



Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby

June 7, 1937 - May 26, 2020

On June 7, 1937, Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby, “Sue” or “Grandma” to her friends and family, began life’s voyage. Eight decades of memories, 996 months of happiness, 30,305 days of laughter, 727,320 hours of love, three wonderful children, eight amazing grandchildren, four sweet great-grandchildren and one gift of life. On the morning of May 26, 2020, she received a call from heaven to join our Lord and Savior, along with her many family members and friends.

Sue was born in Smith County and raised in Laurel, Sue was the youngest of four children born to Thomas “Sharp” and Mae Jernigan.

Living in Laurel, Sue met Leonard Busby, Jr. her husband of 26 years, where they established their permanent family home. Sue mastered the role of wife to a decorated United States Marine Colonel and began a lifelong career as a United States postal worker, personally transporting parcels throughout the rural areas of Laurel and Jones County.

As a young woman Sue accepted Jesus into her heart and serving Him was always a top priority. As children were born, she made sure her most important role was being a Christian mother...and that her children knew Jesus as well. Sue was a dedicated member of Magnolia Baptist Church for many years. However, in the last few years she joined her son and family and

proudly worshipped at First Baptist Church of Laurel. Sue was also involved in other religious organizations with years of honorable service as Worthy Matron for the Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1956 Sue embarked on the journey of motherhood with her firstborn daughter Sheila. Two years later she celebrated the birth of her only son, Leonard III and in 1960 her youngest child Jenny was born.

After the passing of her husband Leonard Jr., Sue dedicated her time to her work until she retired from the United States Postal Service.

Sue was passionate about her family and many friends. She was such a devoted Mother, "Grandma" and friend. She never passed up an opportunity to spend quality time making each and every one she came in contact with feel so special. Sue definitely had the gift of showing and proudly displaying her love.

In later years, she traveled through life exploring the American countryside with her companion Cleo Shows, perfecting her southern cuisine and culture, while staying active in church and celebrating cherished time with all those she so dearly loved.

In heaven she is reunited with her spouse, Col. Leonard Busby Jr.; her father, Thomas "Sharp" Jernigan; her mother Mae Blakeney Jernigan; brother Thomas M. Jernigan, Jr.; sister Meryl Jernigan Byrd; and companion Cleo Shows.

Sue is survived by daughter Sheila Busby Martin and son-in-law Dr. James B. Martin; Son Leonard Bubba Busby and daughter-in-law Lynn Busby; daughter Jennifer "Jenny" Busby Gaskin and son-in-law Robert "Bobby" Gaskin. She leaves behind her treasured grandchildren: Leonard "Kye" Busby IV, Christopher "Brant" Busby, Jennifer "Dawn" Collins (Anthony), Mallory Gaskin

Arriaga (Eric), Haley Martin, and Robert “Connor” Gaskin; and great grandchildren Beau, Brooklyn, Britton, and Isabella. She is further survived by her sister Bobbie Jernigan Welch and great friend Johnnie Harrelson.

Known as a Grandmother to many and kind spirit to all, Sue spoke with gracious words, sweet compliments, and memorable conversation. Her charming southern insight into the secrets of a happy life inspired so many who loved her humor, guidance and wisdom.

We will miss her dearly - until we meet again. Neither words nor hugs will dry our tears or ease our pain. However, we find our peace in Jesus and knowing she is in heaven, waiting patiently till we all meet again.

Sue will be laid to rest in Hickory Grove Cemetery. Graveside services will be on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Interment to follow.

In closing, our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude is extended to the loving family and friends, as well as the dedicated professionals of SADDs Home Health and Palladium Hospice.

In celebration of Sue, we quote one of her favorite verses...”and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more deaths, neither sorrowing, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away”. Revelation 21:4

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Hickory Grove Cemetery
Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

SL

“ I met Mrs. Sue in 2004 at the first annual Strengthford School Reunion (Wayne County) at the elbow of Mr. Cleo Shows. Mr. Cleo was a childhood friend of my dad in Strengthford, Edwin Smith, born 1920, and after a lifetime of hearing of him and Mr. Cleo, I greeted him and Mrs. Sue with tears flowing down my face. She was a loving and congenial lady who seemed to enjoy attending the reunions as long as Mr. Cleo was able.
The obituary is so beautifully written by someone who loved her dearly.

Sara Landrum - May 31, 2020 at 09:02 PM

CW

“ Love aunt Sue. Have many wonderful memories.

Carmen Welborn - May 30, 2020 at 12:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby.



May 30, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby.



May 29, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby.



May 29, 2020 at 08:06 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby.



May 29, 2020 at 06:08 PM



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May 29, 2020 at 04:46 PM

JL

“ Jordan Hebert and Joe & Susan Lasserre purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby.



Jordan Hebert and Joe & Susan Lasserre - May 29, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby.



May 29, 2020 at 01:04 PM

AW

“ So sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace and comfort during these days.

Amy and Phil Williams - May 29, 2020 at 08:56 AM

KH

“ Kenny Harrison purchased the *A New Sunrise Sp ray* for the family of Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby.



Kenny Harrison - May 28, 2020 at 06:13 PM

MJ

“ I have always loved my Aunt Sue! I always felt very important to her and she was always genuinely concerned. She was the best at keeping it light and funny. She loved all her family and those that were fortunate to know her. I, we will always remember her beautiful smile and sweet laughter, which I hear in these moments as I think of her home going to Glory. Much love we extend to her wonderful immediate family, may they long for The Courts of Our Lord and the reunion in the sky.

Mike

Michael Morris Jernigan - May 28, 2020 at 10:22 AM

MS

Ms. You Was always A special Lady. Rest In Peace. Loved your Mom she Always had me take the White off the Eggs. I Still do Mine to this day. Love Hugs Prayers . To All .Ms.Jane

Ms.Hane - May 29, 2020 at 12:43 PM

JP

“ Lynn and bubba so sorry for your lost.prayers are with you.God bless.Judy white pitts

judy pitts - May 27, 2020 at 08:19 PM

JP

“ Judy Pitts lit a candle in memory of Cordia Sue Jernigan Busby



judy pitts - May 27, 2020 at 08:17 PM