



Mary Sue Garner Johnson

August 10, 1930 - April 6, 2023

Mary Sue Johnson passed peacefully, in her home, Thursday April 6th, surrounded by family.

Mary Sue, affectionately known as Meme to many, was born in Jacksonville, Florida in 1930 and is the daughter of the late Mary Kathryn and Boykin Garner. Her mother died when she was one and her father remarried Ione Peterman and they moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where Mary Sue lived her childhood and young adult years. During those years she also spent her summers at her Uncle Josh's farm in Ludowici, Georgia where she enjoyed helping at the farm, developing friendships and spending time with her family. After graduating from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC) Georgia State College for Women (GSCW) with a teaching degree and – with the encouragement of Charlotte and Ed Willis, to come to Griffin, she taught Home Economics and Science at Spalding Junior High in the late 50's. She fondly remembered each of her students through the years. Sue was instrumental in allowing girls to be able to take Science classes instead of Home Economics.

She was preceded in death by her husband Joe Johnson, Jr., whom she married in 1957. She was a devoted mother and homemaker for many years. During the middle 70's she began working with her husband at Jim & Joe's Photo Center. She absolutely loved her customers and her employees, many of whom were like family. She and Joe both worked up until the 1980's when

they retired and began to travel in their motor home all across the United States including Alaska. She was very grateful for the time she enjoyed, in retirement, traveling with her husband. Sue had many hobbies: sewing, gardening, reading, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren. Sue was famous for her "Sueisms" along with her southern genteel spirit, grace and charm. She was soft spoken and never raised her voice. She was a fantastic mother and always put her children and husband first.

Sue is survived by her two children and their spouses, Kay Johnson Landham of Griffin, Joe Johnson III (Terese) of Griffin, grandchildren Robert W. (Marissa) Landham of Smyrna, GA, Heather (Adam) Marcus of Smyrna and her great-grandchildren Anastasia and Rebekah Marcus, her two sisters, Carolyn (Ken) Masters of Flowery Branch, GA, Barbara (Robert) Payne of Sevierville, TN, her nieces, Diane (Butch) May of Cleveland, GA, Andrea (Billy) Stramiello of Tucker, GA, cousins, Sally Burns Shapiro of Savannah, GA, John (Maryann) Burns of Savannah, GA and numerous other cousins, and family.

Mary Sue loved her grandchildren and spent as much time with them as she could. Sue loved all God's creatures and all loved her.

Visitation will be at Haisten-McCullough Funeral Home on Saturday, April 15, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Sue's memory may be given to the Griffin Area Resource Center (GARC) Building Fund at 931 Hamilton Blvd. Griffin, GA 30224

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **15**. 2:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Haisten McCullough Funeral Home
1155 Everee Inn Road
Griffin, GA 30224
(770) 229-4994
<https://www.haistenmcculloughfunerals.com>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Sue Garner Johnson*

October 07, 2023 at 09:35 AM



“ *Kay and Joe, sorry to hear of the passing of sweet Mrs. Sue. Praying for all of you. She was very sweet to me. May God grant you peace and comfort.*

Dawn Maddox - April 15, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Kay; sorry to hear about MarySue. I always liked her. She was always pleasant and respectful and had something interesting to talk about. She was also a good listener when I had something to say. Can't ask for more than that! Sometimes I kinda wished she was my mom.*

Gary Pettis - April 15, 2023 at 02:41 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Garner Johnson.*



April 12, 2023 at 10:22 PM



“ 158 files added to the album LifeTributes



Haisten McCullough Funeral Home - April 12, 2023 at 10:03 AM

SW

“ To one of the most sweetest Southern Ladies I ever knew. Joey and i went to Jackson Road School and I fondly remember her thru those years. Had the honor of working for her and being around her till her passing. A true lady and will sadly miss that sweet smile.
Love Scott Wimpy.

Scott Wimpy - April 11, 2023 at 06:32 PM

PV

“ Kay, So sorry to hear of your loss. Your Mom was a very special lady. I remember that she taught my mom in school. I have pictures of your Mom, my Dad and some of their friends. I'll be happy to share, just let me know when you can. Prayers and love to your whole family. Patricia (Holloway) Vermeer

Patricia Vermeer - April 11, 2023 at 12:35 PM

HJ

“ *Howard Mark Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue Garner Johnson*



Howard Mark Johnson - April 10, 2023 at 12:52 PM