Evans - January 26 at 09:16 PM

KE

*Liz had a unique side of her she was always happy ful of joy we sure
enjoyed having dances with her. She always cheered one up when we
were down
Blessings to her family as they learn to live on without her.*

Karleen K Evans - January 26 at 09:19 PM