



Sue Ann Downs

November 13, 1940 - September 25, 2017

Sue Ann Downs, 76, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, passed away September 25, 2017 at her residence in Bartlesville.

Mrs. Downs was born on November 13, 1940, in Alameda, California to Hother Edmund and Edith Geraldine Olsen.

She graduated from San Leandro High School in California, and she met her husband George F. Downs, III while they were both attending college at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California. The couple was married at the First Southern Baptist Church of Palo Alto on June 17, 1962 and then made their home in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. While Mr. Downs was in the Civil Service, the couple spent 22 years in Panama, finally returning to Bartlesville for good in 1998.

Mrs. Downs had a heart for ministry and a passion for working with children. She was an active, fully participating member of the churches they attended over the years, taking on both servant and leadership roles as need arose. She taught Sunday school for 52 years and frequently was the “library lady” at church and in schools where they lived.

She is survived by her daughters, Susan E. Downs, Ann Margaret van Hemert, & Esther L. Maples; grandsons Edward B. Dixon, Benjamin K. Dixon,

Peter W. van Hemert, & Aaron van Hemert; granddaughters Purity Ann van Hemert & Annabelle van Hemert; and great-grandson Phoenix L. Dixon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hother & Edith Olsen and her husband, George F. Downs III.

The family invites you to join in a memorial celebration of Susie's life on Wednesday, October 11 at 1:30 p.m. at Grace Community Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma. In keeping with her feelings on these matters, we ask that you wear bright colors! Also, please consider making a donation, in lieu of flowers, to: Grace Missions International, P.O. Box 577, Bartlesville, OK 74005

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 11. 1:30 PM (CT)

Grace Community
1500 Kings Dr.
Bartlesville, OK

Tribute Wall



“ Sue Ann Downs

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Sue Ann Downs

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Flowers*



Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - October 10, 2017 at 01:14 PM



“ Thank you for your kind thoughts and prayers. It means so much to us.

Please share your SUSIE STORIES so we can display them at her memorial celebration. Not weepy generalizations, but happy/funny/touching specific "I remember one time...." type stories. We would really appreciate it. Let's cover the wall!

Susan Downs - September 30, 2017 at 08:47 PM

KT

“ I have so many good memories of her in the library, sometimes even trying to skip recess to go read or find a new book. I really appreciate the love of reading that she helped to foster in me. I don't know how many times she recommended a book or series that I would devour and come back for more options. She always knew what to recommend to students and when. I have a love for Nancy drew because of her and will never forget her for that. I hope to instill the same love of books that she had into my daughter. She will be greatly missed.

Kristin Towns - September 28, 2017 at 04:05 PM

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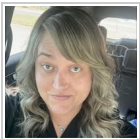
“ So Sorry for the Loss.. Prayers for the Family! I enjoyed working with her at Osage Hills. Such a Sweet Lady

Samantha Johnson - September 28, 2017 at 10:02 AM



“ So sorry for the loss of such a caring woman, she will truly be missed, my prayers go out to her family

Tammy Haynes - September 27, 2017 at 11:28 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of Mrs. Downs. I remember her helping me find books in the library and she always had a smile on her face. One of the best woman I have met. She will be missed by so many.

Brittany Cox - September 27, 2017 at 10:21 PM

CP

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Susie Downs. She was such a sweetheart! I ran into her recently and was so good to see her. My favorite memory of her was when she would work the book fair at Osage Hills and George would come in the evening and make chili for the kids and families that were attending. We prayed for each other's family members. I will be praying for your family!

Carla Porter - September 27, 2017 at 09:58 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to Susie's family. She was such a beautiful lady inside and out. I so enjoyed our working together at Osage Hills School and had lots of fun visits in our "Retired Warriors" group that gets together for lunch. She will be deeply missed but I know she is rejoicing at her reunion with George in heaven.

Beth Shoesmith - September 27, 2017 at 05:15 PM

JK

“ Our thoughts are with you, Dear Downses.
Love,
The Browns

Jill Brown Knapp - September 27, 2017 at 11:14 AM