



## Sueann Nora Downs

April 4, 1945 - March 11, 2024

Sueann Nora Miller Downs passed on March 11th 2024 peacefully at home with her family by her side. Mom was born on April 4th 1945 in Prince Frederick, Maryland. She lived in Chesapeake Beach until she got married and moved to Spain. Eventually the family moved to Alva, Florida in 1971 and she has remained in Florida ever since.

Sueann was known as “Momma Sue,” “Aunt Sue,” “Grandma” and “The Cat Lady” (NOT “The Crazy Cat Lady”). Mom always woke up at 3 A.M. to feed the feral cats. Sueann loved to run the roads and look for mischief with her best friend, Dottie Smith. Her poker ladies had a Friday ritual of cards and food. Mom was happiest when she was taking care of her loved ones and animals. She always took care of the cousins and neighborhood children.

Grandma was an excellent cook, known for her fried chicken and creating wonderful dinners with whatever was on hand. My mother was the strongest person I have ever known. She protected us with such love and devotion that we can only aspire to have one day.

Mamma Sue’s passing has left a hole in many people’s lives. With time we hope her memory and strong spirit will allow us to heal. You will always be with us, we love you mom.

She was preceded by her parents, Edgar Miller and Ida May Ayers, her siblings Edgar Raymond, Leroy Howard, Howard Orlando, Ayers John Eugene, Cora B. Dayside, Marian A. Miller, Ida E. Vezina, and Eugenia L. Renke, as well as her beloved dog Buddy and cat Rocky.

She is survived by her children, Tammi Downs and Troy Downs, her grandchildren Nicholas Lohr, Dakota Downs, Dixie Downs, her sister Florence E. Chaney, her sister-in-law Cynthia Wermuth, her acting son-in-law Dan Vreeland and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Her cats Patches and Jenny will miss her dearly.

# Tribute Wall

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gene gill - March 15, 2024 at 09:40 PM

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gene gill - March 15, 2024 at 09:31 PM

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“ *When I think of Aunt Sue I think funny, witty, and always smiling. The first car I ever hit was her car and she just laughed it right off. She was so joyous to be around it was infectious. I am very grateful to have lived near her briefly as a teen, grateful to have had the time to create many memories that I look upon fondly. Buddy will be so happy to have her lap once more.*

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Cyndi Gill - March 14, 2024 at 08:46 PM

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“ I have too many memories to count ! My mother was a force to be reckoned with. One of my funniest memories is when my dad's wife made me cry so my mom called them every hour on the hour so they couldn't sleep 😭 You did not want to mess with mom's family ! We never spent any real time apart and I don't know how to exist without her. ❤️

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**Tammi Downs** - March 14, 2024 at 08:38 PM

  
Cynthia  
Smith

“ Oh my gosh so many fun and sweet childhood memories included her! I can still hear her laugh in my head and she was always smiling. Her patience with all of us kids running around and she never seemed to mind the chaos. She took her two kids and my sister and me to a thrift store to get matching outfits for our singing group -the Star Lites! And she would trade us kids a shoulder massage for her and happy meals for us at McDonalds. We love and miss you Aunt Sue. May you have eternal neck rubs in heaven ❤️

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**Cynthia Smith** - March 14, 2024 at 03:54 PM

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“ My childhood memories always include Aunt Sue. Baking and selling cookies, the Star-Lites, her taking us to the pool and beach, and her trying to teach me to drive a stick at Edison Mall! I'm so glad she was a part of our lives.

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**Trice** - March 14, 2024 at 11:16 AM

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“ *Bill and I are making a donation to our local animal rescue, in her honor. She has loaded up our car many times for us to deliver so many pillows and blankets and rugs to them, for the comfort of the rescued dogs and cats that she cared so much about.*

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**Cindy** - March 14, 2024 at 10:39 AM