



## Mary Sue Johnson

November 7, 1945 - February 11, 2025

Mary Sue Nelson Johnson, age 79, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Her funeral service will be on Friday, February 21, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, Tyler, TX 75703. There will be a private family graveside service at Rose Hill Cemetery before the funeral service.

Mary Sue was born on November 7, 1945, in Lubbock, TX, to Garrett Hobert Nelson and Minnie Aileen Hackney Nelson. She graduated from Lubbock High School in 1964, then continued her education at Oklahoma State University, alongside her high school sweetheart, Alan. They married in 1966, then, after graduating, returned to Lubbock for Alan to attend Texas Tech Law School. They moved to Tyler, TX, in 1972, and resided there throughout the remainder of their lives.

They were married for 28 years before Alan passed away suddenly at the age of 48. Mary Sue then continued to live her life actively and generously loving her children, grandchildren, other close family members, and a multitude of friends.

Mary Sue loved children and spent faithful years teaching Sunday School and VBS as long as she was able. She tutored children with reading disabilities and had the gift of creativity which she used to bless others in many ways

including sewing, embroidering, painting, crocheting, calligraphy, and even architecture.

Diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at the young age of 38, Mary Sue lived a long life of quiet courage while persevering with the debilitations that came with her diagnosis. She loved Jesus and knew His tender care so very well. She modeled to those around her a spirit of humility, joy, and submission to her Heavenly Father regardless of her earthly circumstances. She knew that He was Good at all times.

Mary Sue was preceded in death by her loving husband, Alan Johnson; her parents, Hobert and Aileen Nelson; her sister and brother-in-law, Willella Nelson Nabors & Tuffy; and sister-in-law, Joe Love Stogner Nelson.

She is survived by two brothers, Bert Nelson and George Nelson, both of Lubbock; her three children and their spouses, Suzanne Johnson Hash & husband, David; Russ Johnson & wife, Cammy; and Kara Johnson Newberry & husband, Andy.

She is also survived by 8 grandchildren Tayler Newberry Harrell & husband, Taz; Parker Johnson; Claire Newberry Perkins & husband, Collin; Hannah Johnson Williams & husband, Matt; Sarah Hash Luna & husband, Jayson; Garrett Newberry & wife Meghan; Zach Hash; and Savannah Hash; and three great-grandchildren Rhett & Braxton Harrell, Jemma Perkins, along with another Perkins and Luna baby on the way.

The family wishes to thank those who helped care for Mary Sue in the last years of her life. The women and men at The Hospice of East Texas and Meadow Lake Senior Living Community not only cared for Mary Sue but were her friends and community for many years and have been a treasure for the family.

Mary Sue's grandsons and grandsons-in-law will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, TX 75701 ([www.hospiceofeasttexas.org](http://www.hospiceofeasttexas.org)).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Reception following service

FEB 21 (CT)

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*Foyer Area*

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Mary Sue Johnson



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 21, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Sue Johnson



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Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Johnson.



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February 20, 2025 at 03:31 PM

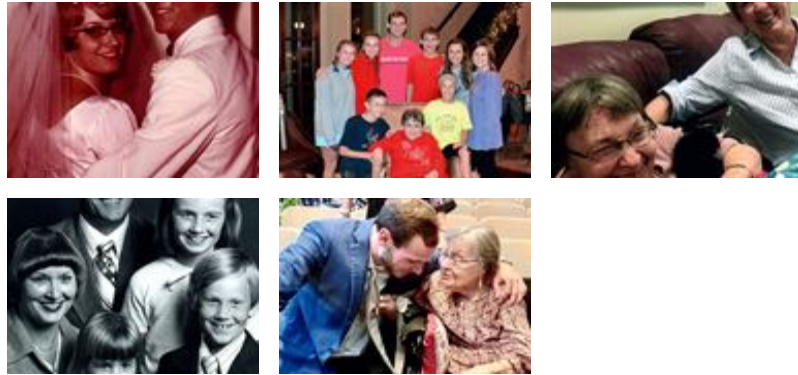


“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Sue Johnson.

February 20, 2025 at 03:31 PM



“ 73 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Stewart Family Funeral Home - February 20, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Kristen & Mike Thomas, Gwen Green & Kim purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Mary Sue Johnson.



Kristen & Mike Thomas, Gwen Green & Kim - February 19, 2025 at 12:59 PM

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“ Nancy, Rick, Mike and Their Families purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mary Sue Johnson.



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**Nancy, Rick, Mike and Their Families** - February 18, 2025 at 03:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Johnson.



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February 17, 2025 at 06:35 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Johnson.



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February 17, 2025 at 03:13 PM



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February 17, 2025 at 03:13 PM

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“ Dear Suzanne, Russ, Kara and Family❤️  
Mary Sue was a treasure, one of a kind and my very best friend!  
She encouraged me to teach Sunday School with her when I felt  
very inadequate! She helped strengthen my faith🙏. She gave my  
husband Don so much grief when we moved away😔. We enjoyed  
reading our Kindles together! And would laugh together as we tried  
to figure out our iPhones😊. She always had a bed for me  
whenever I came! We would solve all the problems of the world as  
she taught me to play Mah Jjong! We were kindred spirits👉  
Knowing Mary Sue was one of the greatest blessings of my life❤️  
🙏❤️

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**Barbara Gustovich** - February 16, 2025 at 02:36 PM

BW

“ MarySue and Alan were our neighbors when we moved to Tyler in  
1975....we were blessed with their friendship. MarySue and I  
enjoyed our walks together. She gave me my first sourdough bread  
starter. Heaven grows sweeter every day.

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**Betty Wilson** - February 13, 2025 at 06:41 PM

KU

“ Kelley Uzzell lit a candle in memory of Mary  
Sue Johnson



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**Kelley Uzzell** - February 13, 2025 at 08:59 AM