



## Mary Sue Coleman

June 25, 1948 - August 22, 2014

Mrs. Mary Sue Vaughn Coleman passed away on August, 22, 2014. Graveside Funeral Services will be conducted at Mt. Nebo Cemetery in Wilkinson County on Sunday, August 24, 2014 at 4:30PM.

The family will be at the Williams Funeral Home of Milledgeville on Sunday from 3-4PM to receive friends.

Mrs. Coleman was a native of Milledgeville and grew up in Wilkinson County. She was the daughter of the late James H. and Mary Frances Deason Vaughn. She Graduated from Wilkinson Co. High School and then received her Bachelor's and Master's degree from Georgia College and State University. She then earned a Specialist Education Degree from Georgia College in 1987.

Mrs. Coleman had 30 years teaching experience in the Baldwin County Public School System where she was teacher of the year for Carver Elementary School, Boddie Middle School as well as for Baldwin County before being a finalist for Georgia Teacher of the Year. She worked in Blandy Hills Elementary School and the Central Office for the School Board where she was the Elementary Curriculum Director, K-12 Gifted Program Director. She also taught Elementary Education courses at Georgia College and State University.

She was involved with the Middle Georgia Art Association, Friends of Macon-Bibb County Libraries, Baldwin Co. Retired Educators Association, Georgia Retired Educators Association, Wilkinson County Historical Society, The United Daughters of Confederacy with 10 Descendants all from Wilkinson County, The Daughters of the American Revolution with 3 descendants all from Wilkinson County, The Order of the Confederate Rose, the National Ladies Auxillary Sons of the American Revolution, and the Point Lookout Prison of War Descendants Organization with 1 descendant from Wilkinson County. She was a former member of the Milledgeville/Baldwin County Chamber of Commerce, former Board Member of the Milledgeville Main Street, and Board member of the Cox Woodland Children's Home in Baldwin County.

She is Survived by her husband Craig Coleman of Milledgeville, Children- Wendy (Allen) Martin of Milledgeville and their children Taylor and Jamie, and Susan (William) Parham of Sanford, N.C. and their children Will, Ryan, Cason, and Anna.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Nebo Cemetery

Nebo Church Road  
Toombsboro, GA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Williams Funeral Home & Crematory - Milledgeville  
1670 N. Jefferson St.  
Milledgeville, GA 31061  
(478) 452-2148  
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## Graveside Service

AUG **24**. 4:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Nebo Cemetery  
Nebo Church Road  
Toombsboro, GA

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ I never had Mrs. Coleman as a teacher. However, she was always so very nice to me. I always would tell her how much I loved her hair. She was a sweet spirit. God bless her family & loved ones.

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**Requaya Holsey** - October 24, 2014 at 06:26 AM

PM

“ Those high school years with Craig and Mary Sue was a wonderful time in my life. Mary Sue was a beautiful, intelligent, and energetic person. She loved life and people. She lit up a room when she walked in. She was involved in so many activities. I never heard of Mary Sue not getting along with any student or teacher. She was a genuine, sweet person with tons of common sense. I know she is taking advantage of everything heaven has to offer. God bless you Mary Sue! Phil Miller

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**Phil Miller** - September 11, 2014 at 08:36 PM

ER

“ I'm sorry for your loss. May the God of comfort strengthen you. In God's time, you will all be able to echo Job's words addressed to the Creator: "You will call, and I myself shall answer you." Praise be to Jehovah, who yearns to bring back to life all those who are in his memory!—Job 14:15. Kindly visit [jw.org](http://jw.org) for more Bible based information and encouragement.

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**Era** - August 30, 2014 at 09:13 PM

EJ

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Mary was a strong supporter of education. I worked with her at BLANDY HILLS Elem. at the school first opening.

May God Bless You !

Mr. Earnest Jones

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**Earnest Jones** - August 25, 2014 at 03:51 PM

TB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mary Sue. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We pray that God's grace and love will carry you through this time of grief.



