



## Barbara "Sue" Brands

July 13, 1940 - February 11, 2024

Barbara "Sue" Brands, 83, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away Sunday, February 11, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Formerly of Columbus, IN, she was a longtime winter resident of Bonita Springs before making it her permanent home in 2017. She was born July 13, 1940, in Owensboro, KY, the daughter of the late James Gilbert and Pauline (David) Harralson.

Sue graduated from the University of Kentucky before earning her Master's in Education at Indiana University. Mrs. Brands worked as a teacher in Louisville, KY, and Columbus, IN, and she retired from Ivy Tech Community College in Indianapolis, IN. She was a longtime member of the Fairlawn Presbyterian Church in Columbus, IN, and attended Unity of Bonita Springs Church.

Sue was an avid tennis player who also enjoyed reading, walking, and playing pickleball. Most of all, she loved being a mom and was the proud Mimi to her three granddaughters.

Survivors include her beloved husband of 60 years, Joseph B. Brands, Jr.; loving son, William J. (Heather) Brands of Miromar Lakes, FL/Frankfort, MI; brothers, Jim G. (Janet) Harralson of Atlanta, GA, John (Elizabeth) Harralson of Lexington, VA; and cherished granddaughters, Lauren Kaylie Brands of Atlanta, GA, Hanna Rose Holmgren of Portland, OR and Hayden Marie Brands of E. Lansing, MI.

Funeral services will be private. She will be laid to rest at Garland Brook Cemetery in Columbus, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to Unity of Bonita Springs Church, Special Olympics, Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, or MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

# Cemetery Details

**Garland Brook Cemetery**

Columbus, IN

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ I'm sorry to learn of Sue's passing. We were classmates in Junior & Senior High in Owensboro, KY. I've only talked to Sue at high school reunions, since graduation, but I remember Sue as being very smart, nice & smiling.

*Prayers for peace & comfort for Sue's family as you mourn your great loss.*

*Pat Walter Benson*

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**Pat Benson** - February 25, 2024 at 05:40 PM

AJ

*I am deeply saddened to read of Sue's loss. She always flashed a smile & was friendly to all of us classmates. I recall her being an excellent student as well. I always treasured her friendship & extend my sincere sympathy to Joe & their family .*

*Anna Jo Brown Johnson*

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**Anna Jo B. Johnson** - February 27, 2024 at 10:52 PM

KP

“ How fortunate McDowell Educaton Center was to count Sue as one of our faculty members. Not only was she an excellent teacher, she was also a wonderful caring person and colleague with a big smile plus a great laugh!

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**Kim Powers** - February 25, 2024 at 03:09 PM

NT

“ Sue and I shared Room 8 at McDowell Adult Education Center. She was such a kind person...always willing to share advice on nutrition and offer her assistance whenever it was needed! She had a lovely smile that just made one feel happy to be around her. She will be missed by so many of us who had the pleasure of sharing in her life's journey. Deepest condolences to the family.

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**Nancy Trueblood** - February 20, 2024 at 10:06 PM

DB

“ Joe,  
We are really sorry to read of Sue's passing. It was a pleasure to have known her and to have been one of her neighbors. She was a great lady!  
Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Keep busy and take care of yourself.

*Dave Borcharding and Susan Pickens*

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**David Borcharding** - February 19, 2024 at 09:57 AM

TF

“ We're sending our love to the Brands family. We always enjoyed spending time with Sue! She will be remembered as a fun-loving, awesome grandma!

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**The Endres Family** - February 18, 2024 at 07:21 PM

CC

“ I was so saddened to hear of Sue’s death. I was privileged to teach at McDowell Adult Education where Sue also taught...What a wonderful teacher and all-round beautiful person. I know Sue will be greatly missed. To Sue’s family - Please accept my sincere sympathy.  
Carol Crossman

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**Carol Crossman** - February 18, 2024 at 12:33 PM

JK

“ Sue and Joe were clients of ours at J&T cleaning and we send our deepest sympathies. We still have the barrel chairs we purchased from them before they moved. We think of them every time we sit in our game room. Wonderful people.

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**Joyce and Tom Kimberlin** - February 17, 2024 at 08:25 PM

RC

“ Sue and her husband Joe were clients of mine before they moved to Florida full time. My wife Kathy knew Joe from Stadler Packing aka. Mariah. She was a very nice lady who always had an upbeat sense of humor and who loved life. She will be greatly missed by all who knew here. RIP Sue.

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**Robert Hollis - Columbus Computer** - February 17, 2024 at 03:45 PM

JM

“ My sincere condolences and prayers go out to Joe and all of Sue's family at this time. I was shocked upon hearing this tragic news of my dearest friend, Sue! She was happy and healthy the last time John and I visited them in their new residence in Bonita Springs, but sadly, that was the year before last. Know I didn't get a Christmas card from her this year, but, never dreamed she might have been ill! I will always keep Sue in my heart with the many wonderful times we had together-playing tennis, pickleball, in church at Fairlawn, then Westside, at their home in Columbus with Joe cooking hamburgers, at our house for dinners and boat rides. It is truly a sad day for me learning about Sue, except knowing that my dear friend is now in Heaven!

*Judy McCormick*

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**Judy McCormick** - February 17, 2024 at 08:57 AM

JF

“ Joe and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. This is Joe Fuehne and I was a tennis/exercise partner with you and Sue at Tipton Lakes Athletic Club. I always enjoyed doing tennis drills with Sue on Tuesday mornings and seeing both of you at the gym during the week. I'm sad that Sue has passed away but I hope you are well. Sue always enjoyed sharing wonderful stories of her granddaughters and was a pleasure to be around. Please take care.

*Joe Fuehne, Columbus, Indiana*

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**Joe Fuehne** - February 17, 2024 at 08:05 AM

AC

*Joe and Bill,*

*So so sorry to hear about Sue's passing. She was one of my favorite moms growing up and I'll never forget her laugh and kindness. She drove me to swim practice at 6am with a smile and also tutored me in math which was no easy feat.;). We spent many wonderful spring break vacations with the Brands in Bonita Springs. She was a wonderful friend to my mom Teddi who I know will miss her as well. Thinking of your family and know she will be missed by all who knew her. Love and prayers,  
Angie Ferguson Curtis*

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**angie curtis** - February 18, 2024 at 07:46 PM