

## Sue Duren

January 7, 2019

Earle Sue Lee Duren, age 86, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children, on January 7, 2019, in Memphis, Tennessee, after a brief illness. Sue was born September 25, 1932 in Royal, Arkansas to Willis Earl Lee and Effie Crystal Jewell Lee. May of 1954, she married her best friend and lifelong love, Eugene (Gene) Victor Duren, who preceded her in death in 2005. During the post-depression era of her youth, spent near Royal, Sunshine, and Bear, Sue grew to know and rely upon the Lord, and she was baptized in the crystal-clear waters of an Arkansas creek in the 1940s. At an early age she became a talented seamstress and skilled pianist. Her talents and hobbies included cooking, gardening, singing, and reading.

In the early 1950s, Sue relocated from Hot Springs, Arkansas to Houston, Texas with the Jefferson Davis School of Nursing as her destination. Upon graduation as a Registered Nurse in 1953, she and Gene entered years of career moves which placed them working in the Houston area, Overland Park, Kansas, Lake St. Louis, Missouri and Magnolia, Texas. During these years, she served as a Red Cross Volunteer, Girl Scout Leader, and was until her passing an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Sue retired from nursing in 1993, leaving Conroe Regional Medical Center Hospital as a charge nurse on the 2 South Floor. The colleagues, friendships, and neighbors she respected and loved are countless, and she continued to maintain contact with them through the years.

The true joy of Sue's life was found in the children she raised with Gene. She

was especially proud of Richard, Barbara, and Janet. The fact that they are all Christians and that this faith is embraced by their own children, is a hallmark legacy of Sue's witness. Sue is survived by her son and his wife, Richard and Barbara Duren of Conroe, TX, and two daughters and their husbands, Barbara and John Moore of Germantown, TN, and Janet and Stan Epperson of Hot Springs, AR. Also surviving are beloved grandchildren Mark Duren, Nathan Moore, Clayton and wife Rachel Moore, Kaitlin Vaughn, Eileen Vaughn, and Evan Vaughn. Sue is also survived by families of treasured nephews, nieces, cousins, and precious friends. She loved all of these and touched each life deeply.

Besides her husband, Sue is preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Jewell, Katherine, Ruby, and Shirley, and by numerous relatives and ancestors. The mystery of true love and the love of Christ was reflected in Sue's life. She is missed but is with her husband whom she loved beyond description and, together now, they are radiant in the presence of their Lord and Savior. We will see her again and it is simply a veil that separates us now. On January 19, 2019, a private Graveside Service will take place at Magnolia Memorial Gardens, adjacent to Magnolia Funeral Home. Immediately following, a Memorial Service will begin at 1:00pm at Magnolia's First Baptist Church, in the Chapel. A brief time of coffee and sharing will immediately follow this service, and at approximately 2:00 p.m., everyone is invited to a Fellowship/Reception at the home of the late Mrs. Sue Duren, at 335 San Angelo Drive, Magnolia, Texas 77354 (in the Windmill Estates Subdivision in downtown Magnolia). This is a potluck event, and everyone is invited to bring food as well as fold up/lawn chairs, etc. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Special Olympics Organization and/or St. Patrick Presbyterian Church, Building Fund, Collierville, TN.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 19. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Magnolia's First Baptist Church  
18525 N 6th Street  
Magnolia, TX 77354

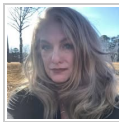
# Tribute Wall

NR

“ Sue taught me so much. I will always remember her and when I think of a true Charge Nurse. I think of her. My deepest condolences to the family. Neva Rose



neva rose - January 17, 2019 at 06:20 PM



Oh Neva! She loved you so much. Thank you for your kind words. It just seems unreal. Love you, Janet

Janet Duren Epperson - January 19, 2019 at 05:15 AM

BA

She spoke about you so often. What a sweet time you all had together. She did love you.

barbara - January 21, 2019 at 02:12 PM

KA

“ Kerry and Andrea purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Sue Duren.



Kerry and Andrea - January 16, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sue Duren.*



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January 16, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sue Duren.*



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January 14, 2019 at 03:39 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Sue Duren.*



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January 11, 2019 at 12:06 PM

KR

“ Sue was such a wonderful RN who worked with me at Conroe Medical center ! She was our charhe nurse skwYs with a smile ! She was a great leader and very knowledgeable in her field. She taught us all a lot! Loved the patients and was just great in women’s services. I will miss her and think of her often. Rest , Sue your work is completed. Prayers for family. Never forgotten. You will remain in our hearts. Karen Ruffner RN



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**Karen Ruffner** - January 10, 2019 at 10:13 AM

JE

*Thank you Karen. Your sentiments are so perfectly expressed, and we treasure them.  
Sincerely,  
Janet, Barbara, Richard*

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**Janet Duren Epperson** - January 11, 2019 at 07:52 PM

  
Cheryl  
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*I'll always remember Sue's big beautiful smile. She would laugh and talk about her nursing experiences. She taught everyone alot. She was well respected by all. After retirement she would visit us on 2 South when her husband was hospitalized talking about the good old days. Rest in Peace Sue. You have served well.*

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**Cheryl Schwenke** - January 11, 2019 at 11:57 PM