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**Tony and Susan Budrys** - August 25, 2014 at 12:04 PM

PC

“ Mrs. Coleman was an amazing person. She was my son's fifth grade gifted teacher. She brought out the best in her students because she respected them and treated them like adults. I was always jealous because my husband got to go on most of the field trips as a chaperone and he enjoyed them as much as the kids! Academic Games was one of her passions. Any time we ran into the Coleman's, it was like seeing family. You could feel the love they have for each other. Mrs. Coleman will be truly missed. Our prayers go out to Mr. Craig and the family.

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**palette crooms** - August 25, 2014 at 08:33 AM

LO

“ Wendy, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Mom. Prayers for you and your family for comfort in this difficult time.

Les Osborne - August 25, 2014 at 01:37 AM

AP

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Coleman and your family.  
Sincerely,  
April, RN

April Pettway - August 24, 2014 at 10:46 PM

AM

“ I just found out about my angel passing. This is a hard one to swallow but I know God does not make mistakes. Mrs. Coleman was and still is one of the most inspiring people I have had the blessing to meet in my life. I could go on for days about what she pulled me through, but I won't. All I will say is she gave me so much knowledge and understanding on loving myself for who I was. I still get the same love from Mr. Coleman every time I see him in passing, as I haven't seen Mrs. Coleman in a while. Heaven has truly gained an angel. Thank you Lord for allowing me to meet and spend time with her!



Antoinette Moore McClain - August 24, 2014 at 10:24 PM

ST

“ *Mary Sue Coleman was my son's teacher for the gifted program. She was a wonderful teacher and I think she inspired him to do his best more than any other teacher. She was a blessing to both the students and their parents. My heart goes out to her family and I pray for their comfort.* ”



Susan Taylor - August 24, 2014 at 08:57 PM

 Carneisha Forney

“ *Carneisha Forney lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue Coleman* ”



Carneisha Forney - August 24, 2014 at 07:45 PM

PP

“ *Craig and family, I was stunned when I saw the obit. had not seen you guys in several years but you know I loved you all and enjoyed working with you and Mary Sue and meeting all the family. My prayers are with you because I could see the love you had for her every time I saw you together.* ”

Patsy Potter - August 24, 2014 at 06:49 PM

MA

“ *Craig, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May the Lord give you the strength that you will need at this time in your life. Thank the Lord for all the many wonderful memories.* ”

Meldon Aycock - August 24, 2014 at 04:03 PM

BW

“ Craig, I'm so sorry for your loss of such a wonderful lady and partner. When I met Mary Sue in high school, she immediately became a friend and she affected me with that smile. I enjoyed your visits and talking of your travels and love of one another and of life. When ya'll would be ready to leave, I really wanted you to just sit back down and talk and laugh some more. I know you're going to miss her but then think of all the wonderful memories and know when you see her again, you won't have to look far, for she'll be waving and have that big smile and happiness and twinkle in her eyes to greet you. I love you and your family and hope that you will trust God to give you peace and comfort to get through this difficult time and to continue to follow the path He has in store for you.

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**Brenda J Williams** - August 24, 2014 at 01:44 PM

 Talecia Warren

“ Mrs. Coleman was an inspiration to me and was one of the teachers that made learning a lifelong pursuit of mine. I will never forget her kind words or sweet smile. I will be forever grateful that I was able to be in her presence again a few weeks ago. Rest in Paradise Mrs. Coleman. You have earned your rest.

Your loving student- Talecia Warren

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**Talecia Warren** - August 24, 2014 at 11:13 AM

GM

“ To the family of Mrs. Coleman.  
We are so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Coleman was my son's sixth grade teacher. She positively influenced my son and so many others throughout her life. She will be missed.  
Gary and Joyce Meier

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**Gary Meier** - August 24, 2014 at 08:58 AM

DO

“ *Such a beautiful, sweet spirit. I will miss you my sweet friend. May The Lord comfort you Craig and family and fill you with his peace.*



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**Donna Oxford** - August 24, 2014 at 08:31 AM

