



Sue Mathews Farmer

March 11, 1951 - February 24, 2019

Sue went to be with the Lord on February 24, 2019 after a year long battle with various types of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, James (Bert) Farmer of Trussville; brother, James Mathews of Memphis, TN; son, Jeff Farmer (Wendy) of Trussville; daughters, Catie Hastings (Clark) of Gallatin, TN and Jill White (Levi) of McDonough, GA. She is also survived by her six grandchildren, Gavin (10), Lawson (9), Owen (9), Leila (8), Jack (7) and Atley (3). She was also loved by many other family members and friends.

Sue was born and raised in Memphis, TN. She graduated from Messick High School, then earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lambuth College in Jackson, TN. She married Bert Farmer on January 12, 1974. Sue and Bert started their family in Memphis, TN, but eventually moved to Charlotte, NC, returned to Memphis, and then lived in Ridgeland, MS for 30 years. After Sue and Bert retired, they decided to move to Trussville in June 2017 to be closer to their six grandchildren.

Sue loved being outdoors. She enjoyed camping with the family, kayaking, waterskiing, and swimming with the manatees in Florida. Sue was also an accomplished artist, working in various mediums to include painting, clay, knitting and cake decorating.

Sue was a lifelong Girl Scout, earning her Gold Award as a youth member,

leading troops for both Catie and Jill, and working for and retiring with the Girl Scout Council of Middle Mississippi.

Services will be held at Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home, 5360 Deerfoot Parkway, Trussville, AL 35173.

Visitation will be held Friday, March 1, 2019 from 5 pm to 7 pm and Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9 am to 10:30 am with services to follow.

Services will be officiated by Rev. David Teel of Trussville First United Methodist Church.

Internment will be at Sulphur Springs Cemetery, Trussville, AL.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mustard Seed, where Sue volunteered for many years.

<http://www.mustardseedinc.org/donate.html>

601-992-3556

Cemetery Details

Sulphur Springs Cemetery

7500 Roper Road
Trussville, AL 35173

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home
5360 Deerfoot Parkway
Mailing Address PO Box 118
Trussville, AL 35173
(205) 655-3444
<https://www.deerfootmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

MAR 2. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Service

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KL

“Most people are fortunate to have one set of supportive parents. In high school and college, I had three: the Baumanns, the Farmers, and my own. Jeff was one of the first people to talk to me when I moved to Mississippi and we've been friends ever since (28 years!). The Farmers opened their home to me, whether it was a bite to eat or a game of pickup basketball in the driveway, they were always there. I have such fond memories of hanging out at their house with Jeff, watching basketball or football, picking up Subway sandwiches for the crew (whoever happened to be at the house), and talking with Bert and Sue. There was always a lot going on, funny stories, games, cases of Girl Scout cookies, and the infamous chicken pillow. Sue was always at the heart of it. She didn't say much, but when she did, you listened. She had a way of being contemplative and gentle, but still direct. Looking back on it all, she and Bert were such a great, complimentary team as parents for their own kids and for all of us, their friends.

One of the things I learned from the Farmers was the value of (a tight-knit) family. I was always impressed by how much the five of them (Bert, Sue, Jeff, Catie, Jill) spent time together and got along. There were many days on the weekends Jeff couldn't hang out with friends because they had a family day planned. Even 20 years ago, that was pretty rare. But Bert and Sue always stuck to their plans to do things as a family, just the five of them. Now as a parent, the Farmers are one of the contributors to my family's culture; we have dinner together most nights, plan family trips, and have pizza and movie night on Fridays, etc.

Bert, Jeff, Catie, and Jill, we're so sorry for your loss. We love y'all and you're in our prayers.

