



Emma "Sue" Ratekin

June 2, 1943 - November 13, 2024

Emma "Sue" Ratekin, 81, of Indianapolis, passed away November 13, 2024. She was born June 2, 1943 in Bedford, Kentucky to the late Joseph and Rachel (Jackson) Arnett. Sue was raised on a farm and was a graduate of Trimble County High School. After moving to Indianapolis, Sue was employed with Bell South which was later Lucent Technologies. Sue met Bob Starnes at a singles dance and for the last 35 years they have spent every possible moment together. She loved traveling to the Caribbean, Hawaii and Lake Tahoe, dancing on Friday evenings, reading and doing crossword puzzles. She had a funny sense of humor. Sue was also very close to Bob's three daughters, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, and she loved attending their sporting and musical events.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 21, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street, with a funeral service at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will also be held Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 12 noon until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Lytle-Welty Funeral Home, 117 Holt Drive, Madison, IN 47250. Burial will follow at Moffett Cemetery, Milton, KY.

Sue is survived by her devoted life partner, Bob Starnes; children, Tammy Beaver Clemons and Troy (Karen) Lovins, Sr.; brothers, Kenny (Barb) Arnett and Dennis (Carolyn) Arnett; sisters, Ida Arnett and Sandra (Jack) Follis; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

Moffett Cemetery

Milton, KY 40045

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 21. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

NOV 21. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

NOV **23**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Lytle-Welty Funeral Home Vail Chapel
117 Holt Drive
Madison, IN 47250

Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Sue was a beautiful person inside and out. She welcomed me into Western Electric Ladies. We had fun going to concerts, horse races and casinos. We all had many adventures filled withlaughter. Sue will be missed. My Kentucky Wildcats buddy. Love you Sue RIP 🙏
❤️🙏❤️ My thoughts and prayers go to the family. Debbie Pouch

DEBORAH L Pouch - November 20, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Emma "Sue" Ratekin.

November 19, 2024 at 04:08 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Emma "Sue" Ratekin.



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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Emma "Sue" Ratekin.



November 19, 2024 at 01:34 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Emma "Sue" Ratekin.*



November 18, 2024 at 09:58 PM