JL

“ *Another of God's angel has come home. Mary Sue touched the lives of countless children and adults with that smile and those loving eyes! She was an educator who gave her heart to others. THANK YOU, Mary Sue, God bless...Jim LeBrun*

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**Jim LeBrun** - August 24, 2014 at 08:00 AM

FF

“ *She was a great teacher! Sorry for your lost.*

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**Felicia Forney** - August 24, 2014 at 07:29 AM

RB

“ *Mrs. Coleman was one of my favorite teachers. She had a wonderful smile and was so caring of all her students. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.*

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**Robert Binion** - August 24, 2014 at 07:26 AM

TS

“ *When asked who was my favorite teacher, I would say without any hesitation, Mrs. Coleman. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Rest In Paradise!*

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**Tonya Samuels** - August 24, 2014 at 05:40 AM



“ So very beautiful inside and out...no one even compares... and the smile that so many have mentioned... I remember I could walk in her classroom and if she was looking down at her desk you better believe that gorgeous smile was ready before she even looked up at you. I never saw her without it. You knew instantly that she loved you and your children. She was a bright and loving beacon to all who knew her. Her influence on the education of our children extended far beyond book sense. She taught them to be well-rounded productive citizens of our community. She was surrounded by a beautiful loving family. And Craig, when I would see you together...such a beauty perched on your arm like a graceful fairy tale princess...a lifetime of love was so apparent. Praying for you and the girls and their families. I pray that God will embrace you and give you peace and comfort you. Please allow your many beautiful memories to fill your heart in the days to come. You will miss her, and you will find things that will make you laugh,..but she will always be in your heart and watch over you. I am praying for strength for you and I am so grateful to have experienced life with her and blessed to have had her teach my children...and thanks for making sure my boys knew where there mother was on field tips ..Love You All ~ Dixie Collins Hammock

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**Dixie Hammock** - August 24, 2014 at 12:44 AM

DJ

“ She was such a sweet teacher!!

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**Damita Jones** - August 23, 2014 at 10:51 PM

LH

“ Mrs. Coleman taught me in 6th grade and I have many wonderful memories of her class. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.

*Lou Anne Watson Hicks*

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**Lou Anne Hicks** - August 23, 2014 at 10:24 PM

JW

“ I almost went into shock when I read that MarySue had passed away. Whereas I knew she had been ill over the past few years, and in the hospital at the same time as my mother just before Mamma went into her last six months of life, I did not realize that Mary Sue was so ill. I will never forget our last conversation at the Pig, as we hugged and came to grips with our past. She was one in a million, as you most certainly know. Craig, our blessings and prayers are with you and all of the family. Joan and Tim Williams

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**Joan Williams** - August 23, 2014 at 10:09 PM

MS

“ I have never known a time when Mary Sue wasn't my mother's friend. I remember going to her house when my sister and I and her daughters were very young, and the "M" on her wall that reminded me of Mary's "M" on the Mary Tyler Moore show. I remember playing with Wendy and Susie while our parents visited, and a particular visit that Craig brings up on occasion involving the four of us girls giggling at something inappropriate! Craig adopted Mary Sue's girls just as Wendell adopted our mother's girls. Mary Sue and our mother were teachers forever and then travel buddies in recent years. The last time I saw Mary Sue and Craig was at Groome's in Macon as they were headed for another adventure. I know that my mother will feel this loss for a long time. Mary Sue's name has come up so many times in the 40 or so years that we have known her, and I will miss hearing about her when I visit my mom. Please know that I am praying for all of you, Craig, Wendy, and Susie, and that your mother made an impact on everyone she ever met, whether she taught them or not.  
--Melissa Helton Smith, Macon

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**Melissa Helton Smith** - August 23, 2014 at 08:57 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Leverette-Searcy lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue Coleman



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**Carolyn Leverette-Searcy** - August 23, 2014 at 07:40 PM

MR

“ I was so sorry to hear about Mary Sue, my thought and prayer are with you and the family. She was a beautiful and well respected lady, and I know she will be miss. May God surround you with his peace and give all of you strength during this difficult time.

Respectfully,

Marilyn Roberson  
Hardwick Baptist Church

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Marilyn Roberson - August 23, 2014 at 05:11 PM

LS

“ The Sallstrom family is grieving the loss of a lovely, charming, sweet lady who was born to teach. She was gifted in special ways that were unique to her, and she will be missed by all who have been blessed to have known her. How grateful I am that my daughters knew her, for she was the perfect role model. I loved her as a friend, and I respected her for always bringing out the best in her students and being positive about them and their special gifts. She was always neat, organized, and beautiful in thought, word, and deed. There are few who have that quality, and I miss her already. Our prayers are with her family, for there will be many occasions when they miss her because of the special things she did for them that created happy memories, just as she did in the classroom. Craig, Wendy, and Susan, may you live in the light of her laughter and her sweet smile. Love, Louise

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Louise Sallstrom - August 23, 2014 at 02:26 PM

PC

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. She was a wonderful lady.



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**Patty Chapman** - August 23, 2014 at 02:01 PM

GM

“ I was deeply saddened to learn of the loss of such a wonderful treasure. Mary Sue was such a valuable asset in the educational arena where we worked together for many years. She touched so many lives in such a positive way. May you have strength to endure the loss and may you grow in strength knowing what an amazing asset she was in the educational arena and in the community. May God bless you Craig, Wendy and Susan. I share your loss.

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**Gladys Roberson Madison** - August 23, 2014 at 12:50 PM

JS

“ Sadly I will miss Mary Sue. I have known her for more than 35 year or plus. She lived next door to my sister. Janice Smith, Woodstock, GA

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**Janice Smith** - August 23, 2014 at 12:03 PM

CS

“ I am so sorry to hear of the death of Mary Sue. She was a delightful and lovely person. She could light up a room by just giving that beautiful smile. She was such a pleasure know.

*She will be missed by me and many, many others.*

*With Love,  
Carolyn Fowler Smi*

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**Carolyn Fowler Smith** - August 23, 2014 at 08:52 AM

DP

“ May the Lord wrap his arms around you and comfort you. I worked with Mary Sue for many years. She always devoted her life to children. She will truly be missed.

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**Dianne Becker Popp** - August 23, 2014 at 08:46 AM

AL

“ I am so sorry to hear about this. She was a wonderful woman, teacher, and role model. Mrs. Coleman taught me in the gifted program in elementary school. I loved her! She and Mr. Craig square danced with my Nana and Pop (Jane and Don Walton) when I was younger, therefore, they both knew me my whole life. I will cherish the memories of her forever.

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**Alison Findley Langford** - August 23, 2014 at 08:21 AM

LH

“ Our hearts go out to the Coleman family at this time. Mary Sue was so full of life and had fun where ever she was. We have precious memories of square dancing trips and treasure hunting trips on the longest yardsale. Her family was her number one joy and her love for each of you was evident. She touched many lives in Baldwin County and made lasting impressions on each one. She will be missed. You are all in our prayers.

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**Larry and Debbie Houston** - August 23, 2014 at 07:56 AM

JS

*Mary Sue was a beautiful person inside and out. I never saw her without a smile. I pray for God's peace for Craig and all the family. Jeanette and Tommy Sanders*

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**Jeanette Sanders** - August 23, 2014 at 01:22 PM

BH

“ My thoughts and prayers go with the Coleman family. I met and got to know Mary Sue on some of the European trips we took together.. She will be missed by all..Betty Haley

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**Betty Haley** - August 23, 2014 at 07:33 AM

LB

“ Mrs. Coleman made a huge impact in the life of my sons, Brandon and Joshua Bruner. Both have commented in the past about her being their favorite teacher ever! Joshua is with Jesus and so maybe he and Mrs. Coleman are visiting now! May God give you the strength and comfort needed to walk this path in your lives!

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**Linda Bruner** - August 23, 2014 at 06:54 AM

Jl

“ Oh, how my heart aches to know we're living in a world without Mary Sue Coleman...what a treasure to her family, friends and her schools she was. We were on so many committees together and laughed and talked and hugged so many times. God bless you all and just know you are in our thoughts and prayers for now and days to come.