Kenny Langley and family

Kenny Langley - March 03, 2019 at 05:32 PM



*Love you as the brother from another mother! Thank you so much for the sweet memories!
Love you!!!!*

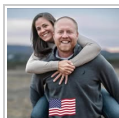
Catie Hastings - March 05, 2019 at 11:55 AM

BB

“*Ms. Sue had a foundational influence on my Girl Scout journey. She served as a mentor to me as an older Girl Scout and inspired me to serve as a leader and embrace the adventures of the outdoors. I was part of a group she lead to swim with manatees in Florida in 2009. What a unique and incredible experience to share with her! One that I will treasure forever. I was blessed to briefly see Ms. Sue at my wedding three years ago. Ms. Sue shared her joy of life and kind spirit with all she met. She will be missed but the impact she left on countless people will not soon be forgotten!*



Bryce Buttrill - March 02, 2019 at 04:05 PM



Thank you! My mom loved to swim with the cows of the sea!!!

Catie Hastings - March 03, 2019 at 01:44 PM

DB

“ *What a shock to hear this news - Diedra - shared today. We were all a part of Oakhill neighborhood in the 80's - 90's and watched it grow under their guidance. Several of us continued in adult campout etc after our girls grew up. Sue was so gifted in every way and made everything from "breakfast" dutie, campfire, crafts, cleanup, and leadership etc fun and quite entertaining. Thoughts of love, prayers, and God's comfort for you and your family. Thank you Diane Bearden, our Moms and Dads and girls.*

Diane Bearden - March 01, 2019 at 07:57 PM



“ *Sue was and still is the love of my life. How she put up with me for 45 years I still don't know. I'll be honest, we didn't have the prefect marriage because we argued at times and most of the times she won these arguments or at least I let her believe she won. Living without her will be the hardest thing I have ever done but I have 3 of the most awesome kids, anyone could have, a brother in-law, an amazing daughter in- law, the best 2 son in-laws that can't be beat and 6 of the cutest grandkids that anyone could want. So that will be the reason to live on like Sue wants me too.*Bert Farmer

Catie Hastings - March 01, 2019 at 12:48 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Sue Mathews Farmer.*



March 01, 2019 at 10:21 AM

AP

“ Sue had a smile that could make you feel at ease in the most anxious situations. She was one of my mamma bears while I worked with her at Girl Scouts. I will always remember her words of wisdom to me on a rough day a week or so before my wedding. She said, “No need to worry Dear. You can always get a divorce.” That gave me a laugh and calmed my nerves. Ironic advice from a woman who was so obviously happily married.

Ashley Dunlap Prine - March 01, 2019 at 10:04 AM

TA

“ Mrs. Sue was one of my Girl Scout Moms! Her and my mom worked at the council together for many years. Mrs. Sue was always so happy. I remember anytime I was sick and went to stay at the office or was bored and wanted out of the house, she would always have some kind of work for me to do, but she made it so fun and was so full of happy energy. She was always there to lend an ear and was so understanding. Hate we lost track of her through the years, and now she is gone. I will always remember her smile and warmth.

Tamara Allen - March 01, 2019 at 09:22 AM

DH

“ That smile of Sue's is my greatest memory. I was always amazed at her talent...she could take an empty toilet paper roll, a few pipe cleaner,s a little paint and make the most amazing creations. Then she would patiently teach others exactly how she did it step by step. I have watched her greet Girl Scout volunteers as they walked in the council shop like they were her family. I am very honored to have had the opportunity to work with, celebrate with and share the joy of her children and their accomplishments. The other night I was thinking about Catie's and Jill's weddings (for some strange reason I was unable to attend Jeff's wedding) and each time I caught a glimpse of Sue's face as she watched her sweet daughters walk down the aisle. She had that smile on her face and a twinkle in her eyes. Peace and blessings to all of the family and know that you are loved as much as your wife/mom.

Dedria J Haguewood - March 01, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ From Jack: I am soooooooooooooo sorry!!!!!!!!!!!!!! We love you



Jeff Farmer - February 28, 2019 at 09:30 PM

JH

“ I will always remember what love Sue had for her family. You could see her pride when she was surrounded by the kids and grandkids at family celebrations! And oh, those gorgeous birthday cakes! Such creativity and loving preparation for each and every one!

