



Sarah Lou Sisson

February 23, 1944 - March 18, 2015

Sarah Lou (Gentry) Sisson died Wednesday, March 18, 2015 in Conroe, Texas. She was born in Shelbyville, TN on February 23, 1944 to Margaret (Hendrick) Gentry and Willie James (Bill) Gentry, both deceased. Her mother eventually moved her and older half-brother Bob Webb (deceased) to Dallas, TX. Her father married Gelene Gentry (deceased) and they had Danny and Brad Gentry (half-brothers of Sarah) who remain in the Nashville area.

Margaret remarried twice adding 4 step-sisters and 2 step-brothers.

Sarah graduated from Littlefield High School and received her M.A. from West Texas State University. She worked at White Sands Missile Range then as a secretary to the Dean of the Fine Arts Department, and secretary/assistant to the Director of the Speech Therapy and Audiology Dept., before graduating.

Upon graduation she became an Associate Professor at WTSU as an instructor in Public Speech before moving into her most cherished field of Speech Pathology and Special Education. For over 25 years, she taught in Public Schools in Bridge City, El Paso and Spring Branch Houston in that field working with the minimally to most severely impaired. She published therapy manuals, directed Teacher in-service training and conducted after school programs for the gifted.

Sarah married John Edward Sisson of El Paso on April 9, 1968, and became stepmother to Ed and Jim Sisson, both of Oregon. Two more “miracle children” were born to Sarah and John (eleven years apart): Marquette Selene (Marcy) Sisson Zwall and Coy Swayne Sisson. All four survive with their

family members, which include Ed's wife, Colleen and children Matt, Sean and Jay Sisson; Marcy's husband Joe Zwall and their children Sadie Carmichael Keech, son-in-law Jacob Keech and daughter Elizabeth Zwall; Coy's wife Cambi and their daughter Cavana Shay. Sarah is also survived by her great-granddaughter Gentry Harper Keech, expected great-granddaughter Emersyn Elizabeth Keech, and great-grandson Frank Edward Sisson. In addition to her parents and brother, Sarah was predeceased by her step-father Jack Bloyd and her beloved sister-in-law, Martha Webb. Additional extended family members survive her as well as an abundance of faithful and treasured friends.

Sarah was loyal to her cherished church family, Christ Church, in Conroe. The congregation shared in her love of the Lord and was continuously blessed through her gift of decorating throughout the facility and for special occasions and holidays. Her church family was loyal to her to the very last as well.

Sarah loved to read and write and create beautiful things from "trash". She had an overwhelming desire to achieve an ever-closer relationship with her LORD, an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and application of His written word and sharing these with others. She had a joyous anticipation of spending eternity in His presence and with all those she loved so deeply in the place He prepared for her (but she planned to decorate it!).

Visitation with the family is scheduled for Saturday, March 21 from 5-7 PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis. Funeral Services will be held Sunday, March 22 at 3 PM in the Chapel at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Willis with burial following at Smith Memorial Park Cemetery. You are invited to leave a written condolence at www.shmfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 21. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Willis
10129 FM 1097 Rd W.
Willis, TX 77318
(936) 890-0454
greg@shmfm.com

Funeral services

MAR 22. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Interment will follow service

MAR 22 (CT)

Smith Memorial Park Cemetery - Willis
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sarah Lou Sisson*



Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - March 23, 2015 at 12:43 PM



“ *Sarah Lou Sisson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *"Miss Sisson" was my speech teacher at Eastwood Heights Elementary School in El Paso, TX. I'm almost 50 now, but I remember Miss Sisson (a tricky name for a boy having trouble with his S's, I assure you!). She was so engaged and supportive, and I treasured it when she would appear outside the classroom door, to collect me and walk with me to my speech class. Just tonight, I was watching a news story about great teachers, so I went online to search for Sara Sisson. So sorry to hear about her passing. She really impacted my life and helped me speak better. RIP*

Brian S. - April 21, 2015 at 09:33 PM

AS

“ AS lit a candle in memory of Sarah Lou Sisson



AS - March 21, 2015 at 03:47 PM

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“ Marcie, John and Sisson family, we are praying God's grace over you all! I loved your mom and have many great memories of Sarah. Her kindness, her accent! LOVED the way she talked! My mom was on her team of decorators when their home here in El Dorado was in the Holiday House Tour! I cleaned the house for her and I remember her telling me to make it shine but don't touch a thing!!! Loved her and love all of you. Praying for you all! Chris and Randy Crank, El Dorado, KS.

Chris Crank - March 20, 2015 at 10:00 AM

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“ Natalie G. purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Sarah Lou Sisson.



Natalie G. - March 19, 2015 at 04:22 PM