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**Judy Ivey** - August 23, 2014 at 05:55 AM

SJ

“ My deepest sympathy to Mary Sue's entire family. I'm fortunate to have known and worked with this beautiful lady who touched so many lives in such a positive way. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Find comfort in the memories she made with you and in the love she gave to you and others throughout her life.  
Sherrill Jones

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**Sherrill Jones** - August 23, 2014 at 04:43 AM

SA

“ This lady loved life! Most of all she loved her Family and Her God. May God wrap his arms around her family and comfort them. Rest in Peace my Friend!! Tony and Sherry Arnold

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**Sherry and Tony Arnold** - August 23, 2014 at 12:43 AM

SS

“ I feel heart broken at the loss of such a wonderful lady. She touched so many young lives teaching. I am thankful my Amber was one of her students. I loved going in her class room at Blandy, it was a happy place to be.

You could tell how much her students loved her, she was truly a special teacher. I have many memories of all the field trips we took. On one trip we had to sleep in sleeping bags on the floor. That night she and Ellen and I laugh and talked so much the students were getting on to us for being too loud. She was also a friend, we enjoy camping trips together and two trips to Europe. Craig , Wendy, and Susan you are in my prayers. She was a real southern lady and will be missed by everyone that was blessed to know and love her.



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**sandy sirmans** - August 23, 2014 at 12:08 AM

BH

“ Mary Sue became my friend and supporter when Boddie became a middle school. I recognized right away that she had a special way of working with students and also teachers & staff. We shared some good times with Beta kids on environmental education trips - Becky Brock remembers, too.

I watched her beautiful daughters become women, teachers, and mothers following Mary Sue's example. Craig, it was always easy to see how much you loved your lovely wife. My prayer is for comfort and strength.

With love and sincere sympathy,  
Becky Humphrey

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**Becky Humphrey** - August 22, 2014 at 10:47 PM

PT

“ Mrs. Coleman was one of the most unforgettable teachers I ever had. I am so sorry for your family's loss.

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**Pam Lewis Tindal** - August 22, 2014 at 10:08 PM

JM

“ Mary Sue was a very active youth of McIntyre Baptist Church at McIntyre, GA during the time my husband was pastor. She was an member of the YWA's and I was privileged to be their leader. I have such treasured memories of those years serving the Lord in McIntyre with such special people.

To her husband, children and grandchildren, my our Heavenly Father bring you peace and strength, as you treasure the memories of dear Mary Sue.

Justine T. Moseley

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**Justine T. Moseley** - August 22, 2014 at 10:00 PM

SH

“ I am so sorry to hear of the death of this beautiful sweet lady. She was always so helpful and encouraging when I began my teaching career and as I began teaching gifted children in Baldwin County. My deepest sympathy to her family and friends. I know she will be greatly missed.

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**sharon hood** - August 22, 2014 at 09:49 PM

CL

“ Carolyn Leverette-Searcy lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue Coleman



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**Carolyn Leverette-Searcy** - August 22, 2014 at 09:36 PM

TB

“ *Craig and Family: Fred and I are so sorry to hear of your loss of Mary Sue. Growing up in McIntyre GA, she was one of my favorite friends, and we had some fun times. Please accept our most deepest sympathy. Fred & Terry Baisden*

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**Terry Baisden** - August 22, 2014 at 08:02 PM

LW

“ *Coleman Family, I am so sorry for the loss of Mrs. Coleman. I have to say she was one of the BEST teachers I ever had here in the Baldwin County School System. I had her in the 6th grade in 1977-78 and yet every time I saw her she still remembered me. She was frequently at the Baldwin Braves games when her grandson Will and my son Adam were in the band, and she always took a moment to stop and ask how I was doing. She will always be remembered fondly. You all have my deepest sympathy and are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Lucretia Hendricks Walker** - August 22, 2014 at 07:37 PM

