



Sue Blackley

October 5, 1937 - October 4, 2008

Mary Sue (Summers) Blackley, 70, died at Baptist Memorial Hospital in Union City Saturday, October 4, 2008.

Sue Blackley was born October 5, 1937 in Martin, TN. She was the daughter of the late F.R. Sam Summers and Golden Clarice Summers of Martin. She married Billy Wilson Blackley of Obion, December 2, 1953 and joins him now.

They were only parted by his death in 2007. She earned Bachelor and Masters Degrees in Education from the University of Tennessee at Martin.

She taught first grade for 30 years beginning in Obion and retiring from Hillcrest Elementary in 2006. She was a long time member of the Obion Church of Christ. She was a member of DAR and Delta Kappa Gamma. She had traveled extensively including all 50 states and 20 foreign countries.

Survivors include two sons, James Stephen Blackley and Daryl Wilson Blackley both of Obion. Her step-mother in law Mary (Eaton) Blackley also of Obion, four grandchildren: Daphne York of Martin, Stephanie Garrett of Dyersburg, Rebekah Carman of Union City, and Michael Hall of Jacksonville, NC, four great grandchildren and one sister Martha Maynard of Lansing, MI.

Visitation will be held at Cryer Funeral Home in Obion from 6:00PM to 8:00PM Monday night. Services will be at the Obion Church of Christ Tuesday at 1:00 PM with Bro. Rick Knoll officiating and Tim Fox leading singing. The family requests that memorials be made to the West Tennessee Children's Home, 170 Frank Lathem Rd. Pinson, TN 38366, St. Jude Hospital, or to a charity of your choice.

The pallbearers will be Tommy Morris, Vincent Thompson, Wes Walton, Tony Bullion, J.C. Coleman, and Jim West. Honorary Pallbearers will be Sammy Snead and Glen Parnell.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **6.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cryer Funeral Home
206 East Main Avenue
Obion, TN

Service

OCT **7.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Church of Christ
226 W. Main Ave.
Obion, TN

Tribute Wall



“ Cryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sue Blackley



Cryer Funeral Home - October 04, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ To the Blackley family- We have lost an icon, from Obion, and from the world of educators... She touched many many lives in her 30+ years as a teacher. I spent a few minutes with her recently when she visited some of her Obion friends at The Etheridge House. When she had Merany in first grade, I asked her if she thought she was "okay" because Mer was not progressing as quickly as my other two had - I still laugh when I remember the look on her face - she said, "Cindy there is absolutely nothing wrong with her. She is smart enough to let the other two do everything for her!" She was so right - Merany holds that pattern to this day! Sue was a great lady and we will miss her...##imported-begin##Cindy Norrid##imported-end##

October 12, 2008 at 10:15 PM



“ Steve and Daryl,

Sorry to hear about your Mom. She and your Dad were great friends. My prayers are with you my friends.

Steve Hilton##imported-begin##Steve Hilton##imported-end##

October 08, 2008 at 01:53 PM



“ *Our community has lost an incredible gem with the passing of Sue Blackley. I grew up spending time with Sue and Billy as they were close lifelong friends with my parents. I admired the tradition they upheld with dining out each year with my Mom and Dad to celebrate birthdays.*

Sue also dedicated her life to the education and betterment of children. She was a wonderful teacher, caregiver and rolemodel to so many! I will always remember her bright smile and infectious laugh. Our heartfelt prayers for strength and comfort go out to her sons, family and friends.##imported-begin##Jana Parnell##imported-end##

October 08, 2008 at 01:52 PM



“ *Dear family,*

Greg an I were saddened to find out about Ms. Sue. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Greg, Renee, Cory and Olivia Ferguson##imported-begin##Greg Ferguson##imported-end##

October 07, 2008 at 02:07 PM



“ Daryl and Steve,
Sue was a part of my family from the time I was a little girl. My grandparents, Tom and Mert Ryan, and my mother Virginia Ryan McLain were very close to Sue and Billy. I was shocked to hear of her death. I had spoken with her about 6 weeks ago and didn't have any idea she was sick. She and Billy came to Texas to visit us several times and also came to Kentucky Lake when we had a family reunion. I will make a donation in her memory with a very heavy heart. I loved her and Billy like my own relatives. She is with Billy and Miss Virginia. She is better off but we will all be sad but thankful that we have such wonderful memories of a sweet, kind person. I will contact Martha. She is really part of our family also. Love, Nancy Evans###imported-begin###Nancy McLain Evans###imported-end###

October 06, 2008 at 05:04 PM



“ We just wanted to send you a note to lawt you know our prayers and thoughts are with you all. Your mother is the onw who taught me braille. I'm really going to miss her. She was a wonderful teacher and person. May God give you strength to get through these next few days.
Love:
Billy###imported-begin###Billy Joe Crowell JR and Family###imported-end###

October 06, 2008 at 02:19 PM