



Suellen Furlow

February 28, 1962 - March 29, 2024

Suellen Furlow died Friday, at Forrest General Hospital. She was 62.

After graduating from Mississippi State University in 1985, Suellen began her teaching career in Pineville, LA. A few years later, she joined the Jones County School District as a special education teacher, remaining there for the rest of her career. She became a psychometrist, a professional who tests students, and retired as Director of Special Education. She received graduate degrees from MSU, the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi College. After her public school retirement, she worked for the Mississippi Department of Education, the DuBard School for Language Disorders, and she taught at William Carey University.

Suellen had a reputation as the most generous person anyone ever knew. She loved; she gave; she reveled in her relationships. A Laurel friend once said it would be impossible to drive from Biloxi to Memphis with Suellen because of all the people she'd have to stop and talk with along the way. She once attended a wedding in Alabama and connected with a man she'd known only as friends in Texas – when they were 5 years old.

She had a special affinity for young families and children. She was the godmother of all time to Blake Pryor and later to Hollis, Henry, and Webster Blake. For several years at Christmastime, she took Hollis to the Teddy Bear

Tea at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, and on their final trip the twin boys went, too.

Christmas was special to Suellen. Her four Christmas trees were thoughtfully left to specific friends. Throughout her travels, she collected ornaments to later disburse with delight during the holidays to her flock of dozens of children. Her practice was to give each child an ornament every year until age 18, when she would give an angel Christmas tree topper. She gave countless numbers of Christmas pajamas to her grandniece and godchildren.

Suellen grew up in the United Methodist Church in Brookhaven, and the church remained an important part of her life, as was the Cursillo Movement. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Laurel for more than 30 years. Among her many church activities, she sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and – as only she could say it – for a time was part of the “bayel kwire.”

Another passion was MSU sports, especially football and women’s basketball. And, she would travel to Starkville several times a season for baseball games.

Suellen was born to William L. and Nelda S. Furlow in Brookhaven in 1962. A memorial service will be held at noon on Monday, April 8 at Laurel First Methodist Church with a visitation at the church beginning at 10 a.m. Interment of ashes will take place in Rose Hill Cemetery in Brookhaven at 4 p.m. Survivors include her brothers Bill Furlow, of Greensboro, NC; Shaw Furlow, of Brookhaven; and Brown Furlow, of New York City; nephews Bennett Furlow, of Mesa, AZ, and Cole Furlow, of Jackson; and several cousins. The family suggests memorials be made to The Glory House in Laurel.

Since her death, two words and phrases have been heard repeatedly to

describe Suellen, “sweet” and “the best of us.” Friends have said they aspired to be like her. She touched the lives of an incalculable number of people in ways obvious and subtle. On Good Friday, her light was extinguished, and in its place 10,000 candles glow brightly.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Laurel First Methodist Church
420 North 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Memorial Service

APR 8. 12:00 PM (CT)

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420 North 5th Avenue
Laurel, MS 39440

Graveside Service

APR 8. 4:00 PM (CT)

Rose Hill Cemetery/Brookhaven
East Monticello St.
Brookhaven, MS 39601

Tribute Wall

CR

“ I just finding this out about my good friend and mentor, Ms. Furlow! I am sooo heart broken. In my heart, I knew something was wrong because it is not like her to not call or text me back. I don't know what happened, but you will forgive live in my heart!!! Her family has my deepest heartfelt condolences and prayers!!!

Coretta Robinson - April 13, 2024 at 03:28 PM

LI

“ Beloved by so many. We will see her again and our hearts will rejoice! John 16:22
~ Lisa Black Jeanson, Sherry & Mark Black
First United Methodist Church, Brookhaven MS upbringing
Treasured memories of MYF's in the Furlow home, Growing up with SueEllen. Much love and prayers to her dear Family & closest friends.

Lisa - April 05, 2024 at 12:37 PM

LB

“ Lisa Black Jeanson, Sherry & Mark Black purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Suellen Furlow.



Lisa Black Jeanson, Sherry & Mark Black - April 05, 2024 at 12:29 PM

DJ

“ Darcy Andrews Joyner purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Suellen Furlow.



Darcy Andrews Joyner - April 05, 2024 at 09:09 AM

DJ

“ Darcy Andrews Joyner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Suellen Furlow.

Darcy Andrews Joyner - April 05, 2024 at 09:09 AM

SM

“ Suellen had a heart of gold and was a pleasure to work with. Prayers lifted for her family.

Sherry Mulling - April 03, 2024 at 10:00 PM

MC

“ Michael Crawford purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Suellen Furlow.



Michael Crawford - April 02, 2024 at 07:19 PM