



Mary Sue Cannon

May 26, 1936 - July 30, 2016

A wonderful and loving soul stepped from this world into eternal life on July 30, 2016. Mary Sue Cannon escaped the clutches of cancer and died peacefully at home surrounded by those she loved and those who loved her. Born in Walnut Ridge, AR on May 26, 1936, she spent thirty years as an employee of Amerock Corporation in Rockford, Illinois. Mary Sue spent time with her friends and family, raising her five children and doting on her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was dedicated to her family and friends and enjoyed helping others, reading any book she could find and would never have turned down an offer to go shopping. In her retirement years she found great joy and satisfaction in being an extraordinary mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She said "I love you" every time she hung up the phone or said goodbye to one of them. Her family is sure she would want them to continue to say that to each other. Often.

Survived by her children, Kimberly (John) Firestone of Tulsa, OK, Robert (Brenda) Owens of Cabot, AR, David (Colleen) Owens of Grass Valley, CA and Jason (Jennifer) Cannon of Rockton, IL; siblings, her sisters, Sharon Booker, Kathy Smith and brother, Lee (Penny) Harbison; grandchildren, Amanda, Alex, Olivia, Sheila, Christine, April, Kaitlyn, Emily, Mike, Jordan and Victoria; great-grandchildren, Chloe, Murphy and Shelby; as well as several nieces and nephews who have many joyful memories of her presence in their lives. She was preceded in death by her son, Scott Owens as well as her

parents, Lehman and Ruby Harbison, her step mother Lavicia Harbison and her brother, Gary Harbison. Mary Sue's life was a sweet blessing to those who knew her. Our loss is most definitely heaven's gain. A special thanks to her granddaughter and namesake, Mary Amanda, for spending several months providing care for her during her illness....and especially for brightening her days. Thanks too, to her caregiver, Keisha and to the chaplain and staff of Heartland Hospice, who provided expertise, support and compassion which led Mary Sue to find peace in her final days. Celebration of her life will be on Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at The Terrace Apartments Community Room, 2321 Halsted Road, Rockford, Illinois 61103. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. Share a memory or condolence at www.graceFH.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 6. 1:00 PM (CT)

The Terrace Apartments Community Room
2321 Halstead Road
Rockford, IL 61103

Tribute Wall



“ Grace Funeral & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Sue Cannon



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - August 06, 2016 at 09:58 AM



“ My fondest patient.
michaelscheer430@gmail.com

michael scher - December 13, 2021 at 02:04 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to all of you. We knew Mary Sue and her family by way of my husband's grandparents (Cleo and Gladys Endsley) who were friends of Mary Sue's father and stepmother. Mary Sue has always been a great friend to the Endsley family and we know she will be missed by many. Although we couldn't attend the memorial service today, please know that our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Love, Tony & Pam Russell

Anthony Russell - August 06, 2016 at 01:41 PM

BR

“ Kim, Bob, and David I am so very sorry for your loss. I was just thinking about all of you last week wondering where everybody was at now. No more fighting no more pain, your mother is now in Gods hands. May God help you all in this time of sorrow Bryan S. Rose

Bryan Rose - August 06, 2016 at 06:16 AM

GW

“ GEO Specialty Chemicals WTC purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary Sue Cannon.



GEO Specialty Chemicals WTC - August 05, 2016 at 03:06 PM

BP

“ I worked with Mary Sue and her Brother Lee many years ago at Amerock. I remember her as a very special person and so fun to be around. My deepest sympathy to her Family and Friends.

Beverly Peter - August 04, 2016 at 02:16 PM

GM

“ Sorry for the loss of Mary Sue. I knew her through her sister and thought she was a cool person. Very happy and jolly. My deepest condolences and prayers to all the family and friends of Mary Sue. May she rest in peace and be in God's hands.

Gloria Martelin

Gloria Martelin - August 04, 2016 at 09:21 AM



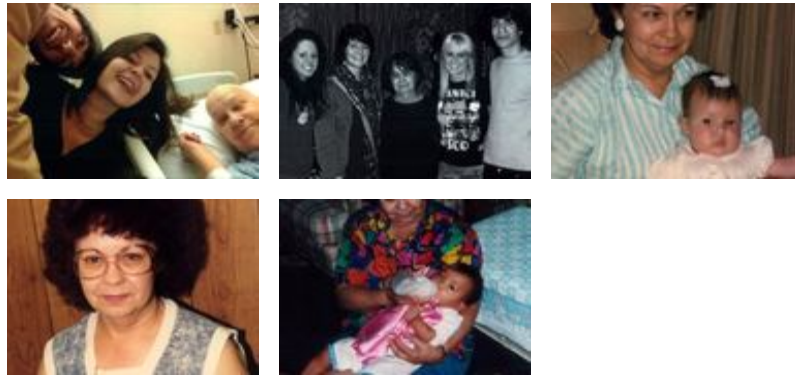
“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Cannon.



August 03, 2016 at 07:35 PM



“ 94 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Grace Funeral & Cremation Services - August 03, 2016 at 04:17 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Cannon.



August 03, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Cannon.*



August 03, 2016 at 11:57 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Cannon.*



August 03, 2016 at 11:35 AM



“ *Majestic Heart was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Cannon.*



August 03, 2016 at 11:34 AM



“ *Pat, Katlynn, Kendra and Jessica purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Mary Sue Cannon.*



Pat, Katlynn, Kendra and Jessica - August 02, 2016 at 04:13 PM

PC

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Mary Sue through her granddaughter. She was an exceptional lady. I enjoyed getting rowdy with her at the roller derby games. She will be missed by everyone that had the pleasure to meet and know her. Her life has touched many. My thoughts and prayers are with her family as they grieve this remarkable woman and remember the great times they spent with her.

Pat Colledge

Pat Colledge - August 02, 2016 at 03:04 PM

TP

“ SO SORRY FOR THE FAMILY OF MARY SUE SHE WAS ALWAYS A BEAUTIFUL LADY & MY 1ST COUSIN DIDN'T GET TO SEE HER VERY MUCH BUT I LOVED HER & I KNOW SHE'S SO MUCH BETTER OFF THAN WE ARE SHE'S IN NO PAIN & HAS NO WORRIES..RIP MARY SUE...

TOMMIE PIERCE - August 01, 2016 at 07:37 PM

SG

“ I recently got to meet and spend a little time with Mary and I considered her my friend. Condolences to the loving family and good friends of this wonderful person.



Stephen Gantz - August 01, 2016 at 03:54 PM

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Stephen Gantz - August 01, 2016 at 03:52 PM