



Julia Kaye Swinney

October 26, 1948 - August 16, 2021

Julia Kaye Wells Swinney, 72, passed away on Monday August 16, 2021 with her husband, family and close friends by her side. She fought a long and courageous battle with Myasthenia Gravis and a third occurrence of cancer.

She was a member of Isbell Church of Christ. Kaye was a native of Russellville, Alabama and lived most of her life there. She was a graduate of Russellville High School and held degrees from Northwest Alabama State Junior College (Northwest-Shoals), University of Alabama Birmingham, University of North Alabama and additional graduate studies. Kaye was a member of Kappa Delta Pi and other professional organizations. Mrs. Swinney was an educator from 1973 to 2015 at Northwest-Shoals Community College and retired after a long and rewarding career in education of 41 ½ years.

Preceding Kaye in death were her parents, Wyatt D. Wells and Judy Devaney Wells; grandparents, Edward R. and Mattie King Wells and Lonnie and Luvenia Hester Devaney; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is survived by her husband of 51 ½ years, G. C. Swinney; Barbara and Jimmy Campbell, Sammy and Faye Swinney, Uncle Bill Benson, nieces and nephews Amy and Kevin Wilson, Kristie and Jamie Oliver, Jennie and Jason Hamer, Shaun and Leah Swinney. Great Nieces and nephews, Tanner, Laci,

Chloe, Ethan, Coltan, Mason, Kathryn and Samuel. Also surviving her is her precious kitty cat, Tomme.

The family expresses special thanks for her doctors, nurses and caregivers at Vanderbilt Cancer Center, especially Dr. Beckermann, Nurse Practitioners Gray and Deborah; Helen Keller Doctors Vacik, Walls, Williams and Trupp. Also, Kindred at Home and Shoals Hospital Palliative Care.

Visitation will be held Sunday August 22, 2021 from 12 noon to 2 pm with funeral service following at 2 pm in the funeral home chapel. Bro. George Hutto and

Bro. Ty Wells will officiate. Pallbearers will be Shaun Swinney, Jamie Oliver, Kevin Wilson, Jason Hamer, Kip Wells, and Oliver Franklin. Interment will follow in Franklin Memory Gardens.

It was Kaye's request that all attending her services to please wear a mask and to practice social distancing for the safety of everyone.

Pinkard Funeral Home Russellville, Alabama assisted the family.

Cemetery Details

Franklin Memory Gardens

2710 Waterloo Road
Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **22**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Pinkard Funeral Home - Russellville
27305 Hwy 24 East
P.O. Box 502
Russellville, AL 35653
(256) 332-7772
info@pinkardfh.com
<https://www.pinkardfh.com>

Funeral Service

AUG **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

AUG **22**. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“ Linda and Wayne Madden send our sincere condolences on the loss of Kaye.

David Madden - August 23, 2021 at 02:16 PM

ES

“ Evelyn Hester Scott lit a candle in memory of Julia Kaye Swinney



Evelyn Hester Scott - August 21, 2021 at 12:02 PM

TR

“ I will miss Kaye so much. We shared so many lunches, thoughts, and conversations while she was still working at NW-SCC. Since she retired, we have shared many conversations. I know she is loving the reunion with her mom and dad and mister but she will miss G C and Tommy. Praying for G C.

Teresa Roberson - August 20, 2021 at 10:41 PM

MJ

“ The first time I saw Julia Kate she was around two years old. She had the big beautiful blue eyes and auburn hair. She was such a pretty little girl. And she has always had a special place in my heart. Kate took such great care of her mother and daddy in their later years and was a good daughter to them. She is now at home with her heavenly father and no longer in pain. GC you were such a devoted husband and I'm so grateful that she had you. I pray that you will find comfort and strength in Gods love. I will miss my cousin and know that I will see her again someday..... Martha Hyde Johnson and family.....

Martha johnson - August 20, 2021 at 12:14 AM

MJ

“ I will always remember Kate and her beautiful smile. The first time I saw her she was around 2 yrs. Old. She was the prettiest little girl with the most beautiful eyes. She took such great care of her mother and daddy in their later years. I will miss her but I know she is free of pain and with our Heavenly Father. GC , you are in my prayers. I pray that you will find comfort and strength in Gods love for you. May the lord bless you for your devotion and your love for my cousin Julia kaye. Martha Hyde Johnson and family...



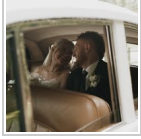
Martha johnson - August 19, 2021 at 08:02 PM

JC

“ Julie Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Julia Kaye Swinney



Julie Carpenter - August 19, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ *It feels like yesterday I was leaving class to come spend the night at your house. I'm so thankful that your not hurting anymore. I would give anything to see that sweet smile again. This isn't a goodbye this is I'll see you later. I will forever and always be your sweet pea!*
♥♥ love you bunches.

Tanner Bailey - August 18, 2021 at 10:31 AM

DK

“ *Donna King lit a candle in memory of Julia Kaye Swinney*



Donna King - August 17, 2021 at 02:48 PM

PC

“ *Rest in peace cousin. I will always remember the summer visits and the fun we had together. As we grew up and went our separate ways, you were never forgotten. I cherish the conversations that we were able to share over the past 19 months. We shared laughs and funny stories about our grandparents and your Aunt Ruby. You are with our heavenly Father now and I know you are smiling down on all of us. You will always be my guardian angel. My deepest sympathy goes out to G. C. and family. We will have our fondest memories of you and those will provide solace to us as we go through this period of mourning. I will celebrate your life and the battle that you fought. You will be in my heart forever.*

Paula Cobb

Paula Cobb - August 17, 2021 at 01:24 PM

PT

“ Rest In Peace, my sweet friend. We shared so many special times at work and after retirement. You fought a hard fight. I'm thankful we had our "special" goodbye conversation. You are with our Father, and I know you are pain free! I am sad, but you are experiencing joy! My sincere sympathy to G.C. and family. Kaye will be missed, but remembered. She was a good friend to me, and that was a gift.
—Paula Terrell

Paula Terrell - August 17, 2021 at 12:15 AM

DS

“ I taught with Kaye several years at NW-SCC and will always treasure our friendship. Prayers for her family .

Desiree South - August 16, 2021 at 11:44 PM



“ Mary Flippen lit a candle in memory of Julia Kaye Swinney



Mary Flippen - August 16, 2021 at 05:37 PM

JM

“ My friend forever..I will love and miss you always.

JANE

Jane Keeton McManus - August 16, 2021 at 04:42 PM