



## Mary Nell Sullivan

July 1, 1945 - May 1, 2024

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven

Mary Nell Sullivan, 78, passed away peacefully at her home in Southaven, MS, surrounded by her loving family, on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. All funeral services will be private. Interment will be at DeSoto Memorial Gardens.

Coleman Funeral Home of Southaven (626 Star Landing Road East, Southaven, MS 38672) is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Nell was born to the late Paul Evans Neal and Mary Louise (McCleskey) Neal, in Houston, MS, with an amazingly loving and nurturing spirit. She loved fiercely - her family, animals, nature, flowers, church socials, and Ole Miss Football.

She met her husband and lifelong companion, O.D., in Chickasaw County, MS, where they became high school sweethearts. The two married in 1964, after attending college, and began their lives together, cultivating a close and loving family. After the birth of her first daughter, Mary Nell became a homemaker. Always deeply committed to and involved in her family's life, she was the person whom her daughters could always depend upon. Mary Nell would always answer the phone and be there for her family, anytime day or night. (Except when Ole Miss was playing football!)

Mary Nell truly shined once she became a grandparent. Lovingly known as “Buddy” by her precious grandchildren, Sam and Gracie, were her number one priority. She was a steadfast attendant at all of their baseball and football games, theater productions, and rodeo events.

A faithful woman of God, Mrs. Sullivan has been a member of Southaven First Methodist Church since 1966. She was well known to all her fellow members as a social butterfly. She had such a welcoming presence that everyone felt comfortable in her company. Mary Nell will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Mary Nell leaves behind her loving husband, of sixty years, O.D. Sullivan of Southaven, MS; her beloved daughters, Suzy (Mark) Moore and Sandra (Jason) Suggs both of Independence, MS; and her grandchildren, Sam and Gracie Suggs of Independence; and sister, Nina Scott of Chesapeake, Virginia, to cherish her memory.

Expressions of condolences may be left on her Tribute Wall at [www.colemanfuneralhome.com](http://www.colemanfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Desoto Memorial Gardens**

630 Star Landing Rd E  
Southaven, MS 38672

# Tribute Wall

AJ

“ Angie Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mary Nell Sullivan



Angie Jackson - May 07, 2024 at 07:09 PM

AJ

“ I always looked forward to Mrs Mary Nell's hugs every Sunday morning while greeting her at the door. We love you and you and your great hugs will be forever missed 💕  
Angie Jackson

Angie Jackson - May 07, 2024 at 07:08 PM

JW

“ Oh my so many memories so many laughs. We lived in the boarding house at 1162 Peabody. We became fast friends as did OD and Jimmy. Our sympathy to all of y'all. Jimmy and Carol Willis

jimmy and Carol Willis - May 07, 2024 at 07:04 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Nell Sullivan.



May 04, 2024 at 06:43 PM

LB

“ We were saddened to hear about Mary Nell passing. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Sally & Lamar Beaty

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**Lamar Beaty** - May 04, 2024 at 04:17 PM

CH

“ Christy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Nell Sullivan.



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**Christy** - May 03, 2024 at 01:48 PM