



## Leslie Beth "Rose" Hardin

December 26, 1959 - January 13, 2024

Leslie Beth "Rose" Anderson Kelly Hardin, born December 26, 1959, in New Haven, CT to Robert Anderson and Betty Veith Miller, passed away in Hamden, CT on January 13, 2024. She moved to Tennessee with her family in 1994 and was a long-time resident of Scotts Hill, TN. Leslie was a truck driver for over 30 years, where everyone knew her as Rose. She graduated from Hamden High School in 1977, loved The Grateful Dead and steeplechasing/jump racing horses. In her later years, she enjoyed traveling, skydiving, cooking, and baking with her grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eddie "Mr. Ed" Hardin, a sister, Cynthia Shaver, and her stepfather, John Miller. She is survived by two sons, Robert (Emily) Kelly of Hohenwald, TN and Peter Kelly of Seattle, WA; one step-son, Rodney (Missi) Hardin of Lexington, TN; four daughters, Jennifer (Jason) Clendenion of Only, TN, Alexandra Carrington of Scotts Hill, TN, Hillary (Pete) O'Connor of Fulton, MS, and Megan (Matthew) Holmes of Parsons, TN; two step-daughters, Amy (Davy) McCollum of Lexington, TN and Candace Hardin of Lexington, TN; twenty-two grandchildren, Summer and Sabella Kelly, Sara (Landon) Anthony, Bailey and Shelby Clendenion, Jason and Haylee Duncan, Levi Carrington, Gage and Amelia O'Connor, Bronson and Jackson Holmes, Kaitlyn, Kayla and Kaleb Hardin, Elizabeth, Bailey, Josh, and Johnathon McCollum, Zachery Hurt, Kylee Hardin and Drake Lindsey; one great-grandson, Adam Sampson; brother, James Anderson of Hamden, CT; sister, Katherine (Jim) Smerekanych of Meriden,

CT; a beloved mother-in-law, Allene Kelly of Bethany, CT; as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. At her request, there will be a graveside service at Ridge Grove Cemetery, in Lexington, TN, with Bro. Dave Stewart officiating, where she will be laid to rest next to her late husband, on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1:00pm, to be followed with a gathering at Ridge Grove Baptist Church for friends and family. A memorial will take place in CT at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to The Comfort Peer Center in Lexington. Reed's Chapel, Lexington, TN and Beecher & Bennett, Hamden, CT will be in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Your mom became my CT/TN connection and we met up several times and talked Hamden and Essential Oils. She introduced me to a few of you and she was proud of all of you! She and I had many long chats and she would share your accomplishments. I am not sure of all that happened but she ended where she began with life’s full circle complete. I miss knowing we will never have those chats again until we meet again. I hope you all know you have an angel watching over all of you. Please take care.

Laurie - January 29, 2024 at 11:32 PM

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“ Susan Hadden (Anderson) sent a virtual gift in memory of Leslie Beth "Rose" Hardin



Susan Hadden (Anderson) - January 20, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ Cotton Rhodes lit a candle in memory of Leslie Beth "Rose" Hardin



Cotton Rhodes - January 20, 2024 at 01:36 AM

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“ Shirley Harmon lit a candle in memory of  
Leslie Beth "Rose" Hardin



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**Shirley Harmon** - January 19, 2024 at 09:47 AM

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“ I really can't believe I'm writing this on an obituary for my cousin Leslie. I feel empty knowing she's not here anymore. Leslie was a big part of my life, since day one. Her Dad, and my Dad, were brothers. Lots of family gatherings and sleepovers. Me at her house, and her at mine. And always fun ! We lost touch here and there as we grew older, but she was always the one to reach out and find me. Leslie was important to me. And I had a lot I wanted to tell her. I will always love her, and all the memories we made together. I will miss her so, for the rest of my life. Susan Hadden (Anderson)

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**Susan Hadden (Anderson)** - January 18, 2024 at 10:05 PM

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“ There were so many. We met at a teen meeting and I learned that Leslie had a horse. I expressed interest in that and shortly after she invited me to spend the New Years weekend at her house to see her horse and meet her cousin, Alan. It was enjoyable. Another great time was visiting on a holiday. Seeing the family as they grew and Leslie took AL and I through her garden where she and Eddie had quite a crop. She will be missed and loved. Leslie 's huge family will grow and thrive. May this family be blessed.

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**Julie Veith** - January 17, 2024 at 05:26 PM