



Mrs. Susan "Sunny" Caldwell Zeese Obituary

July 19, 1947 - January 9, 2013

Susan "Sunny" Caldwell Zeese, 65, of Albany, died Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at Phoebe North Hospital.

Her funeral service will be Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 11 AM at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Rev. James Bullion, the Rev. Joy Davis, and the Rev. Jim Purks will officiate. Mrs. Zeese's remains will be cremated following the service, and her cremated remains will be buried in Royston, GA at a later date.

Mrs. Zeese was born in Royston, GA and she graduated from Franklin County High School in 1965. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia, and went to art school in Mexico City. Mrs. Zeese moved to Albany in 1972. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and was a member of the Cursillo #105 Group.

Mrs. Zeese is survived by her husband: Gordon Robert Zeese, Albany; her son: Maj. Robert Conwell Zeese, USAF and his wife Rebecca, Oklahoma City, OK; her daughter: Mary Stewart Peden and her husband Benjamin, Atlanta, GA; her grandchildren: Krisztiana Marie Zeese, Annalie Mary-Stewart Zeese, Peter Thomas Zeese, McVey Francis Peden, William Zeese Peden; her brothers: Stewart Wesley Caldwell and his wife Ann, Marietta, GA, Allen Tribble Caldwell, Jr. and his wife Jennie, Greenville, SC; her sister: Delina Jane Clements, Valdosta, GA; her sister-in-law: Lyn Moen and her husband Don, Great Falls, VA; her many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

The family will receive friends at Kimbrell-Stern on Friday, January 11, 2013 from 6-7:30 PM.

Those desiring may send memorials to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 212 N. Jefferson St., Albany, GA 31701.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

JAN 12. 11:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
212 N. Jefferson
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Susan "Sunny" Caldwell Zeese Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mrs. Susan "Sunny" Caldwell Zeese Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I remember Sonny all the way back to Law Dames at UGA in the early 1970's. She lived her life in full Technicolor, in stereo at full volume and with a unique personal style. She was never satisfied with anything less than each person's best efforts. We had our first children at the same time, and when Robert was in my Latin class, there was no doubt that he was the apple of her eye.*

She was unstintingly generous with her time even when receiving little if any public recognition. I remember her expertise in helping prepare Sarah Philips, Miss JCL, for the 1996 Miss Westover pageant. Sarah won.

I remember talking with Sonny about her own mother's death. It was a lesson for me in how to respond to the grieving in a more compassionate way, and helped me years later as I made peace with the deaths of my own parents.

If there are pageants or galas or grand occasions in Heaven, I'm sure Sonny is in charge or at the least, she's directing the backstage, applying make-up and giving pep-talks to all involved. She will be missed!

Edith (Black) Johnson - Austin, TX - friend - April 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *To Gordon and Family:
Please accept my sympathy on your loss. Susan was a dear person, having known her all her life.
You will miss her deeply, but just think of all those precious memories.*

Robert L. Turner - Atlanta, , GA - A Dear Friend - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Dear Gordon & Kids:*

Please accept my deepest sympathies for the loss of your loved one. I met Sunny several times, usually with Gordon, and from that contact my impression is that the nickname suited her perfectly. Loss by death is never easy, because you always want that person to be around to laugh with, to cry with, to fuss with and to fuss over, to tell bad jokes to , to watch football with, or to just hang out with. I trust that during this time of bereavment, your love for and memories of Sunny will sustain you and help to ease the pain of her loss.

God bless.

Johnnie Graham

Johnnie Graham - Albany, GA - friend - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ To the Zeese Family,

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Sunny was just that: a ray of sunshine that commanded the attention of everyone when she entered the room. She will be missed by many. May your many fond memories provide comfort to you now and in the coming days.

Nyota Tucker

Nyota Tucker - Albany, GA - Friend - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Judge Zeese and family, please accept on behalf of myself and my staff, condolences for Sunny's passing.

*Natalie R. Kelly, Director
Law Practice Management Program
State Bar of Georgia*

Natalie Kelly - Atlanta, GA - State Bar Business Contact - January 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Gordon, I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Sunny. My thoughts are with you, Robert, Mary Stewart and your entire family at this tragic time. My memories of the many days I spent with Sunny while little Chelsea and Robert played together are as fresh in my mind as if those days were just a few years ago. Spending time with you and Sunny was always joyful and full of laughter and I cherish those memories. My heart goes out to you all.

Sherry (Kogon) Meeks

Sherry Meeks - Atlanta, GA - January 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Gordon, we were so very sorry to hear of Sunny's death. We were privileged to see you both recently at ultreya and it was great to be with friends. I am so sorry, know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are in Fl. but got the news down here. We will be in touch when we are back in Ga. Much Love, Jackie & Tom

jackie Driggers - mexico beach, FL - friend - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Judge Zeese and family,
I am saddened to hear of your loss and recall our visits during the State Bar meetings. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

Anne Bishop

Anne Marie Bishop - Gainesville, GA - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ We just heard of Sunny's demise, please accept our condolences, and know we thoght a great deal of her. She was a good friend, and always a pleasure to know. If Liz and I can do anything for you, just give us a call, Gil is usually in Albany working at the distillery about half the time.

Gilbert and Elizabeth Klemann - Augusta-Albany - former physician, friend -
January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Judge Zeese,

I just learned of your loss. I am so sorry. Our prayers are with you and your family.

Jeff Helms - Homerville, GA - Professional Colleague - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

D1

“ Gordon I am so sorry to hear about "Sunny". My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Dianne Tedder - Cumming, GA - Class Mate of Gordon's - 1965 - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Judge Zeese, was very saddened to see passing of Sunny in the paper yesterday. I enjoyed so much her pop in visits when she was at the Albany Towers. She was such a bubbly person. My heart goes out to you and your family at this time. Duane Harrell

Duane Harrell - Albany, GA - friend - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *"My soul is full of whispered song;
My blindness is my sight;
The shadows that I feared so long
Are all alive with light."*
-Alice Carey

You will be in our thoughts and prayers...

The O'Brien Family - Atlanta, GA - Family Friends - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Robert and the Zeese family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I remember Sunny from growing up as kid, and she is one of those special mothers I remember so many years later. She was a funny, sweet, and incredibly sensible mom who I know made a huge difference for her kids and their friends. We'll say a prayer for you guys and for that wonderful lady. -Wayne

Wayne Chambless - New York , NY - Friend - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ I will always remember Susan as a wonderful southern lady who loved her family. She really did light up the room and will be missed by us all.

She taught us to go after what we want, southern lady style...with good manners and respect for others. She didn't take things lying down, she kept on going and would impress everyone with her talents.

My heart goes out to Gordon and his family and to all of the Caldwell family, especially to Delina, Rena and Alexa.

Love to all.

Cathryn

Cathryn Watson - Saint Simons Island, GA - Half sister of Delina's children -
January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ To a great friend whose stories have enhanced our lives. Sure hope you wrote a book about growing up in Royston. We will miss you greatly. Our deepest sympathy to Gordon and all the family. May God Bless. Tony and Karen Murray

Karen and Tony Murray - Gainesville, GA - Friends - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Your precious family is in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Peace

Susan Dallas - Albany, GA - January 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM