



Susan Natalie Raley

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Susan “Sue” Natalie Raley (nee Graves), passed away peacefully on February 1, 2018 at her home, surrounded by family and friends. She was born on September 12, 1931 in Milford, DE, daughter of the late Milton T. and Elsie W. Graves.

Sue was raised in Milton, DE, graduated from Milton High School, and attended Harcum Junior College in Bryn Mawr, PA. Following the premature death of her father in 1953, she returned to Milton to work with her mother at the family garment factory. Sue met her husband, Robert A. (Bob) Raley when he moved to town to work for Southern States. They married in 1956 and moved to Lewes Beach where they raised their three children. Sue was also an honorary mom to a tribe of children during many summers on Lewes Beach. Sandy feet, wet bathing suits, and wet dogs were always welcome. She was an avid bridge player, sporting four different games a week at the height of her playing days. Her children were known to locate Sue based on which bridge club she was playing with that day. She loved theatre and lunch outings with her friends and was devoted to her family.

In addition to her parents, Sue was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Robert A. Raley, Jr.; and her son, Robert M. Raley. She is survived by her daughters: Susan Hopkins and her husband Kenny, and Peggy Raley-Ward and her husband Sherman all of Lewes; her grandchildren: Shane Raley and Natalie Hopkins, also of Lewes; and her daughter in law: Jana Moore and her husband Chris Moore Ebanks. Sue also leaves behind a host of dear friends whom she considered family, as well.

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018, at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM. A Viewing will also be held Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at the funeral home from 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Interment will follow the service at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Union Street, Milton, DE.



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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Sue's memory to: the Sussex County Cancer Survivors Fund: P.O. Box 83 Nassau, DE 19969.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 1PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2018 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.




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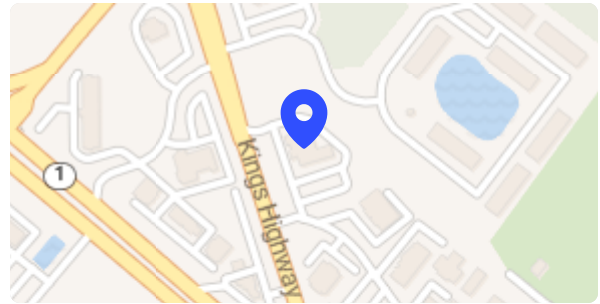
Viewing

 **Wednesday**, February 7, 2018

 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



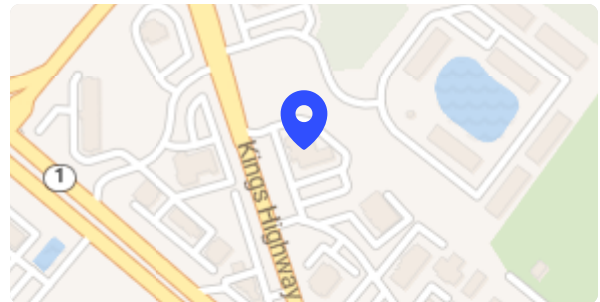
Viewing

 **Thursday**, February 8, 2018

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



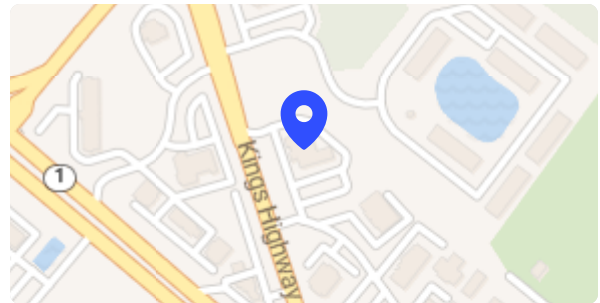
Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, February 8, 2018

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

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Burial

 **Thursday**, February 8, 2018

 **Odd Fellows Cemetery- Milton**
Milton DE





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EA

Elizabeth Allen posted:

Sue: It was a pleasure and honor to care for you. You have a wonderful loving family who cared deeply for you. Even though I have cared for many elderly, your unique, colorful life and character made you stand out. Yes, I called you "Mammala", and you called me "Roomie" all those stories you told me in the middle of the night still leave me laughing out loud when I think of them. I will always remember this last year with you and sharing our lives. I will always remember your family and friends. You had so many great, close friends it just shows how loved you are by so many people you touched in your life. Elizabeth Allen

February 14 at 12:27 PM

LI

Lynne Strassle (Home Instead) posted:

I only had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Raley for a short time, but could sense what a strong, generous person she was. Her smile will surely be missed. Wishing the family peace and strength.

February 9 at 11:51 AM

CB

Connie Barba lit a candle in honor of Susan.

My deepest sympathy to the family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Sue was a lovely person and wonderful friend to my sister. Connie and Charles Barba



February 8 at 10:54 AM

PH

Patricia Troney Haney posted:

Peggy, Sherman, Shane and Family So sorry to hear of Sue's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. May you find comfort in your many fond memories. Tricia and Big Mike

February 7 at 4:03 PM



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PK

Pamela Karabatsos lit a candle in honor of Susan.

My heart is with the Raley family in their time of loss. Nana Sue was one of the people in my life that I will not forget...bigger than life, took no nonsense from anyone, and had the biggest heart. I am so grateful to have known her for the years I did. Sending prayers for comfort and strength to the family through this difficult time. Rest In Peace, dear Sue.Pam Karabatsos (Shane's cousin)

February 7 at 3:44 PM



Anonymous sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Raley family.

February 6 at 12:43 PM



LR

Leslie Rivera posted:

My deepest sympathies to the entire family. My first memories of Mama Sue was when my Mom (Joanne Lynch Willin) worked for Bob & Sue at the florist shop. Mom & Sue would let Robert & I go play while they chatted over coffee. Well now they can catch up again on the other side. You will be missed, until another time & place.Leslie Willin Rivera

February 5 at 6:47 PM



Caddie & Chubby Joseph posted:

I first knew who Sue Raley was when she, Bob and Bobby lived in Quakertown.Bobby rode the school bus I drove for Amy Mitchell.(1964-66) She has always been a woman of kindness and grace; one who would speak her mind as well. If you didn't like what she said, tough. Most of the time she was "right on". She was a devoted grandmother to Shane, welcoming him to DE every summer as a youngster. We've watched him mature as a young man under her tutelage. When cancer hit her, she fought it bravely and was a great role model for others. I deeply admired her strength and courage. She will be greatly missed and never forgotten. Rest in peace, dear one.

February 5 at 10:51 AM



Nancy Weller posted:

Peggy, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. You and Sherman are in my thoughts.Nancy Weller

February 4 at 12:00 PM



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DW

Dottie Woodbury posted:

Sue was one of the best bridge players I ever met! Three passes and three no trump she would declare - and make it. I especially enjoyed her wonderful dry sense of humor! I have missed playing with her this last year and have been praying for her. May she be at peace! Love and prayers to all of her family. Dottie Woodbury

February 3 at 5:37 PM

RF

Ruth Fairbee posted:

I have found that regardless of age or infirmities, losing a parent just hurts. My sympathies to all. Sending love and many angels

February 3 at 3:46 PM

JB

Judy Brittingham Bye posted:

Shane, Peggy, and Suzette. I am so sorry to learn of Sue's passing. Sue was an amazing friend of my mother's. She washed dishes for hours and hours at the house during the reception after my father's funeral in 1995. When the first bridge club day came up she came to the house and told my mother to get in the car. "No Sue, I just can't." "I didn't ask you if you could or not, I said get in the car." When my mother couldn't drive anymore, Sue drove her--for 3 or 4 years. Every week. When my mother was too sick to leave the house, Sue came, called, and brought food. When she was in ICU, Sue came. When she was in rehab, Sue came. When she came home to die, Sue came. Sue Raley is an angel. A saint. A loud, boisterous, bossy Saint with a heart of gold. She didn't just do this with my mother, but for many. Many many acts of kindness. Never said a word about it. I will never forget her or all that she did for us. I didn't even know she was sick. My thoughts will be with you all as you navigate through all this. Peace be with you. I send you much love.

February 3 at 12:03 PM

BB

Bobby & Judy Briggs posted:

Dear Family Members of Sue Raley, We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Be assured of our thoughts and prayers for all of you. Sincerely, Bobby and Judy (Hopkins) Briggs Lexington, NC

February 3 at 10:51 AM



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CS

Cliff Stabner posted:

Shane: So sorry about the loss of your Grandmother.. Cliff and Lynn Stabner

February 3 at 10:15 AM

JB

John Bateman posted:

Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.The Bateman's

February 3 at 9:35 AM

ST

Sammy Trail posted:

Sammy Trail Thinking of y'all at this time of loss ,, hope you find some peace ,as I realized ,,I don't have to worry about mom but boy do I miss herAll my love

February 3 at 9:13 AM

RP

Rita Poore lit a candle in honor of Susan.

Peggy, my sincere condolences on the passing of your mom. Hoping the rich memories of your life with her are some comfort. Thinking of you in this difficult time. Rita Poore

February 3 at 3:29 AM



CN

Cheryl Price Nelson posted:

Peggy, Suzette and Shane, I have many wonderful and funny memories of our families over the years. Your mom was a strong, smart woman with a generous heart. She helped many people in her lifetime. Love to you all during this very difficult time.

February 3 at 3:18 AM



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CH

Chantea Harmon lit a candle in honor of Susan.



February 2 at 7:24 PM

KP

Kay Riniker Peirce February 5 at 10:51 AM

Sending condolences to the entire Raley family. Sue was such a wonderful friend to my aunt Virginia Brittingham. She was a character with a heart of gold. She made the best fudge I ever tasted. She will be missed by all that knew her

CH

Chantea Harmon February 2 at 7:27 PM

You will be truly missed Sue!!

RM

Rose Murphy lit a candle in honor of Susan.



February 2 at 6:52 PM

RM

Rose Murphy February 2 at 6:55 PM

i took care of mrs raley's bridge group for 17 years..she became a personal friend of mine...so glad i went to dinner with her and shane before things went bad..it was my pleasure..i truly love her and she is in my thoughts and prayers!! rose murphy

AP

Ann Parsons posted:

We are so very sorry to hear of your loss. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.The Parsons Family

February 2 at 3:53 PM

SG

Sherry Greener posted:

So sorry for your loss. She will be missed. Her beauty shines through her children and her memory lives on. God BlessSherry and Brianna

February 2 at 3:48 PM



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TB

Tim Bartman posted:

Shane u r in our thoughts and prayers Tim and Rita Bartman

February 2 at 2:56 PM

PC

Paul G. Carey posted:

Sue was one of a kind and had a heart of gold. We will miss you cousin Sue.Paul Graves Carey

February 2 at 1:50 PM

CL

Carol Levasseur posted:

Sue always had a smile and didn't take any BS!!🎵❤️🎵

February 2 at 1:05 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Susan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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