



## Nola "Sue" Anderson

October 17, 1947 - May 2, 2023

In 1947, Everett W. Jones and his wife Susie Bea Pickup Jones welcomed a dark haired, dark skinned baby girl. On October 17, Nola Sue Jones was born near Tahlequah Oklahoma. Thus, Sue, as she is known to all of us, began her life's journey.

Two years later, a second child, Mary Christene Jones, was born; in Sue's words, "Kris, my favorite sister"

Along life's pathway, Sue was blessed with many extended family members: grandparents, a half-brother and 2 half-sisters and many uncles, aunts and cousins.

At the age of 16, Sue graduated from Broken Arrow High School in the top 20 of her class. She entered Sparks Hospital School of Nursing in Fort Smith, Arkansas in 1965 and became a registered nurse in 1968. In October 1968, she married Michael Dale Anderson and became the person we know as Sue Anderson.

Sue held a variety of positions during her 25-year nursing career. She began working at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa as an oncology (cancer) nurse. Sue made a career change to become a certified tumor registrar applying her oncology skills from a different prospective in 1993. She transferred to the tumor registry at Saint Francis and remained there as supervisor until she retired in 2007. Sue held various offices in the Oklahoma Cancer Registrars Association and received the Outstanding Member recognition in 2007. In the same year, she was honored with the "Integrity" Values Award by the Saint

Francis Health System.

Sue did not have children of her own, but her sister Kris and husband, Mark Petersen provided her with 3 precious gifts: her niece, Teena Marie Calotis and 2 nephews, Christopher Mark Petersen and Kevin Wayne Petersen (she always called him her "baby boy").

Sue had the privilege of being godmother to Gary Lynn Brixey. She worked with his mother and delivered him in the hospital (the doctor was late). Gary and Sue could never agree on his birthday. Gary always said he was born on October 16 at 11:59 (his mother's birthday) and Sue would say October 17 at 12:01 (her birthday). She was blessed to become godmother to Jess-Michael Isaiah Stipes in May 2005, the son of her Pastors, Jess and Christina Stipes. Sue loved cats (any color, shape or size and had quite the story to tell about some of them: like the one that trained himself to use the commode in the bathroom and the one that sat at the dinner table with his own plate. She trained him to bow his head and close his eyes when she said grace. She loved sports cars; preferably the Ruby Red Ford Mustang. Ask Pastor Jess to tell you about his ride in the white Ford Probe. The St. Louis Cardinals were her favorite baseball team (GO CARDS!). Sue was an Elvis Presley fan and some of his gospel music was played today at her request. She enjoyed decorating and re-decorating her home for the seasons.

Her favorite flower was the yellow rose, the "friendship" rose. She became a true and trusted friend to many family members, co-workers and church attendees.

Her favorite Bible scripture is taken from II Timothy chapter 1 verse 12 (the King James Version, of course), "...for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."

Sue was raised in a Christian home, attended church with her family while growing up and gave her life to the Lord at an early age. She re-dedicated her life in 1993. She served as secretary for many years at the church she

attended.

Sue began each day by reading from the Book of Psalms. She loved Psalms 91 and made portions of it part of her daily prayer. Another portion of Psalms she cherished was Chapter 25 verses 4 and 5; "Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." And, Psalms chapter 119 verse 176, "...seek thy servant; for I do not forget thy commandments."

Sue always loved to say (and really believed) she was God's favorite. She loved to behold all of God's creation, the sky and the earth with all its possessions, even the "green" grass. One of her favorite things to do was to gaze into the heavens looking for that small cloud on which her Lord would soon return. Sue went to be with the Lord in the "Land of Susan" on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

Sue is survived by:

Sister: Kris Petersen and husband, Mark

Niece: Teena Calotis and husband, Jason of Broken Arrow

Nephew: Chris Petersen and wife, Melissa of Broken Arrow

Kevin Petersen of Broken Arrow

Great-Nieces: Malia Calotis, Rebecca Petersen

Great-Nephews: Kolt Petersen, Christian Jones

Great-Great Nephew: Denver Jones

She was preceded in death by:

Her parents

## Cemetery Details

### Memorial Park Cemetery

5111 S. Memorial Dr.  
Tulsa, OK 74145  
(918) 627-0220  
<http://memorialparktulsa.com>

## Previous Events

### Funeral Service

MAY 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home  
1660 South Elm Place  
Broken Arrow, OK 74012  
(918) 258-9623  
[hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com](mailto:hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nola "Sue" Anderson*

October 23, 2023 at 01:21 AM



“ *Sue was a wonderful person, mentor, and friend. When I first started in the registry Sue stayed on as a volunteer to make sure I was trained, since I had no idea what a registry manager was or did. Sue supported other registries and was a vital member of the Oklahoma Cancer Registrars Association. Her legacy will live on through the other people that she mentored.*



*Danette Clark*

*Sue was a wonderful person and friend. She was always helping everyone around her. She contributed so much to cancer registrars. We will greatly miss her and remember her kindness.*

*Danillie Clark*

Danette and Danillie Clark - May 09, 2023 at 02:19 PM



*“ I invited Sue to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in 2014. She was extremely helpful and with that sincere smile. She told me, “I would be glad to visit with you unconditionally-mentoring is one of my passions.”*

*I will miss her greatly!!*

*Theresa Tiger - 5/9/2023*



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**Theresa Tiger** - May 09, 2023 at 12:35 PM



*“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nola "Sue" Anderson.*



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May 08, 2023 at 04:26 PM



*“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Nola "Sue" Anderson.*



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May 08, 2023 at 11:10 AM



“ *Warmest Remembrance Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Nola "Sue" Anderson.*



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May 04, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Nola "Sue" Anderson.*



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May 04, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Sue was such a dear, sweet lady, and I will miss her friendly face at OCRA gatherings. Sue was a friend and mentor to so many of us, and we are better people for having known her.*

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**Barbara Murray** - May 03, 2023 at 09:08 AM

SW

“ I have known Sue since the late 1990s. I had the honor of working under Sue's management at Saint Francis. Sue was always kind and patient with me and every other registrar she mentored. She was excellent at helping us understand anatomy and the rules of the registry. She was eager to meet new registrars and grow OCRA. She always spoke with warmth and kindness, choosing her words wisely. Sue is someone we could all look up to and aspire to be more like. I will miss Sue dearly. While I am extremely sad, Sue is gone from this earthly world, I am extremely happy that she is now completely healed and rejoicing with Him.

Shelly Ware - May 03, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ Sue was my neighbor and friend for the last 16 years. She always had a smile and a kind word to share, I will really miss her. Rest in Peace sweet Sue.

Rick Ryan - May 03, 2023 at 06:57 AM

CD

“ Sue became my friend in 1993 when she joined the cancer registry and from that moment on we shared a ton of laughs. Every time we got into the car together we put our guardian angels to work keeping us safe. After every OCRA Executive meeting we ate at TEDS our favorite mexican place on earth. I will keep her in my heart til I climb over the gates to meet her again.

Carolyn I Dale - May 02, 2023 at 02:39 PM

AF

“ Sue was such a lovely person. I often called Sue when I had a Cancer Registry question and she was always happy to help. She will be truely missed.

APRIL FOSTER - May 02, 2023 at 01:55 PM

JB

“ I met Sue in 2015 when I started working in Oklahoma as a cancer Registrar . She was a go to person if I had a challenge in the registry. She was always helpful and very friendly. I met on the phone and when we finally met up at a OCRA conference, it was as if we knew each other for years. She had a smile that I would never forget. I am saddened by her death. May her soul rest in peace. Judy



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**Judy Ward Brown** - May 02, 2023 at 01:21 PM

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“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Anderson family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Nola.



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**Hayhurst Funeral Home** - May 02, 2023 at 06:05 AM