JN

“ *God has called another of His Angels Home. Mary Sue was the true epitome of the Classic Southern Lady, admired, respected, and loved by all who came to know Her. Our loss is Heaven's gain. We look forward to seeing Her again on the other side of the river. Jc Nobles & The Lady Mary Catharine, The Camp of The Unknown Soldier SCV Clinton, Jones County Georgia*

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**Jc Nobles** - August 22, 2014 at 05:01 PM

“*MarySue has been my friend and confidante for over 45 years. We met in college in the late 60's. We have shared so many good times that I could never write them all down. We worked together for most of our 30 years in the school system and there are many good school stories I could tell. She was the best teacher I have ever known. It really didn't matter if students were remedial or gifted or known to be discipline problems, MarySue would have them all under control and learning at an unbelievable pace in no time at all. And she never raised her voice. I still don't know how she did it. She was truly born to teach.*

*Our families camped together when our children were young and then we continued when the children were grown. We had a wonderful time one October camping at Disney World, along with the Sheppards. We rode every ride there and enjoyed it more than any children could have. Then, when we retired, we traveled the world. One of our first trips was to Machu Picchu, Peru, high in the Andes Mountains. MarySue broke her toe climbing over the ruins, but Craig taped it up and we kept climbing. MarySue has always been known for her boisterous laugh and I'll never forget her scream and laugh all at the same time when we went to the bathroom at the Market in the Sacred Valley and found that, when we opened the toilet stall door, it was just a hole in the floor. We cruised all the way across the Atlantic Ocean together, from Florida to Spain. We went to Egypt several months before the government overthrow and cruised down the Nile River, saw Abu Simbel, the Aswan Dam, climbed on the Pyramids of Giza, saw the Temples of Luxor, Isis, and Karnak. We've been to the top of the Eiffel Tower several times, seen the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace several times, climbed to the top of the Cliffs of Moher in Ireland, rode trains all through the Alps of Switzerland, sailed down the Danube, Rhine, and Main Rivers of Germany and Austria, and visited the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. One of my fondest memories was on our trip to Costa Rica. MarySue had never ridden a horse before and we all rode horses to a waterfall in the rain forest. Then we had mud baths and steam baths and then we flew*

*down a zip line with 11 different stations through the top of the forest. I can still hear her going "Ooh! Ooh!" flying down that zip line. We also flew to Toronto once and rode a train 4 days and 3 nights all the way across Canada to Vancouver, then on to Victoria and finally to Seattle. What a wonderful time! There are many more trips and travel memories we shared, too numerous to write.*

*She was one of "The Girls" as MarySue, Kay Sheppard, Liz Kenyon, Linda Helton, Kathy Chandler, and I call ourselves. Since retiring, we would meet for lunch and shopping once a week. Mostly, it was just a time to talk and share. We have spent many wonderful days sitting around my dining table talking and laughing for hours at a time. We shared our feelings and often called it our therapy time. It can't be the same ever again without her there, at her place at the table.*

*More than our mutual love of travel and our shared teaching experiences, we loved each other and shared the trials we faced working and rearing children. She was my friend and has been an important part of my life for so many years. I already miss her terribly.*

*Becky Brock*

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**Rebecca Brock** - August 22, 2014 at 04:54 PM

JD

“ *We were so very sorry to hear about Ms. Sue. We hold only fond memories of the pleasant times we shared in Milledgeville with her and Compatriot Coleman. May God, by His Holy Spirit, comfort all her family as only He can.*

*John Wayne Dobson, Adj.  
16th GA Inf./ Camp 2218*

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**John Wayne Dobson** - August 22, 2014 at 04:27 PM

EP

“ *Mary Sue was one of a kind southern lady. She will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers to all the family.* ”

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**Ellen Paulish** - August 22, 2014 at 03:21 PM

MB

*I was so sorry to hear of Mary Sue's death. She was an amazing teacher and person. I am so glad that I was able to work with her for many years at Blandy Hills. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Mary Baker** - August 23, 2014 at 07:21 PM