



Shirley "Sue" Stormes

September 1, 1935 - February 14, 2025

Shirley "Sue" Stormes of Rolla, Missouri, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Friday, February 14, 2025 at the age of 89 at Aurora Health and Rehabilitation in Rolla, Missouri, where she had resided for the past eight years.

Sue was born September 1, 1935, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to the late George Archibald and Esther Margaret (Graham) Henderson. Sue was united in marriage to Billy Russell Stormes on May 27, 1956 in Fort Smith, Arkansas. This union was blessed with three children.

Sue received the Sacramental Rite of Confirmation in the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock, Arkansas on December 22, 1957. She later became a long-time member of Christ Episcopal Church in Rolla, Missouri, where she served as the Vacation Bible School Director for many years, as well as one of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), coordinating bereavement meals and other events in the church community.

Originally from Arkansas, Sue earned her Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Master of Education (ME) degrees from the University of Arkansas Fayetteville. She also received advanced art training from the University of Missouri. She began her teaching career in education in Little Rock, Arkansas where she taught Junior High Science for two years. Sue and Bill relocated to Rolla, Missouri to

continue their teaching careers at Rolla Public Schools and start a family. During her career at Rolla Public Schools, she taught High School Biology and Art, and at the time of her retirement in 1996, was teaching Elementary Art.

After retiring from teaching, Sue dedicated her time to her own art, expanding on her passion for watercolor painting and pencil drawings. She was an active participant in many exhibits throughout Missouri and Arkansas and was proud to have a one-woman show in Rolla, where her landscape art of Missouri was showcased. Sue's paintings and drawings are dearly cherished by and displayed in countless homes of family, friends and art enthusiasts, as well as numerous public venues. Sue became a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (P.E.O.) in 1976. In 1997, she helped organize Chapter MW, served as President from 2001-2003, and continued to be a member of this Chapter for the remainder of her life.

Sue's family will cherish the memories of fishing, camping, vacations, and leisurely days spent at the family river cabins on the Buffalo River in Arkansas and the Gasconade River in Missouri. She treasured her family and enjoyed every moment spent with her children and grandchildren. Sue was a delightful person that shared her joy with everyone she was around.

Sue was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Billy Stormes, who passed away in 2017, her parents, George and Esther Henderson, her sister, Mary Emmaline (Henderson) Evans and daughter-in-law, Donalie Ann (Owens) Stormes. Sue is survived by her children: Bill Alexander Stormes and wife Donna of Lincoln, Alabama; Mary Susan Hollingsworth and husband David of Loveland, Ohio; Russell Andrew "Andy" Stormes and wife Melinda of Vichy, Missouri; six grandchildren: Alex Hollingsworth, Will Hollingsworth and wife Imogen, Maggie (Stormes) Mayberry and husband Scott, Isaac Stormes, Michael Redmon, Cote Redmon and wife Kaylyn; eight great-grandchildren:

Aiden Redmon, Alex Redmon, Rosalie Redmon, Maddex Redmon, Lincoln Redmon, Abella Smith, Logan Smith and Baby Mayberry expected in May; as well as a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the Rolla Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM. A private service at Christ Episcopal Church will follow.

Sue will be forever loved and missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ She was a talented artist. I treasure one of her pieces of work that I purchased at an art show years ago. ❤️

Martha Edwards - March 05, 2025 at 11:28 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Such a wonderful talented lady, P.E.O. sister, and teacher friend...Cheryl Koederitz



Cheryl Koederitz - February 21, 2025 at 01:48 PM

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“ Love, the Reeves & Mangrum Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Shirley "Sue" Stormes.

Love, the Reeves & Mangrum Families - February 21, 2025 at 11:44 AM

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“ Love, the Reeves & Mangrum Families purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Shirley "Sue" Stormes.



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Shirley "Sue" Stormes.



February 21, 2025 at 09:27 AM