



Ms. Mary Sue Lemaster

June 13, 1937 - May 13, 2020

Sue Lemaster was a daughter, a sister, a mother, a grandmother, a great grandmother, a friend, a mentor and the list really goes on and on. Of all her roles in the lives of many I think it's safe to say that everyone would agree her best known role was as Memaw [Meh-Maw]. I vividly remember spending a week with Memaw as a young boy and being amazed at how many different people would come over just to sit and chat throughout a day or week.

Memaw was truly loved and she genuinely loved back. She was spunky, witty, quick on her feet and definitely never afraid to tell you how she felt even if you weren't going to like what she had to say. She didn't care if you didn't like it because what she had to say came from a place of conviction and love. She always loved you enough to tell you the hard things no matter who you were or how mad or upset she knew it would make you. She had no prejudice and she always loved equally. It never mattered who it was that walked through that front screen door, her face would light up with excitement as she would grin from ear to ear because someone else had come to visit her. She was a child at heart and never turned down an opportunity to play rummy, dominoes or our family made game, marbles. We would literally sit for hours, with a braves game on in the background, and play rummy. When I was little, she would change the rules and deal more cards just because it made me happy. She would purposely get up to do something in the kitchen so I could have just long enough to set the deck in my favor. Of course, back then, I thought I was slick and just quick enough – but I wasn't. I can still hear that sweet

country voice saying, "Now how'd you do that?!" when I would magically have all the wild cards and lay them down for a million points at the beginning of a hand. I would giggle and say, "You dealt em to me Memaw," and then she would blush and laugh as she always did. Memaw was always fun to laugh with. She would get so tickled she would bounce up and down while she laughed. Her laugh would permeate through the house in a way that just felt like love. I'll never forget making her mad just long enough to grab the flyswatter by the refrigerator and come stand behind the chair in the living room saying, "Now I'm gonnawoop you if you don't mind me," as she would wave that flyswatter in the air. And then I would look at her and grin and she would start laughing before she could ever get all the words out of her mouth.

Though Memaw wasn't always herself these last few years I would still catch glimpses of my childhood hero when she would come and stay with us for a week or two. It didn't matter if she called me Jody, Michael, Chris or Seth before she ever finally got to me, I always knew that she loved me with everything she had in her and she wanted nothing but the absolute best for me. Even as her memory faded, I could tell her, "Memaw, I love you," and it didn't matter what she was doing she would stop, look at me eye to eye and say, "And I love you," with all the seriousness in the world.

I know, when you look at me, it looks like a tough young man who is holding it all together but honestly, on the inside (and when no one's around), I'm just a little boy who is broken and crying and wants his Memaw back.

As broken as I am, I find joy this morning knowing that my Memaw knew this man named Jesus. We talked about him often. She knew she wasn't perfect and she knew He didn't care. He loved her for who she was and gave His life for this very moment so that as she passed yesterday morning she would be able to pass from life to life, receiving a new mind and a new body that are both completely restored and healed.

Memaw, I feel strongly when I say that I speak for everyone in the family – We love you with everything that's in us! Don't worry about us, we'll be alright! We'll see ya soon, Memaw!! – written by grandson James Griffith.

Ms. Lemaster is survived by her children, Susan (Joe) Helton, Cathy (Walter) Griffith, Michael Lemaster; grandchildren, Jody (Loura) Lemaster, Chris (Jody) Lemaster, Lindsey (Kevin) Perry, Ashley (Chris) Hood, James (Tiffany) Griffith; great grandchildren, Bryant Lemaster, Austin Lemaster, Ila Lemaster, Payton Perry, Cooper Hood, Adilynn Hood; great- great grandchild, Cora Lemaster. Preceded in death by her mother, Audie Ozette Hayes; sisters, Doris Hayes, Ruth Fleming, Sara Nell Parris.

Graveside service for Ms. Lemaster will be held at Sweet Home Cemetery on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The family will receive friends at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel on Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. All attendees are required to practice social distancing to attend visitations and services. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, directing. Pallbearers will be included; Chris Lemaster, James Griffith, Chris Hood, Walter Griffith, Joe Helton & Seth Weaver.

Cemetery Details

Sweet Home Cemetery

1474 Union Grove Road
Guntersville, AL 35976

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel
1340 North Main Street
Arab, AL 35016
(256) 586-4100

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Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary Sue Lemaster.*



May 16, 2020 at 11:15 AM



“ *60 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel - May 16, 2020 at 09:32 AM

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“ *Jody and Family I am so Sorry for your loss . Sue was a very special Lady and I always enjoyed talking with her . She loved her Family very much . She will be Greatly missed . RIP*



Wanda Beach - May 15, 2020 at 11:10 PM

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“ I've known Sue since I was 20 years old. She was always a good friend and would do anything she could to help anyone. She was a good Christian lady and is loved alot and will be missed very much. Rest in peace Sue,

Ingrid Briscoe - May 14, 2020 at 10:01 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Ms. Mary Sue Lemaster.



May 14, 2020 at 08:22 PM