



Sue Rath

September 18, 1941 - July 14, 2020

Sue Rath, 78, of Garland, Texas passed away on July 14, 2020 after a 14-year journey with Alzheimer's disease. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a celebration of her life will be held once we can all safely gather again, and all who want to participate can attend. She was born on September 18, 1941 to I.H. and Evelyn Amacker in Poplarville, Mississippi, and spent her formative years in Orange, Texas graduating from Lutchter Stark High School in 1960. She would always say to those who'd listen and to her family full of native Texans – "I wasn't born here, but I got here as fast as I could". Sue was a creative force with a truly kind and compassionate spirit. She led by example, always listened and empathized, and shared her great wisdom, not by telling or preaching but through thoughtful questions that helped bring clarity to the situation at hand, led you to understanding, and empowered you to take the right path forward. When asked what her best feature was, she said "my smile" and she shared her favorite quote "A smile is a curve that sets a lot of things straight". She was an artist. Sue received her art degree from what is now The University of North Texas in 1964. She brought her creative talents to her work over the years designing gift wrap for Susan Crane, and labels at Label Crafters. She worked as a freelance artist creating the perfect design for the occasion in multiple mediums. She spent her final 10 working years with the Dallas County Community Colleges, where she served with pride across various roles before she retired in 2008, always bringing her creative spirit and infectious smile to all around her. Sue was an amazing wife and mother, who brought care, love, compassion, and wisdom to all moments big and small through the years. She made every birthday, personal victory, and holiday special with her creative flair and sense of fun. She made every sorrow and struggle better with a hug and an ear to hear what you were feeling. When asked to share her greatest achievement, she said "her children," and when asked who she admired most, she said "her husband John".

She married the love of her life, John Rath, on August 17, 1968. They met in Sunday school when she was 4 and he was 5. They were married just shy of 52 years and had many adventures traveling the world, raising their children and standing by each other through the good times, the bad times and everything in between. Sue is survived by her husband, John Rath, her sister, Geraldine Powley, her daughter, Laura Nicole (Nikki)

Rath, her son-in-law Robert Jason Crouch, her nieces, Kelly Powley Smith, Kim Meyer Holland, Cheryl Rath Boyette, Katrinka Massheder, Mimi Rath Ehring, and Koehler VanLandingham, and with her nephews David Powley, Michael Meyer, Steven Mohon, Scott Mohon, and Kyle VanLandingham. She is also survived by her grandchildren she adored, Caden Nicholas Crouch, Charlie Koehler Crouch, John Robert Crouch and Emmarsyn Anderson. She was preceded in death by her father, I.H. Amacker, her mother, Evelyn Amacker, her aunts, JoAnn Amacker and Sarah Mcgalin, her sister, Sandra Meyer, her nephew, Charles Rath, and her son, John Cedric (Ceddie) Rath. She beat the statistics on longevity with Alzheimer's largely due to the care of her husband John, and the amazing Alzheimer's programs and community of carers and participants in the local programs in the Dallas area, who became family to them.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/33802>

In lieu of flowers the family requests a donation in her honor to AWARE, and organization dedicated to fighting Alzheimer's and supporting those in the day to day fight in the North Texas community through direct grants. You can donate through the following link: <https://www.awaredallas.org/donate/>

Events

JUL **Visitation** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Restland Funeral Home

13005 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX, US, 75243

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Restland Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 24, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I only found out about Sue's death today. I have been out of town since the 23rd of July. John, you and your family will be in my prayers. Once again I am truly sorry for your loss. LaVerne Barber

LaVerne Barber - July 28, 2020 at 08:46 PM



“ Sue was a true Lady and an asset to our Records Management team at Dallas County Community College District. It was our honor to know and work with her.

Diane Yates - July 28, 2020 at 03:51 PM



“ We are so sorry that Sue has passed away. We will never forget the great Mat Potatoes that she taught us. Sue was a wonderful woman and we loved her dearly. We are keeping you and the family in our thoughts and prayers. We are here for you if you need anything, Loves.
Cindy, Tony and Family

Tony and Cindy Pham - July 28, 2020 at 12:03 PM



“ Love and miss you Aunt Sue. My thoughts and prayers are with Uncle John and Nikki, remember the good times.



Donna Holt - July 28, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ oh Donna I love this photo - can you send it to me?

Nikki Rath - August 18, 2020 at 12:23 AM



“ My name is Ruby Amacker MaGee, one of the three cousins who spent some happy times with Gerri, Sue, and Sandy.. They lived across the sidewalk from us when we lived in Orange. We have photographs of the 6 of us dressed in our homemade finery, some of them with hats and white gloves at Easter. I have fond memories of sharing good times with them.

My two sisters and mother and I visited Sue and John a few years ago in Dallas, and feel so blessed to have had that time with them. We took pictures with us and had fun talking about those bygone days. Also, my husband and I visited them once when we went to see our son and family in Garland. It was nice to keep in touch with family.

Sue was a special part of our lives and will be missed. John, you have earned multiple crowns in heaven for the compassionate care that you gave her. Our prayers will be with the family during this difficult time.

Love,
Ruby

Ruby MaGee - July 25, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Sue and I were close cousins who went through Jr High and High School together. We were in the same grade and sometimes would dress alike. When we did we looked so much alike that people thought we were twins!! Sue was my best friend and I have such wonderful memories of her.

Paulette Berry - July 25, 2020 at 02:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sue Rath.



July 25, 2020 at 01:43 PM