I always enjoyed seeing her yearly Christmas ornaments, art work, and crocheting. A talented lady! She is will missed by so many.

Jerry Hastings

Jerry Hastings - February 28, 2019 at 08:56 PM

SR

“ Steve and Lynn Reed purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sue Mathews Farmer.



Steve and Lynn Reed - February 28, 2019 at 06:42 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sue Mathews Farmer.



February 28, 2019 at 04:35 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sue Mathews Farmer.



February 28, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ 119 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Deerfoot Memorial Funeral Home - February 28, 2019 at 11:09 AM

JF

“ Jack Farmer lit a candle in memory of Sue Mathews Farmer



Jack Farmer - February 27, 2019 at 09:17 PM

RJ

“ *I knew Sue best from our Reed family reunions. I don't think either of us missed a single one in the 21 years we had them. Sue had a twinkle in her eye always waiting to escape. She giggled, smiled & enjoyed the life she was blessed with to the fullest. She tempered her joy with common sense & wisdom. It was a beautiful balance. She absolutely loved her family. She knew how to play w her kids, but got tough if she had to. She was a "swooper:" she'd swoop for a hug!*

Rest in God's eternal peace Sue, may those you left behind walk in the light of your footprints!

Rosemary Jones - February 27, 2019 at 04:56 PM

AR

“ This is Ada Miller Robinson, aka" Mrs. Duck"; a name given to me by my dear Girl Scout sister Sue. Sue,Alice Davis and I were the song birds of the office but Sue is the one person I know who knew the GS songs and who talked in "sing" with me. My heart is sad as I know yours is. We shared the success of our children, graduations, new births: LIFE; (the both of us, proud as peacocks!). This is not our friendship's end, our circle is round; for we are silver/gold. Remember only the joyful times together when you laughed so hard you doubled over-they will lift your head and heart. God loves you.

Ada Miller Robinson - February 27, 2019 at 04:50 PM

RJ

“ J remembers going to Memphis every summer as a kid & spending a week w Duke & Sue. He remembers playing in the backyard & especially going to Pickwick & waterskiing. There were lots of Reed gathering for the holidays. Sue was like a sister to him. This leaves a big hole!

Rosemary Jones - February 27, 2019 at 04:47 PM

AR

“ When I first met Sue I was new to the Reed family and slightly overwhelmed by the number of cousins and relatives I was trying to remember the names of. Sue was always kind and welcoming. She always was ready to explain who was who and why people had so many nick-names. When I think of Sue's face she is laughing, she was a truly joyful person.

Abigail Reed - February 27, 2019 at 12:39 PM



“ Sue, was a great person, and a great girl scout mentor. She loved scouting and she loved the girls. She was kind, adventurous and was wonderful with the girls. The day she retired our girl scout community list a valuable asset. We love you Sue! Goodnight sweet Sue.



Darlene Schroeder - February 27, 2019 at 12:23 PM

JB

“ I remember growing up spending a lot of time st the Farmer house in Ridgeland. Sue always fed us BUT she always required us to use these round plastic trays for our food...she never put her foot down often but she never gave in on this! We love you “Mom”

Jeff Baumann - February 27, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Sue Mathews Farmer.



February 27, 2019 at 04:12 AM

PA

“ Was such a kind, sweet friend in the Messick High School band. Always encouraged others; a true friend. My deepest condolences to her family. I know she will be greatly missed.

Paula - February 26, 2019 at 10:59 PM



“ *Jill White lit a candle in memory of Sue Mathews Farmer*



jill white - February 26, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *Fun times we had!!!*



Catie Hastings - February 26, 2019 at 09:09 PM



“ *Catie Hastings lit a candle in memory of Sue Mathews Farmer*



Catie Hastings - February 26, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ *Jill White lit a candle in memory of Sue Mathews Farmer*



Jill White - February 26, 2019 at 08:45 PM

Jl

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Jill - February 26, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Sue Mathews Farmer.



February 26, 2019 at 07:02 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sue Mathews Farmer.



February 26, 2019 at 05:46 PM