



Lou Ann Smith Starnes

March 6, 1937 - December 28, 2019

Lou Ann passed away peacefully December 28, 2019. She was born March 6, 1937 in Hattiesburg, MS to Alver T. and Minnie Ola Gatlin Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, John Richard Starnes; her parents; and sister, Carrie Ola Smith Cochran.

She is survived by her daughters, Debra (Kelle) Burgess and Lori Starnes; granddaughters, Tori (Murray) Taylor and Mallory (Brandon) Giovengo; great grandchildren, JJ and Tatum Kepley, and Aubree and Analynn Giovengo; sister-in-law, Velma Spalding; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Lou Ann graduated from Hattiesburg High School and The University of Southern Mississippi. She taught school in the Jones County School System for over 20 years. She was a passionate and caring teacher who loved her students in the 4th and 5th grades.

She enjoyed teaching Sunday School, reading, painting, traveling, and spending time with her family.

The family would like to express their thanks to Vincente and Jennifer Moncivais and the staff at Guardian Angels for their love and care.

There will be no public services.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Tribute Wall

LC

“ We had many good times at Myrick. I feel we lost a part of each other and a part of ourselves when Myrick School was gone. Lou was a sweet, caring person, and I am so glad to have been part of her life. God bless each of you as you grieve in your own way. Thanks, also to Deborah and Tori for the times Corey had a friend with whom to play. We also enjoyed Tatum at St. John's. Blessings and love to all of you. Louise Compton

Louise Compton - January 02, 2020 at 11:48 AM

SH

“ So sorry for you loss. I am friends with Lori and Mallorie and loved Mrs. LouAnn. May God give you comfort.

Susan Hedgepeth - December 31, 2019 at 11:14 AM

SN

“ So sorry for your loss. I graduated high school with Debra & knew Ms. Starnes.
I'm the one who played basketball

Susan Matthews Newsome

Susan Newsome - December 31, 2019 at 09:44 AM

SS

“ Lou Ann was such a vital part of my teaching career at Myrick. I worked in the 4th and 5th grades with her until she retired. So many of my memories at Myrick include her, and I will always cherish them. She was one of my dearest friends there and such a beautiful lady. My heart and prayers are with all of you. ❤️

Shirley Blue Sellers

Shirley Blue Sellers - December 30, 2019 at 06:39 PM

MS

“ She was a wonderful teacher. We will truly miss her. We are praying for you and your family during this time of loss.

Norma Jean Scruggs

Melvin Scruggs jr

Jason Scruggs

Melvin Scruggs - December 30, 2019 at 06:21 PM

TK

“ Lori and Debra, I'm so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mom. Prayers for you and family.

trish Knight - December 30, 2019 at 06:09 PM

MC

“ So sorry for your loss, but it's such a comfort to know she is finally at peace. Shared many laughs and good times with Louann. 🙏🙏

Marcia Clark - December 30, 2019 at 05:18 PM

CE

“ Prayers for The Family 🙏🙏

Charlotte Ellzey - December 30, 2019 at 05:11 PM

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“ *Charlotte Ellzey lit a candle in memory of Lou Ann Smith Starnes*



Charlotte Ellzey - December 30, 2019 at 05:10 PM