



## Sue Smith

February 8, 1936 - December 15, 2012

Sue Jean Blythe Elam-Smith, age 76, of the Flewellyn community in Springfield, died peacefully on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at her home. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, December 17th, at 6 o'clock pm in the chapel of Austin and Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View with Bro. Lenwood Nichols and Bro. Joey Jones officiating. The family will receive friends on Sunday, December 16th from 4-8PM and again on Monday from 4PM till the hour of service. Mrs. Smith was born February 8, 1936 in Ripley, Mississippi to the late Howard Columbus and Ethyl Spires Blythe. She was a retired nurse and a member of the Flewellyn Baptist Church, and affectionately known to many as "Ma Sue". In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Herbert Smith, Sr., affectionately known as "Pa Herb"; son, James Bret Elam; and former husband, Morris G. Elam. Survivors include sons, Morris Greg (Kay) Elam of Nashville, Alan Howard (Pandora) Elam of Phoenix, AZ; daughter, Suzanne Elam (Jeff) Reel of Nashville; step-son, Edward Herbert (Debbie) Smith, Jr. of Springfield; step-daughter, Nancy Smith Prescott of Clarksville; sisters, Helen (John) Long of Saltillio, MS and Nancy (Jim) Adams of Mobile, AL; grandchildren, Charles Bret Elam of Baltimore, MD, Andrew Greg (Naomi) Elam of Kailua, HI, Brooks Alan (Ashley) Elam of Cleveland, TN, Derek and Jessica Reel of Nashville; great-grandson, Grayson Herb Elam of Kailua, HI; 3 step-grandchildren; 5 step-great-grandchildren; and a host of loving nieces, nephews, and friends. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to Alive

Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203. Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

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# Tribute Wall

BM

“ We are sorry for your loss and will be keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Beratta and Melody** - December 19, 2012 at 10:38 PM

CT

“ I will miss Ma Sue. I enjoyed the short time I worked with her at NTS. I will always remember her for her smiles, hugs, and most especially her baking.

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**Charlene Tatum** - December 19, 2012 at 12:00 PM

KN

“ I did not have the honor of knowing Mrs. Smith. I have her son Alan for many years. I have had the opportunity to admire your entire family for some time now thru the memories shared by Alan. The thoughts and prayers of all of Alan's FedEx family are with you during this difficult time.

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**Kim Nelson** - December 17, 2012 at 05:14 PM

KV

“ My sincere condolences to their entire Elam family. I did not know Ma Sue personally but I have had the privilege of knowing her son Alan and hearing beautiful stories about her life. THoughts and prayers.

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**Kimberly Vidra** - December 17, 2012 at 09:38 AM

TG

“ My deepest Sympathies to you and your family in these difficult times.

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**Teresa Garrett** - December 17, 2012 at 09:01 AM

DB

“ *Ma Sue was a dear sister in the Lord*

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**David & Betty Beachy** - December 17, 2012 at 12:07 AM

LC

“ *I know that you will be comforted by the sweet memories of your mother.*

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**Lisa Cothron** - December 16, 2012 at 07:28 PM

AM

“ *The love Ma Sue gave to me and my family can not be expressed enough. I have forty years of memories, letters, sleep overs, holidays, games, ect. She was as much a mother and friend as anyone could pray for. I love you and miss you, my heart aches. I trust in my beliefs that you ascend to heaven to watch over us.*

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**Alonzo & Trina Murray** - December 16, 2012 at 01:20 PM

BW

“ *Ma Sue was a wonderful woman and she is dearly missed. Today I am celebrating her life by wearing my pearls and sharing memories with Beau. I remember when I permed my hair (It was awful that day) and Sue was at the farm. When I FINALLY came downstairs mortified by my hair, Sue smiled and me and told me, "Beau thinks your beautiful because you're you. Who knows? You might like your hair in a week or two." And I did. Sue was right. I will always remember her as a loving woman who accepted me as a part of her life with warmth and love. She will be dearly missed. I love you all. Wish we could be there to share in this time of celebrating Ma Sue's life.*

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**Beau and Ashley Jo Whitaker** - December 16, 2012 at 12:54 PM

LW

“ *My love, thoughts and prayers are with you all. I consider it a great privilege to have known Ma Sue. She was loved and adored while on this earth and she will be missed.*

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**Leslie Mosier Worley** - December 16, 2012 at 09:12 AM

JL

“ *May God be with the family during this time.*

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**Joann Lewellen** - December 15, 2012 at 07:34 PM