



Mrs. Cindy Rene McLeod-Kemp

May 16, 1960 - May 22, 2023

Rene McLeod Kemp (Cindy Rene Harrelson), a native of Andalusia, AL and a longtime resident of Satsuma, AL, went on to her reward on Monday, May 22, 2023.

Many family members, friends, and former co-workers will cherish their fond memories of Rene while mourning her passing.

Born to O. Rex Harrelson and Betty Bearden Harrelson, Rene spent much of her career in service to the children of Mobile County, AL. After earning an Associate Degree in Accounting from Lurleen B. Wallace Community College, she went on to complete a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education at Troy University.

Following her matriculation, she began her career in education, first as a teacher at Council Elementary School in Mobile. Over the course of her over nearly three decades as an educator,

Rene worked at Goodnight Elementary in Pueblo, Co, Rosa A. Lott Elementary and McDavid-Jones Elementary in Citronelle, AL, at North Mobile Christian School in Saraland, and at other schools in Mobile County.

Those who had the pleasure of knowing Rene will remember her strong faith and fierce love for her family and friends. She was a loving wife, mom, “granna,” sister, and daughter. In fact, nothing was more important to Rene than her family, and she relished her role as a mother and, later in life, as a grandmother. Never one to meet a stranger, she also had a special bond with the children she educated over her career, keeping in touch with many of

them over the years. She was a lover of music who enjoyed singing and was a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ.

Rene is survived by her husband, Kerry Kemp; three children, Micah McLeod-Burns (Lauren "Red" Burns); Allison Thomas (Justin "Scooter" Thomas); and Emily McLeod (Patrick Turner); five grandchildren, Jocelyn Thomas; Jaycee Thomas; Lillian Rose Kemp; Kai Russo, and Oakley Russo; her mother, Betty Harrelson Anderson; four siblings, Rhonda Fuller (Don Fuller); Regina Harrelson; Russel Harrelson (Jeanette Harrelson); and Rhett Harrelson, as well as a host of friends and family members whose lives she touched.

She is preceded in death by her former husband, Michael "Mickey" McLeod; her father, O. Rex Harrelson; and two siblings, Michael Harrelson and Robert Harrelson.

Our family is working on the details of her celebration of life at this time and we will update information as soon as it is available.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 2:00 PM at the Satsuma Community Center.

368 Juniper Ave, Satsuma, AL 36572.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Hospice Foundation of America <https://hospicefoundation.org/Donate> in memory of Rene.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Satsuma Community Center
368 Juniper Ave
Satsuma, AL 36572

Tribute Wall

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“ *I haven't seen Rene in years but I grew up just less than a mile from her and her sweet family in the Carolina Community in Andalusia. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. May God be with you all.*

Margaret Tart Waldon - May 26, 2023 at 01:00 PM