



Clara Sue Jennings

July 28, 1935 - September 26, 2021

The angel known to most as Clara Sue Jennings came into the world as Clara Sue Mead on July 28, 1935 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Her Lord and Savior called her home on Sunday, September 26, 2021. She died in Lexington, Oklahoma surrounded by the love of the four children who absolutely adored her, and several grandchildren who felt the same.

Anyone who knew Sue even a little bit could tell you the three most important things in her life were faith, family and food. Once you know her story, it's not hard to understand why. As the sixth of nine children born to Jasper Hayden and Lela Wilkerson Mead, Sue faced odds that were nearly insurmountable. Jasper rarely worked and disappeared for days or weeks on end, leaving Lela to feed and care for nine children on nothing but a modest Social Security check.

While Sue didn't have much in the way of material items, she was incredibly rich in faith. Sue was a lifelong follower of Christ and that never wavered, despite all the times her faith was tested. Like so many of us she experienced hardships, betrayal and heartbreak, but her love for her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ always pulled her through.

Sue was an extremely hard worker. She was a cook at Washington Public Schools for several years, then a jeweler at Stuckey Diamonds. But her real work, her labor of love, what she lived for, was her family. Sue's first marriage to Bill Blair produced three daughters, Debbie, Jeanie and Sandra, and a son, Steve. A few years into the marriage Bill became a preacher. As a preacher's

wife, Sue was able to use some of her greatest attributes: her love of the Lord, her genuine desire to serve and bring joy to others, and her phenomenal cooking skills.

For Sue, bringing a dish to the church potluck wasn't a chore. Cooking Thanksgiving dinner for 30 wasn't a daunting task. Every casserole contained a dozen prayers for both friends and strangers. Every carrot cake was full of sweet thoughts for the birthday boy or girl. Every batch of M&M cookies was made with morsels of kindness and sprinkles of wisdom. Her homemade banana ice cream left you feeling warm inside. Long after Sue was no longer a preacher's wife, the cooking continued. No matter which community she lived in or which church she attended, it didn't take long for people to notice - and appreciate - Sue's skills and her heart of gold. She received and fulfilled many cooking and baking requests up until about the age of 75.

Sue's happiest moments took place at the dinner table when the entire family came together for a meal. For Sue, Thanksgiving dinner was the closest thing to Heaven on Earth you'd ever find. She spent days preparing the turkey, her legendary dressing, the elaborate side dishes, and desserts galore. Her family would come and happily devour it all, feeling so full they could bust, and also so incredibly loved.

Food and love; two essential components of survival that Sue sometimes found scarce as a child, yet she gave both in abundance to the family she created. For that, they will be forever grateful.

Waiting for Sue at the Heavenly Gates were brothers Larry Joe, Billy, Art and Joe Mead, as well as sisters Lela Bell Eggleston, Betty Douglass, Lois Romine and Wanda Jane Mead. Her surviving brother, Walter Mead, lives in Chickasha.

Sue is survived by her children Debbie Collins of Norman; Jeanie Hall of Mustang; Steve Blair of Norman; and Sandra Shobe of Purcell, along with nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren who loved their Nana very much.

A funeral service is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. at Little's Chapel in

Purcell with burial to follow at Hillside Cemetery. Make online condolences at www.wilsonlittle.com.

Tribute Wall

MF

“ We wanted to express our deepest sympathy for your loss. Sue was a wonderful friend to our family, she helped us through some very tough times. We will always appreciate her kindness and strength. She was a lovely woman with a beautiful smile. Rest In Peace Sue, you are loved.

Mary Flowers and Family - October 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I wanted to honor the life and beautiful heart of Sue. My mom, Lois Romines was Sue's older sister. After many years living away from home, when I returned as an adult, I had the blessing of getting to know Sue!!

The immediate family that she so loved were her heart's center!! But my mother and my family were greatly graced to have her in our lives, too!

My mom never drove...in her aging last years she and Sue spent alot of time together "running around"!! My mom had a blast with her sis!! It was the joy I dreamed of seeing my mother experience...like none she had ever known!

Then!!! When we desperately needed help caring for my mom and dad before they passed...SUE WAS THERE!!! I cannot express the gratitude then and now for the love and service she poured out over their last days!!

I give glory to our Lord for the life of His precious child, Clara Sue!!! May we ALL be inspired to serve and love with the outpouring of her heart during the days He shared her with us!!

Welcome home Aunt Sue!! I can hear you and mom LAUGHING AND REJOYING!! I LOVE YOU ALWAYS ❤️

Brenda Stover - October 01, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ My dear sweet Aunt Sue. I'm so sorry you have left us on this earth but I know you and your sisters are dancing in heaven 😊 Steve Debbie Jeannie and Sandra you are in my prayers for comfort and peace as you go through this journey without your sweet Momma. Love you all ❤️❤️

Patty Todd Romines - September 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ So sorry for your loss, prayers for the family!

Bruce Walck - September 30, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Clara Sue was my Sunshine and I loved her to the moon and back 5 million times! Rest in Paradise my sweet Clara Sue!

Debbie Wilkinson - September 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Steve , my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Mary Beth Barton .

Mary Beth Barton - September 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Oh how I loved coming over to her house and having amazing food! She was always so kind. She will be missed. Love and prayers to you all.

Terri Billings Hinkle - September 29, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ I worked with Sue at Stucky Diamonds. She was my best friend there. We were on the same bowling team. She was the most beautiful person inside and out. R.I.P. I love you. My sincere sympathy to all of the family.

Lillie Bruehl - September 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM