



Jenny Flowers Strother

June 20, 1944 - July 5, 2019

Jenny Flowers Strother was a force of nature. The daughter of George Howard and Francis Flowers, Jenny was born on June 20, 1944. During her childhood, she lived in Covington, TN or on farms in the immediate vicinity. She cherished these days. By her teenage years, the Flowers' family had moved into Covington. Jenny attended Byar's Hall and St. Catherine's School in Richmond, VA where "Jenna Lee" made friends that lasted a lifetime. Jen treasured these years and was particularly fond of summer days on the river skiing and participating in the Cotton Carnival representing the family cotton company. After high school, Jenny attended UT in Knoxville but after a severe automobile accident she transferred to Memphis State and UT Memphis where she earned a master's degree in social work.

During college, Jen worked part time at her brother's cotton office, and she was always proud of her family connection to the cotton business. Jen was extremely generous, somewhat mercurial, but always willing to help anyone or anything in need. Consistent with her desire to assist the needy, Jenny worked as a social worker at City of Memphis Hospital and Mid South Hospital. During these years she enjoyed socializing in Overton Square, and her love for Midtown continued throughout her life.

However, unquestionably her true occupation was mother, stepmother, wife, grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. She was a proud St. Luke's School and White Station High School parent where she again made friends for life. Jen, affectionately referred to as Cuffy and Jenna Lee, never met a child or a dog she didn't love. Jen was extremely proud of her southern roots. She loved gardening, dog-loving, child-spoiling, crafts, and genealogy. She was a collector of photographs, though she is featured in very few because she was usually taking them.

Jen was predeceased by both her parents and her brother, George Howard Flowers III. She is survived by her husband Don, son Emory Strother (Katie), stepdaughter Christine Matseas, six grandchildren (Everley, Christopher, Laurel, Eli, Davis, and Jude), two great-grandchildren (Collier and Margot), her sisters, Barbara McBride and Francis Fowlkes, and many more nieces and nephews than can be counted.

In spite of a fused neck, more hip and knee replacements than can be counted, and a myriad of health issues, Jen never lost her zest for life. This is best exemplified by her

celebration of her 75th birthday just two weeks ago, when she closed down the casinos -- outlasting her husband and son -- fished until the early morning light, and introduced her grandchildren to Café Du Monde and Bourbon Street in New Orleans.

We will miss you Jen, Cuffy, Jenna Lee.

Visitation will be 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 12th at Canale Funeral Directors with a memorial service to follow at 2:00 p.m.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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2700 Union Avenue Extended, Memphis, TN, US, 38112

JUL **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ Ever Upward Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jenny Flowers Strother.



July 12 at 09:54 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Jenny Flowers Strother.



July 11 at 06:10 PM



“ Jenny was my husband, Jim Matthews, first cousin. They were about the same age and grew up playing together at family gatherings. Jenny was so much fun to be with, always with a story to tell and so kind and generous to our children and grandchildren. Always full of stories about her own family and how much she enjoyed being with them. Just a month ago, she sent me a message saying she hoped to come to Columbia for another visit and do more research on her mother's family from Lynville, TN in Giles County, a town not far from Columbia. She was a delightful person and I will miss her. Sharon Matthews

Sharon Matthews - July 11 at 04:32 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jenny Flowers Strother.



July 11 at 11:24 AM



“ As a child, Jenny Lee as one of my closest neighbors in the Keeling community. In recent years, Jenny Lee showed me a picture taken at her 5th birthday party. I was in the pic, along with lots of other kids our age from the Mason area.

I will definitely miss seeing Jenny Lee at school reunions with June Rose. They were always together, and we had a great time talking about "the old days".

Glenn Maclin

Glenn Maclin - July 09 at 02:11 PM