



## Miriam Sue Crane

November 8, 1936 - June 3, 2024

Miriam Sue Crane, age 87, passed away peacefully on June 3, 2024, in Tyler.

Sue was born on November 8, 1936, to Frank Crane and Marjorie Hawley Crane in Chicago, Illinois. After graduating from Emerson High School in Gary, Indiana, as valedictorian in 1953, she earned a degree in Education from the University of California, Los Angeles, which laid the foundation for a lifelong commitment to teaching and mentorship. In 1960, she met and married her husband, Edward “Ted” Sherwood, and they raised two sons, Timothy and Robert Sherwood.

Sue retired in 2004 after 30 years of dedicated service teaching in the schools of Pasadena, Burbank, and Santa Maria, California. She always had a positive outlook and was compassionate in caring for those around her. She was deeply involved with Alcoholics Anonymous, offering support and guidance to those on their journey to recovery. Her participation in meditation highlighted her belief in mindfulness and inner peace.

Sue was an artist at heart. Her watercolor and acrylic paintings captured the beauty she saw in the world. She also loved reading, which provided her with endless knowledge and joy.

Sue is survived by her sons, Timothy Sherwood and his wife Dr. Nancy

Pusser, and Robert Sherwood and his wife Amy Sherwood; her grandchildren, Richard, Alexandra, Isabella, Evan and his wife Amanda Johnson Sherwood, and Ben Sherwood and his wife Katherine Hardiman Sherwood; and her great-grandchildren, Madeline and Thomas Sherwood.

Family and friends can gather to honor and remember Sue's life on June 23, at 6:30 PM at Congregation Beth El with Rabbi Neal Katz officiating. In reflection of the joy and light that she brought into our lives, we ask that you wear white and bright colors.

In lieu of flowers, you can honor Sue's legacy and memory by donating to The Hospice of East Texas at [<https://hospiceofeasttexas.org/giving/>].

Thank you, Sue, for touching our lives so profoundly. You will always be in our hearts.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN **23**. 6:30 PM (CT)

Congregation Beth El  
1010 Charleston Dr.  
Tyler, TX 75703

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sue was a gift from God. When I meet her years ago in AA she smiled and understood my pain, which got better and better One day at a time. She became my sponsor which translates to Spiritual teacher and guide. We remained very close, even when she moved to Santa Maria then Tyler Tx. Space makes no difference when with your guide. Her laugh was contagious and her positive outlook was an inspiration. Sue loved her family so very much. I consider myself fortunate to have known such a special person. I'm eternally grateful for her. Rest in peace my Texas Angel. Claudia

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**Claudia Gil** - June 21, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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*Love Always, Claudia*

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“ Claudia Gil purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Miriam Sue Crane.



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**Claudia Gil** - June 21, 2024 at 01:14 PM

“ I met Sue in the fall of 2014, when I attended my first "Heartfulness Meditation" at the Tyler library. She was one of the regulars, and I quickly fell in love with her quiet, radiant presence. She was fiercely independent, and politely asked me not to follow her out to her car afterwards -- she was perfectly able to fold her walker and stow it behind her driver's seat without assistance! But I was like a lovelorn puppy that did not understand "no," and that is how our friendship began.

Two years later, I invited some dear friends, including Sue, to experiment with me in having "vertical conversations." We called our group "Ad Lib," and our goal was to learn to speak our truth (to be authentic) in difficult conversations; and to do it with respect and love. Sue brought to our meetings the quiet, radiant presence that first drew me to her. Our early Ad Lib discussions occasionally became a little contentious, and Sue's calm presence alone was enough to remind us to pause, to take a deep breath, and to remember our respect and love for one another.

The last time we saw and recognized each other was at the nursing home, after the amputation of Sue's leg. She was in a wheelchair in the rehab area, with her eyes closed. I touched her shoulder to rouse her, to say hello, and when she saw me, she dissolved into tears. I held her, and we both quietly wept for the loss of her leg. There was no self-pity in her tears -- just pure grief.

I am grateful that I will always have Sue in my heart. And I am so grateful to her family, for the unstinting love and support they gave her over the years, and at the end of her life. I offer my condolences and love to all of us who will miss her.

*Ellen O'Brien*

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“ *Katy W. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Miriam Sue Crane.*



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**Katy W.** - June 12, 2024 at 02:57 PM