



## Mary Sue Douglass

January 31, 1951 - February 26, 2024

Mary Sue (MS) Douglass, 73 of Ocala, FL, passed away on February 26th, 2024. Mary Sue was born in Orlando Florida to Dr. Frank Lawton Douglass and Virginia Reid Douglass on January 31st, 1951. She went to Umatilla High School in Umatilla Florida and graduated in 1969. She went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree from Florida State University. She worked as an English/Language Arts teacher in Marion County for over thirty years and finally retired after touching the lives of over a thousand young students. She enjoyed the beach, reading, music, art, growing plants, shopping, and her latest hobby, thrifting. If you knew Mary Sue, you know that everything is better in Italy or from Italy and that anytime the Florida State Seminoles were playing whether it be football, basketball, baseball, etc...she was wearing her FSU gear and cheering on her beloved Noles. Mary Sue had a spark about her, that you couldn't deny. She turned heads when she walked into a room with her striking looks and unique sense of style and fashion. She never met a stranger, was full of life, always up for a good time, and forever ready for the next adventure. She had a way of making everyone she met feel special and everything she touched beautiful. Her smile and laugh could light up a room. She is quite simply - unforgettable. She is survived by her daughter Victoria L. Barkley and son-in-law Richard J. Barkley of Ocala; grandchildren Jarrod T. Barkley and Lauryn O. Barkley of Ocala; great-granddaughter Haydin Barkley of Ocala; life partner Richie Feldman of Orlando, FL; sister Virginia Hope Simons and brother-in-law Robert L. Simons of Summerville, SC; nephew

David Simons, and nieces Leslie Salkheld, Maggie Jean Hilderbrand, Danita Jackson, and Amanda Grover. She is preceded in death by her father, Dr. Frank Lawton Douglass, mother Virginia Douglass Lasswell, brother Frank Lawton Douglass, Jr, and grandson Carter Brayden Barkley. Funeral Services will be held at Roberts Funeral Home, West Chapel on March 9th, 2024. Family gathering starts at 1:30 Friends and Family gathering starts at 2:00 Service starts at 3:00 Reception to follow at Barkley Residence 8687 SW 34th Place Ocala, FL 34481 Memorial Donations may be made to the Sea Turtle Conservancy at [conserveturtles.org](http://conserveturtles.org).

# Previous Events

## Family Gathering

MAR 9. 1:30 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel  
6241 SW State Rd 200  
Ocala, FL 34476  
(352) 537-8111  
<http://www.robertsfunerals.com>

## Friends and Family

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel  
6241 SW State Rd 200  
Ocala, FL 34476  
(352) 537-8111  
<http://www.robertsfunerals.com>

## Service

MAR 9. 3:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala West Chapel  
6241 SW State Rd 200  
Ocala, FL 34476  
(352) 537-8111  
<http://www.robertsfunerals.com>

## Funeral Service

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MAR 9.

Roberts Funeral Home

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Dian Wright lit a candle in memory of Mary Sue Douglass



Dian Wright - March 07, 2024 at 12:13 PM

DW

“ Dian & Mike Wright purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Sue Douglass.



Dian & Mike Wright - March 07, 2024 at 12:04 PM

TP

“ The Pin Pricks purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mary Sue Douglass.



The Pin Pricks - March 06, 2024 at 07:23 PM

TP

“ The Pin Pricks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Sue Douglass.

The Pin Pricks - March 06, 2024 at 07:23 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Douglass.*



March 04, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Love, Julie (Rizer) & Joe Daly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Sue Douglass.*

**Love, Julie (Rizer) & Joe Daly** - March 04, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ *Lois Passori purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Sue Douglass.*



**Lois Passori** - March 04, 2024 at 10:02 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Douglass.*



March 01, 2024 at 11:31 PM

KR

“ I had the honor of teaching with Mary Sue for many years at FKMS. Mary Sue was one of our FKMS OGs. She was, of course, smart, knowledgeable, and professional, but it was her personality and character that made her so special to all. Mary Sue had a wonderful sense of humor, and she made the world of all of us a more fun place to be! She lived by a code of loyalty, honesty, and acceptance. These qualities not only positively impacted the lives of her students but also the lives of her colleagues and friends. Thank you, Mary Sue! Our world has been made a better place because of you! My thoughts and prayers to Mary Sue’s family and friends.

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**Kathy Richardson** - March 01, 2024 at 10:15 PM

AS

“ She was an amazing teacher and will be missed dearly.

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**Ashlee** - March 01, 2024 at 09:58 PM

KP

“ Mary Sue was a vibrant lady. I treasure the memories of her visit on the 4th of July to-my home in Marietta, GA. with her cousin, Constance Douglass Pinner& attending our annual parade. She was full of life & joy!Mary Sue will be missed by so many. Condolences to her family & friends.

*Karen Cross Pinner*

*Marietta, GA*

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**karen pinner** - March 01, 2024 at 06:58 PM