



Ophelia "Sue" Holloway

October 4, 1941 - July 14, 2020

Sue Holloway – wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, nurse, social worker, member of First Baptist Church Muskogee, and friend to many, died on July 14, 2020. Although her physical heart failed her after a long battle with heart disease, her true heart – filled with grit, humor and love - never wavered. Born in DeWitt, Arkansas just two months before the U.S. entered WWII, Sue grew up surrounded by a large family, including 19 first cousins, numerous aunts and uncles, her father (Press Whiting), mother (Kathleen), and sister (Lil Oler). Sue often described her childhood in DeWitt as “perfect.”

Just 20 days after her 18th birthday, she married her beloved husband of 60 years, Max Holloway. Max also grew up in DeWitt where he and Sue had met. They began their married life in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Sue worked for a local doctor while Max earned an engineering degree from the U of A. In 1968, after living in Stuttgart and Hot Springs, Arkansas, Max and Sue relocated to Muskogee where Sue lived out the remainder of her life.

Sue helped Max get his engineering firm in Muskogee off the ground, attended and graduated from nursing school at Bacone College, and enjoyed a long career at the Oklahoma Department of Human Services where, among her many accomplishments, she was a member of the team that designed and implemented Oklahoma’s ADvantage waiver program in 1995. Her knowledge, abilities, interpersonal skills and dedication to the care of people made her an asset to this team. The ADvantage program brought sweeping changes to Oklahoma’s Medicaid system by offering frail individuals a stay-at-

home alternative to entering a nursing home. Because of Sue's efforts, thousands of Oklahomans have been able to remain in their homes and avoid nursing home care till the end of their lives. In addition to her full-time work helping others, Sue was a decades-long active congregant at First Baptist Church in Muskogee. She raised two children, Lindsey and Laura, had a warm dinner on the table every night, and never missed her children's softball games, baseball games and other activities. Sue understood "leaning in" long before women of the 2000s started writing books about it.

After retiring in 2005 Sue enjoyed traveling, visiting numerous parts of the U.S. – east and west – on long road trips with Max, and seeing the beautiful and historic sights of Europe from river cruises, which she and Max enjoyed with their dear friends. Sue especially valued time spent with her family. Her grandchildren and great grandchildren who lived nearby were a constant presence in her life, and each one brought her great joy.

Sue is survived by her husband, Max; son, Lindsey and his wife, Mitzi, of Muskogee; daughter, Laura and her husband, Jon Carter, of Seattle, WA; granddaughter, Jessica Holloway and her husband Jeremy Sheldon of Muskogee; grandson, Taylor Holloway, of Tulsa; granddaughter, Anna, of Owasso; and her great-grandchildren, Judah, Jameson, and Stella Sheldon, all of Muskogee.

A celebration of Sue's life will be 10AM, Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Muskogee First Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Parker officiating.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church Muskogee
111 S. 7th Street
Muskogee, OK 74401

Tribute Wall

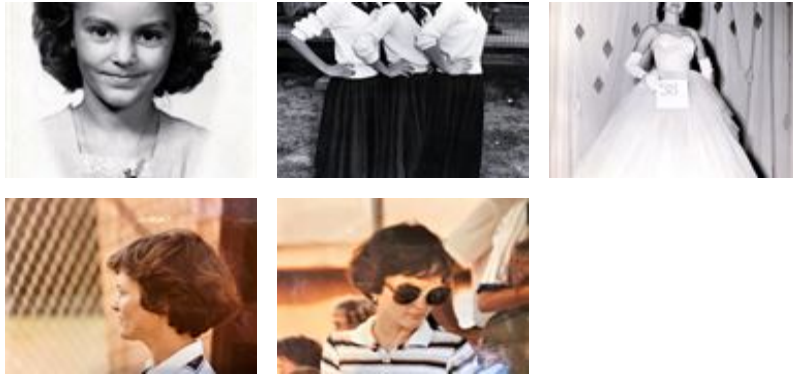


“ *Ophelia "Sue" Holloway*

October 23, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *9 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 08, 2021 at 09:58 AM



“ *55 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - June 07, 2021 at 06:09 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ophelia "Sue" Holloway.*



June 07, 2021 at 01:03 PM



“ *I just learned that Sue passed away. I was a nurse with DHS in Stilwell and Sue was my supervisor. What a wonderful person and nurse. I retired 2008 and am so sorry I didn't keep up with her. She was a wonderful teacher and I learned so much from her. I still use the basket she gave us for Christmas one year and the checkered napkins that she made for the baskets. Prayers to her husband Max and all the family. God Bless. From Sherrie Funburg. Stilwell Ok.*

Sherrie Funburg - November 23, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ *Max, Lindsey, Laura Leigh, Aunt Sue was a very special person. She will greatly missed by all. The lose is a big one for all. Y'all are all are in our thought and prayers.*

James David, Tracy Manatt Family

James Manatt - July 26, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ *Max, Lindsey, and Laura: Sue was a valued and beloved mentor to me and my family. To have known her is to have loved her. She never saw the negative in anything. Sue was a "solutions expert". She will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone feeling this great loss. Tammie and Chuck*

Tammie Parker - July 22, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ophelia "Sue" Holloway.*



July 21, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ *Sue has been one of my clients at Headquarters Salon the past few years. She was such a kind & genuine person. She will be missed greatly by everyone at the shop. Prayers for all of Sue's family.*

Ashley Moore - July 21, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ *Sue was a coworker and a Dear Friend of my daughter Pam Kiser I had the pleasure of spending a few days with her in Breckinridge one summer we went shopping she bought a white vest she looked stunning, We cooked she made delicious pot roast I made brownies that came out of the oven flat ! I did not consider the altitude, Sue was Lovely May She Rest In Peace Lori Doshay*

lori doshay - July 19, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ *Sue was a precious person. She always had smile and always a great attitude no matter what life's battles brought her way. She was a friend in the true sense of the word, and those who were lucky enough for her life to have touched them were blessed. Our condolences Especially to Max and her family. You too were blessed to have shared the journey of life with her. Beverley & David*

Beverley Wayman - July 17, 2020 at 07:17 PM