



Roy Sue Vandergriff

October 8, 1942 - September 3, 2008

Vandergriff, Roy Sue, of Fenton, Missouri, was born October 8, 1942, in Knoxville, Tennessee, to Nona (nee Clendenen) Barber, and entered into rest, Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at her residence in Fenton, Missouri, at the age of 65 years, 10 months and 25 days.

She is preceded in death by her mother and her step father, Edgar Barber, along with two (2) siblings, Gordon Maples and Wallace Barber.

She is survived by two (2) children, Michael Vandergriff of Fenton, Missouri, and Tracy Kirby, of High Ridge, Missouri, two (2) grandchildren, Kent Kirby and Adam Kirby, two (2) siblings, Ninette Campbell, of Knoxville, Tennessee and Pete Barber of Knoxville, Tennessee, several nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

For those of us who knew her, Roy, was the kindest, sweetest, genuine, most selfless and most sincere person on earth. She has now left us and has become an angel in the house of the Lord. She always said she had a direct line to the Lord; she has now completed her journey and received her rest and reward. We love you Mom and will miss you terribly. May you rest peacefully and know we will be alright. She is fondly remembered and will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

As to Roy Sue's wishes there will not be a formal service held; your thoughts and prayers will be enough. Memorials may be sent to the Humane Society of St. Louis, 1201 Mackland Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63110. Arrangements handled by CHAPEL HILL MORTUARY, 6300 Highway 30, Cedar Hill, MO 63016

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Tribute Wall



“ *Roy Sue Vandergriff*

January 06, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *I love you, Mom. You were everything to me. You were my heart, you were my best friend; I will never be the same without you in my life, and I miss you to a degree no one will ever comprehend but you and I. I know you are now with your Lord, and that you are in JOY--For to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. This will carry me in my memory of you, Mom. I love you.*

Michael

Michael Gordon Vandergriff - October 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Why did my friend have to go...
Nevermind...
I think I know...

*She said her prayers and fell asleep...
I think she knew just who she'd meet...
As I recall not long ago she said just think how it must be...
To meet our Lord would be so neat...
She sent a sign from up above...
My soul is with the Lord now my love...
I sit, I cry, I weep and weep...
Oh Lord thank you for taking this special Angel while she sleep...
Her work on earth must have been done...
She's with her Lord and knowing her she's having fun...
As the sun comes up and I start my day I seem to remember
something else she would say...
"Hold your head up high, don't be afraid, just remember to praise
the Lord each and everyday...*

*With Love,
MaryAnn*

MaryAnn Mazzuca - September 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Please accept my thoughts and prayers for your family on the death of Roy. She was a wonderful person - full of life and always optimistic. She brought hope and practical solutions to so many of the clients (and staff) that she worked with at ECS. Roy was also a good friend to me over many years, and I have missed her since she moved back to Missouri. I know this is a sad time for you, but know that your mother had many friends and was greatly loved. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. All the best, Amanda May

Rev. Amanda May - September 14, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Hi Michael & Tracy Lynn,

My thoughts and prayers are with you both in the loss of your Mom. She was a beautiful person and I am so thankful I had talked to her several times in the past couple of years. I loved her much and will miss her and especially her humor.

*Love to you both. Your cousin,
Michelle*

Michelle Long - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ We are very sorry that Roy Sue has passed on. My wife, Jane, and send you our regrets. To Jane & I Roy Sue was always upbeat and lots of fun. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

May God grant you rest, Roy Sue.

Dick & Jane

Richard "Dick" Eason - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ My deepest sympathy to Tracy and Michael and Family. I worked with Roy Sue for a long time at St Mary's she was a good boss. I loved her spirit and kind heart. She was always open for you to talk. I know you will be missed greatly.

Blessings in the Lord

Always

Ruthann Dunn

Ruthann Dunn - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Mike and Tracy,

Your mom and I became friends in the 1950's. I was in her wedding to your dad and she was in mine. We had so many fun and crazy times trying to grow up. She practically lived at my house when we were in high school. We grew apart as she moved away from Knoxville, but we did keep in touch a few times a year. I know you miss her greatly. Hopefully, there is comfort knowing that others loved and also will miss her.

Mike and Tracy, you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Sandie Lawson - September 09, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KO

“ *Your mom was a very special and compassionate lady. She loved her work of helping those less fortunate. She had a passion for helping all people with mental problems and drug addictions. She will be missed by the many lives she touched and helped to heal.*
Sincerely,
Kathy Owens

Kathy Owens - September 08, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ I went from Fair Garden Elementary School through 12th grade with your mom. We lived close together and visited in each other's homes to play, talk, etc., when we were in grammar school and at Park Junior. I was one of Gordon's "girlfriends" during those years. And that was an honor for me! Your mom and I remained friends throughout our school years and it was always so great to see her at our East High School Class of 1960 reunions. She was so pretty and remained so young looking. I envied her for that! From the sweet words in her obituary, I can tell as her children that you loved her and I know that must have been a great joy to her. May God bless you as you work through this time in your lives.

Pam Dalton Greene - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Roy has not only touched me and my family but has touched the lives of more than 30 foster children that have been in my home. Roy was a true friend to me and faithfully supported my desire to be a foster mother. Roy would always come in to cover my shift so that I could leave for a child placement, a child's doctor visit, etc. Roy is lovingly referred to as "The Roy" in my household. One day when my daughter was three and was upset at me she told me she wanted to call "The Roy". Even children knew the love and compassion that Roy had in her heart. May Roy's family know that she will never be forgotten by me and my family.

Julie Tipton - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Roy -

I remember the first time I met you and thought what a spit fire that lady is - I was right! Your spirit and enthusiasm was contagious! I hope that you are in the most beautiful place your mind could imagine and that you rest there forever. I will miss you my friend.

*With love and sympathies,
Sue Begin*

Sue Begin - September 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NT

“ *I loved Roy like a sister , I miss her light in my life. I have so many good memories of her. She had such a good sense of humor. She always kept me laughing. She was one of the most genuine, caring, giving, supporting , honest, thoughtful people I’ve had the pleasure to know. She kept me going and lifted me up many times when life was tough. She will always be in my thoughts and my heart. Thank you God for allowing Roy to be in my life.*

Nancy J. Taylor - September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FH

“ *You all don't know me but as you requested prayer will be lifted up for your family during this time. I was reading the Knoxville paper and saw the obit. Roy Sue, Gordon and I played on the playground at Fair Garden School as children. They lived on Ivy (I think) and my family lived on Catalpa Ave. Our play time was probably more than 50 years ago as we travel to Knoxville this next week for our 50th high school reunion. God bless you in your loss.*

Freida (Brown) Haun

Freida Haun - September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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KP

“ Michael and Tracy,
Thank you so much for informing us of your Mothers death. We were the best of friends for so many years while your family lived in South Carolina and your Mother worked at County Hospital. This friendship was everlasting and will always be in our thoughts. Your Mother loved you so much. Stand strong, be strong. Your friends in Charleston, South Carolina. ROY, WE LOVE YOU!

Ken Dangerfield and Barbara Parker - September 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM