



Harriett " Ding " Salley Kizer

December 12, 1953 - March 28, 2023

It is with great sadness that we announce Harriett "Ding" Salley Kizer, 69, has entered into eternal life to be with her Lord and Savior on March 28, 2023 after a courageous and uncomplaining battle with ovarian cancer.

Ding was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina on December 12, 1953, daughter of the late D.D. Salley, III and Harriett Boone Salley. She grew up in Orangeburg and graduated from Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School where she was, without a doubt, the most popular and beloved student.

Following high school, Ding attended Clemson University for two years and graduated from The College of Charleston. She taught school for over 30 years and her love and devotion for reading has left a legacy of lifetime learners. She was involved in many community activities and was the first Lady Lion in the Lions Club on Edisto Beach. She was very involved with St. Frederick & St. Stephen's Women's Guild, and was a devoted lector, and religious instructor for the children.

Ding had an effervescent personality, a contagious sense of humor and loved life. She never met a stranger and never failed to make all feel welcome and worthy. She was known to reach out to those who were less fortunate or disabled, to spend time with them and make them her lifelong friends. Ding's unabating faith in the Lord gave her the strength to face adversity with grace,

particularly in her final illness.

In 2008, she married Matthew Kizer, her best friend and her rock. She moved to her beloved Edisto Beach where her family had a home during the entirety of her life.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her two children whom she adored, Harriett Ashley Judy (Tripp) of Summerville and William Decatur Sonenberg of Charleston, her precious grandchildren, Harriett Grace Judy, William Boone Judy and Henry Angus Judy IV. Also surviving are her sister, Walton Salley of Edisto Beach, three special nieces, Salley Nash, Harvin Nash and Anna Nash, Her beloved Mother and Father-in-law Wilbur & Florence Kizer. She was preceded in death by her sister, Cynthia S. Nash.

Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on April 15 ,2023, 11:30 at St. Frederick & St. Stephen Catholic Church of Edisto Island, 544 Hwy 174 Edisto Island, SC 29438. The family will receive friends afterwards at Church Hall.

Memorials may be made in Ding's memory to the Columbarium Fund, St. Frederick & St Stephen, 544 Hwy 174, Edisto Island, SC 29438

Expressions of Sympathy may be placed at www.jamesadyal.com

Arrangements are under the Direction of James A. Dyal Funeral Home, 303 South Main Street, Summerville, South Carolina 29485 (843) 873-4040

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR 15. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Frederick & St. Stephen Catholic Church
544 Highway 174
Edisto Island, SC 29438
edistocatholic@charlestandioocese.org
<http://edistocatholic.com>

Reception following the Mass

APR 15. 12:45 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ I taught school with Ding years ago at OPS. She was always smiling. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Cappy Stroock - March 28, 2024 at 09:18 PM

DO

“ I remember Ding from our High School days. A few years ago, I had the wonderful honor of being a part of putting up a 7-1/2' Angel tree in her Edisto Beach house. When we arrived that day, she was getting ready to the doctor and left Daryl and myself there to put up the tree for her. I have heard that the tree was still up. Prayers to her entire family today and in the days ahead.
David Oswald, Orangeburg, SC



David Oswald - April 16, 2023 at 08:34 PM

VK

“ My family fell in love with Miss Ding when she was Cameron 's 4th grade teacher at OP. She continued to inspire him to read and learn about all subject matter. She loved on him and made him feel so very special and she just knew he would be the person to find a cure to cancer. Oh how I wish that could have been his life's journey, so he could have saved this wonderful teacher, friend, mom, sister, daughter, aunt, wife and grandmother. Love & prayers to all and she is indeed healed and in the loving hands of our father 🙏

Vicki Smith King - April 15, 2023 at 12:34 PM

DB

“ To Ding Salley's family - I remember Ding fondly from high school. I wish healing and grace for all of you in this trying time. God bless you. From David Burlington, Travelers Rest, SC

David R. Burlington - April 10, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Harriett " Ding " Salley Kizer.



April 10, 2023 at 08:06 PM



“ Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Harriett " Ding " Salley Kizer.



April 10, 2023 at 05:09 PM

HM

“ Salley, I remember your Aunt Ding from high school, growing up as we all did in Orangeburg. Love you, and will be keeping you and your family in my prayers as you live forward. May you sense God's peace and assurance of Ding's eternal life.

“Mrs.” Harris

Harris Murray - April 10, 2023 at 07:03 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Harriett " Ding " Salley Kizer.*



April 08, 2023 at 10:43 AM