



## Loretta "Sue" Ames

August 21, 1945 - March 15, 2018

Loretta "Sue" Ames, age 72 of Gays, IL, formerly of Morton, IL, passed away at 7:30 A.M. Thursday, March 15, 2018 at her residence.

The funeral service honoring her life will be held Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, with Reverend Travis Spencer and Pastor Nicholas Brown officiating. Burial will immediately follow at Branchside Cemetery in Gays, IL. The visitation will be held Monday evening, March 19, 2018 at the funeral home from 5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Sue was born on August 21, 1945 in Mobile, AL the daughter of George and Clara (Kingery) Ames. She is survived by her two loving sons, John Rakestraw and wife Angie of Gays, IL, Thom Rakestraw and partner Tom Smith of Normal, IL; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Brown and husband Nicholas of Gays, IL, Seth Rakestraw of Gays, IL, Madeline Smith of Ventura, CA, Emma Smith of Prophetstown, IL; two great-grandchildren, Adam and Wyatt Brown of Gays, IL; and one brother, Marty Rorer and wife Gaye of Austin, TX. Sue is preceded in death by her parents and one grandchild, Caleb Rakestraw.

Sue supported the ministries of The Pathway Chapel in Gays, IL and Fields Church in Mattoon, IL. She was a Board Member of Fulton County Rehabilitation Center, belonged to the Red Hat Society in Morton, IL and active volunteer and supporter of the Mattoon Area P.A.D.S. She loved vacationing in Tennessee and treasured her time spent with her family, who

will miss her greatly.

Memorials in her honor may be made to Mattoon Area P.A.D.S., 2017  
Broadway Avenue East, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in her honor or share a memory with the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Branchside Cemetery

Gays, IL 61928

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.  
1200 Wabash Ave  
Mattoon, IL 61938  
(217) 234-8828  
contact@mitchelljerdan.com  
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## Service

MAR 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Loretta "Sue" Ames*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM

 Tricia Miller

“ *Prayers to her family! I didn't know her for very long but I knew the moment I met her she was a wonderful person who was loved very much!*

*Tricia M.*



Tricia Miller - March 24, 2018 at 12:06 AM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - March 19, 2018 at 01:18 PM

BE

“ *Becky Eyman lit a candle in memory of Loretta "Sue" Ames*



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**Becky Eyman** - March 19, 2018 at 12:16 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Loretta "Sue" Ames.*



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March 19, 2018 at 12:34 AM

TS

“ *Todd Sepich lit a candle in memory of Loretta "Sue" Ames*



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**Todd Sepich** - March 19, 2018 at 12:33 AM

UF

“ *Uncle Bill and Aunt Mary and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Loretta "Sue" Ames.*



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**Uncle Bill and Aunt Mary and family** - March 18, 2018 at 01:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Loretta "Sue" Ames.



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March 18, 2018 at 10:47 AM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Loretta "Sue" Ames.



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March 18, 2018 at 09:23 AM



“ *Jeff Ellis and Bryan Ellis* purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Loretta "Sue" Ames.



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**Jeff Ellis and Bryan Ellis** - March 18, 2018 at 08:48 AM



“ *Marty & Gaye* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Loretta "Sue" Ames.



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**Marty & Gaye** - March 17, 2018 at 07:06 PM

PH

“ Sue was a very determined lady. She worked hard for what she wanted. She was part of a great neighbor and we were always glad to refer to her as a friend. She loved her boys and her door was always open to the neighborhood kids. She will be missed.

*Rick and a Phyllis Hinderliter*

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**Phyllis Hinderliter** - March 16, 2018 at 05:38 PM