



## Mrs. Sara Lou McWilliams Tirey

January 16, 1933 - April 13, 2023

Chattanooga, TN - Mrs. Sara Lou McWilliams Tirey, 90, of Chattanooga, peacefully passed away on April 13, 2023.

She loved children and taught elementary school in Alabama, Georgia, and Tennessee. Boyd Buchanan School in Chattanooga is where she taught for the last 23 years of her career. Lou will be remembered for her humor, thoughtfulness, and her positive influence on all of her students.

Lou was from Cherokee, Alabama and graduated from Cherokee Vocational High School, University of North Alabama, and Auburn University. Her faith was strong and she was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ. She has been a member of Clear Creek Church of Christ for many years.

Lou was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years: Jackson Ellis Tirey; her daughter: Donna Kay Tirey Commers; her parents: Cora and William McWilliams; sisters: Helen Neff, Evelyn Jones, Dorothy Todd; and brothers: Jimmy, Jack, and John McWilliams. She is survived by her sister: Marilyn (Loren) Honn; her sons: Kenneth (Daphne) and Gregory; a son-in-law: Timothy Commers; her grandchildren: Joshua, Kaleb, and Nathan (Emily Ann); and a great-grandson: Jackson Commers.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Palmetto Cremation Service of Pickens, SC. at [www.palmettocremationservice.com](http://www.palmettocremationservice.com).

# Tribute Wall

JT

“*Lou was a great and loving neighbor. She will be missed.*  
*Betty Jo & Janelle Thompson*”



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**Janelle Thompson** - April 17, 2023 at 05:43 PM

MF

“*Im so sorry for your loss.I'll always have fond memories of her when she visited Dottie*”

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**Melodie Fields** - April 17, 2023 at 04:40 PM

JH

“*A kind, humble, loving and gracious woman. She raised a kind loving and gracious family.*”

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**Janet L. Hamel** - April 16, 2023 at 09:05 AM

JH

“*Janet L. Hamel lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Sara Lou McWilliams Tirey*”



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**Janet L. Hamel** - April 16, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Sara Lou McWilliams Tirey.*



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April 15, 2023 at 04:30 PM



“ *Such a beautiful lady. Still remember Christmas brunch shared with her. Such a gentle, kind spirit. Praying for the family to be wrapped in peace only God can give during this loss that forever leaves a hole. Diane*

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**Diane** - April 14, 2023 at 09:43 PM



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April 14, 2023 at 03:10 PM

RJ

“ Hello Greg, Ken and family. I am Randy Jones (Evelyn's oldest son). We are so sorry to hear of Aunt Lou passing. She was such a sweet lady. All of my memories of her are very fond ones. I haven't seen or talked to her for years and years (I am sorry for that), but I have thought of her and Uncle Elis often as I remember the old family home up on the bluff and all of the holidays and weddings and get togethers that were held up there when I was young. Your sweet mom is in my memory in most of those occasions. I know that you will miss her greatly. Her sweet disposition and smile were endearing to all that knew her. Once again, so sorry for your loss. My prayers are for your family.

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**Randy Jones** - April 14, 2023 at 11:33 AM