



Sue Frances Byars

October 6, 1935 - January 22, 2016

Sue Frances Byars passed away on January 22, 2016 at ECM Hospital at the age of 80. Sue Frances was born on October 6, 1935, in Walker County Alabama to John Francis Wakefield and Annie Sue Propst Wakefield. She lived in Russellville for 78 years and was a member of First Baptist Church, Russellville.

Sue Frances was preceded in death by her parents and brother, George Wakefield.

Sue Frances is survived by her husband, Jimmy Byars and their two children, Lesley Byars and Stratt Byars III and daughter-in-law Connie Byars; grandchildren Alissa Alpert, Blair Boggan, Stratt Byars IV, Anna Byars and Conner Byars, sister-in-law, Mary Emma Wakefield and nephew and niece, Turner Wakefield and Emme O'Neill, and many beloved cousins, friends and former students.

Sue Frances graduated from Russellville High School and the University of Alabama and began her teaching career at Coffee High School in Florence. She retired from teaching at the Russellville school system in 1997. For many years she taught private piano lessons in her home.

Pallbearers are Stratt Byars IV, Conner Byars, Turner Wakefield, John Wakefield, Jim Langcuster, John Langcuster, Ed Forman, Wages Forman, Brian Pace, Brent Pace, Jim Grissom and Olive Pilgrim.

Visitation will be held from 6-8 p.m. Sunday Evening, January 24 at Pinkard Funeral Home, Russellville. The funeral will be held at First Baptist Church in Russellville on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 12 noon with Richard Parker and Stratt Byars IV officiating. The body will lie-in-state at First Baptist Church from 11 a.m.-12. Burial will be in Tharptown Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Russellville, Alabama or a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Tharptown Cemetery

Highway 48
Russellville, AL

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church Russellville
213 North Jackson Ave.
Russellville, AL 35653

Tribute Wall

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“ I loved and admired Sue Francis. We spent many wonderful days at school together, working and laughing, sharing stories of our families and sharing recipes. She taught my boys and I taught her children and we grew close because of that. I hold the family dear, now including her precious grandchildren.

Beverly Fuller - January 24, 2016 at 04:30 PM

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“ The best kind of friend a person could ask for. I have many fond memories of her when she returned to teaching. She had a compassion for people and was a wonderful model of God's love to others. She was special as is her family. Judy Pounders and Family



Judy Pounders - January 23, 2016 at 07:46 PM

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“ Sue Frances was a wonderful educator, pianist, wife, mother, grandmother, friend and she had a special love for kittens and cats. She made beautiful scarves and other handmade items (and I am fortunate to have some of them and will treasure them always). Her family meant everything to her. She will be greatly missed. Love to Jimmy, Lesley, Stratt, Connie and grandchildren.

Ginger Grissom Tyra - January 23, 2016 at 05:32 PM

JM

“ *To the family*

I was so sorry to hear of the loss of this special lady. She was my teacher in seventh grade and she never forgot her students; she always had a smile for you and was always happy to take the time to show she was still interested in you. You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

Jane Keeton McManus

Jane Keeton McManus - January 23, 2016 at 02:09 PM