



Sue Ann Cargill Powell

November 10, 1939 - May 22, 2025

Services for Sue Ann Cargill Powell will be held Wednesday, June 4, 2025 in the Family Life Center of First Methodist Church in Willis, at North Thomason Street and MLK Drive and will be officiated by Pastor Jonathan Bynum.

Visitation begins at 1 p.m. with the service following at 2 p.m. She passed away peacefully May 22, with Luther and close friends holding her hands and playing some of her favorite hymns.

Sue Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Velma Watson Powell, her childhood dog and protector Bulgur and her longtime cat, Kittle. Her dear big brother Bob Cargill also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her husband Frank Luther Powell, who supported her in every endeavor and remained her favorite date to endless meetings, fund raisers, church events and Sunday lunches at legendary restaurants from Gaido's to Tony Mandola's. Sue Ann leaves behind also twin kitties Daisy and Dorie to keep Luther warm, listen to classical music and watch golf from his lap. Additionally Sue Ann is survived by her goddaughter Allison Shafer Riherd.

In her final days, Sue began a list of dear friends and close cousins who were special to her and whom she wanted remembered. Among them were former coworkers, lifelong family friends, and organization teammates with whom she'd spent many an hour. In truth, there are too many of you to list. So If you knew Sue Ann, know she treasured having you in her life.

Sue Ann Cargill – Susie, or Sue to parents, brother and lifelong friends – was

born Nov. 10, 1939 in Willis, Texas, and has resided most of her life in the home her parents built. She remained a member of First Methodist Church all her life, often recalling walking to church by lantern light. Sue Ann was active in youth group, choir and began early to teach the little ones at church. She has served as secretary on the church board for decades, sung in the choir faithfully, was an officer in United Methodist Women, published the church newsletter for 20 years, volunteered in the office, organized and prepared food for hundreds of memorial services. and taught and corralled area kids each year in Vacation Bible School. Teaching defined her life.

A graduate of Sam Houston State Teachers College, who later earned her Master's degree in school counseling, Sue Ann taught in Aldine, Willis and Magnolia. It's fair to say she never really retired. Sue Ann accepted contract work from Magnolia and Willis and began to volunteer in community activities such as the Willis Birthday Blast. While serving on the Willis ISD School Board for 12 years, Sue Ann became the charter president of the WISD Education Foundation, the founding president of the North Montgomery County Retired Teachers, a member of Delta Kappa Gamma for more than 50 years, held offices with the Montgomery County Historical Commission – and belonged to two bridge clubs for fun.

Through it all, Luther was her greatest encourager, often accompanying her to meetings, praising her strength and ideas, often cooking her breakfast and dinner before and after meetings.

Sue Ann and Luther married August 31, 1968, and traveled often, to the Middle East, on road trips to West Texas – and many weekends to visit family or attend conferences for her organizations.

Their favorite times however were sitting in their living room, with cats in their laps, watching golf or listening to soft music. Luther along with his neighbors and friends, will miss Sue Ann indescribably. But will carry on because that's what she instructed.

Internment will follow in the Willis Cemetery immediately following the service.

Pallbearers will be Jace Arthur, Greg Collier, Wade Paddock, Lloyd Perdue, Parker Riherd, Mike Wells, Michael Wise, and Steven Wise.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Brabham, Danny Paddock, Melville Paddock, John Haynes, Steve Dial, Shelby Ralston, and past and present members of the Willis ISD School Board.

Donations in Sue Ann's memory may be made to First Methodist Church, PO Box 315, Willis TX 77378, or the Willis ISD Education Foundation, 612 N. Campbell Street, Willis TX 77378.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Methodist Church - Willis
200 N Thomason St
Willis, TX 77378-9270
(936) 856-2233

Service

JUN 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Willis
200 N. Thomason St.
Willis, TX 77378

Tribute Wall

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“ I knew Sue Ann for just a few short years when I came to help with my mother Lis Woods health. Sue Ann was in charge of the food for celebrations and events and over saw Mom's 80th birthday celebration. In the kitchen she directed everyone with such a lovely manner and never a harsh word was heard from her. She will be sorely missed by the church and others who were blessed to have met her. Rest in peace and may God be by Luther's side.

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“ I have many treasured memories with Sue Ann and Luther from my childhood. Bob was my stepdad and both of them received me graciously as part of the family. Grandma Velma was always so kind. Their influence played a part in my becoming a teacher for 28 years. She was a wonderful person and an extraordinary role model. I admired her deeply.

Elizabeth Speakerman - May 30, 2025 at 12:11 AM

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“ Mrs. Powell was the most caring Counselor to all students! Each year she met with every senior in a timely manor to guide us and help us with what our plan(s) were in life. No one could say they did not know what direction to take when filling out forms for college or making sure one had enough credits to graduate high school. I STILL SAY TODAY SHE WAS THE BEST COUNSELOR WISD HAS EVER HAD. She left no student behind. I'm still grateful today for her guidance - CLASS OF 1980 - Nora Thompsons Tatum ❤️❤️



Nora Thompson Tatum - May 28, 2025 at 02:57 PM