



## Mrs. Norma Sue Ray Morse

August 1, 1935 - October 29, 2018

Funeral services for Mrs. Norma Sue Ray Morse, 83, will be held at 12:00 noon on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 at the Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Ken Hughes will officiate and the family will receive friends following the service.

Mrs. Morse, widow of David P. Morse, died peacefully on Monday, October 29th, 2018. Born in Paintsville, Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late Virgil Ray and Garnet Cline Ray.

Surviving are her sister, Betty Ray McCoy of West Columbia, SC; daughter, Denise Morse Peterson (Bart) of Duluth, GA; grandchildren, Sara Peterson, Richard Carignan, Kyle Peterson; special niece, Marilyn Rollings (Larry) of Hartsville, SC; nephew, Charles Stepp (Roberta), nieces, Lynda M. Tilley, Amanda M. Parker (Kenny) and numerous grandnieces and grandnephews.

Sue was born and raised in Kentucky and upon graduation from Inez High School, attended Morehead State College obtaining a degree in nursing. She was a veteran of the US Air Force where she retired as a Captain. Sue served in the Philippines during the Vietnam war, where she met her husband David. After returning to civilian nursing, she enjoyed a lengthy career specializing in labor and delivery. Upon retirement, Sue was the editor of the MOAA newsletter, Clearwater Chapter, for which she received numerous awards. As

an avid golfer, she enjoyed organizing golf tournaments benefitting her MOAA Chapter.

Susie moved to assisted living in Hartsville to be near family, continuing to share her endless sense of humor, love of laughter and her ability to command the spotlight.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Billy Joe Ray; niece, Rebekah Abao.

Memorials may be made to MOAA Scholarship Fund, PO Box 1824,  
Merrifield, VA 22116-9917

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 3. 12:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home Chapel  
306 W Home Ave  
Hartsville, SC

# Tribute Wall



“ *Brown - Pennington - Atkins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Norma Sue Ray Morse*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - November 02, 2018 at 03:35 PM

DP

“ *Denise Morse Peterson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Sue Ray Morse*



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**Denise Morse Peterson** - November 10, 2018 at 09:19 PM

“ It is so difficult to say farwell to this amazing and wonderful second Mom, whom I have loved for over 40 years. She loved me completely, and I never doubted her sincerity. We made a conscious choice to remain in each others lives after my Dad passed in 1988. I am so thankful that she was able to love and care for Dad through his extended illness. We helped each other through those times and became ever closer. Her unselfish love and care was always evident when she was with her grandson Richie so many years ago, and her granddaughter Sara during these past 16 years, they loved her and never felt less than. My husband always said I got my good natured humor from my Susie (she did rub off on me), he loved her dearly. She claimed us all as her own. She was a shoulder and comfort for me when my first Mom died, and again we drew closer. She has meant so much to me for so long, that I cannot imagine doing the rest of my life without her, there will be a such a great void. It was such a privilege to be with her and share our lives together, we laughed, danced, cried and had a ton of fun together (and yes on occasion argued). I am so thankful and honored that I was able to be with Susie those last couple of days and pray that I brought comfort to her. Her niece Marilyn and I, stayed with Susie and offered the care that we could. Susie had orchestrated our meeting and friendship many years ago, knowing that we would need to share these final times together and support one another. What a wise and wonderful woman, I could go on and on about her unselfish acts and kindnesses. I am grateful that so many others have already said such kind words on her behalf, she touched so many. She loved her family very much and wanted to be closer to them during her last year, what a wonderful time for her. They came often and shared their time and love to ease her transition to Hartsville. Dinners and lunches together, shopping and goofing off, filming funny videos together (priceless). I am thankful to know that I have my extended family in Hartsville and beyond. Who knew her time was so close.

So on this Veterans Day, remember to thank those that make the choice to serve this great Country in so many ways, both while on active duty, and well after they serve. Susie truly made a difference

*in many lives while serving with MOAA and working diligently with those who published their Newsletter. She believed in a better and kinder world, and that education was important to that end. The golf benefits she worked so hard for helped to fund the MOAA scholarship funds for young men and women.*

*Rest in Eternal Peace, we have it from here. Love you, Denise and Family*

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**Denise Morse Peterson** - November 10, 2018 at 09:18 PM

JS

“ *My deepest condolences to all of Sue's family. Sue was such a unique and outstanding person. She loved her family, the military and her country. She had such hilarious stories to tell and we had many laughs. I missed her when she moved from Clearwater, and I will miss her more now. Rest in Peace my dear friend. Jackie Simpson*

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**Jackie Simpson** - November 09, 2018 at 01:43 PM

AB

“ *We are sorry for your loss.*

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**Anne A Brown** - November 09, 2018 at 01:32 PM

CB

“ *Sue lived downstairs from my husband and I in Clearwater. She was one of the first to welcome us. In the few years she was here she was just a joy to be around. When she moved away this place was never the same. Use to pass her place all the time wanting to hear or see her again.. So sad when she moved away but knew it was wonderful for her to spend so much time with her family. Deepest Sympathy to her family. Rege & Cheryl*

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**cheryl bonner** - November 03, 2018 at 12:49 PM

LF

“ *When I visited Sue in Clearwater Nov 2014.*

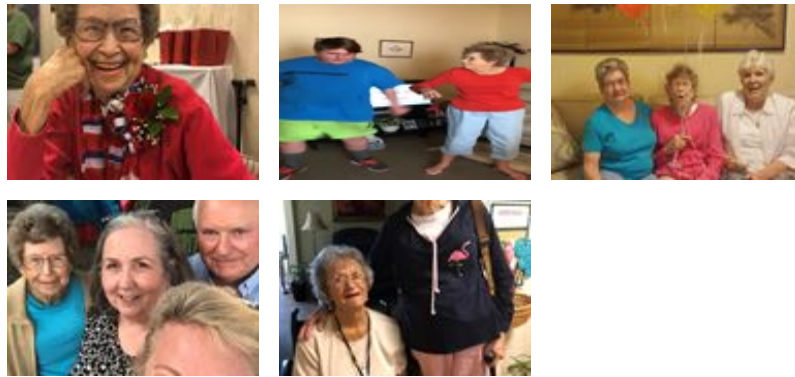


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**Larry Farmer** - November 02, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ *47 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home** - November 02, 2018 at 10:22 AM

TS

“ *We appreciated the opportunity to take part in her care at the end-of-life. We enjoyed her smiling face, sarcasm, and humor. A true pleasure! Our time was short, but surely memorable.*  
*Embrace Hospice Staff (Mica Pate RN, Terre Strickland RN, Robbie Strickland RN, Akamie Lucas HHA, Rebecca Chastain Liaison, Jessica Ison Liaison)*

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**Terre Strickland** - November 01, 2018 at 07:02 PM

NA

“ *Rest In Peace my dear cousin.* ❤️❤️❤️



Nancy - October 31, 2018 at 08:27 PM

MP

“ *Mandy Parker lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Sue Ray Morse*



Mandy Parker - October 31, 2018 at 08:07 PM

MP

“ *She was a long distance Aunt..but she was a very important part of my life. I love you Susie, I always have And will continue.*

Mandy Parker - October 31, 2018 at 07:06 PM

JW

“ *Judy Walters lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Sue Ray Morse*



Judy Walters - October 31, 2018 at 03:20 AM

MH

“ *Maxine Howle lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Sue Ray Morse*



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**Maxine Howle** - October 31, 2018 at 02:04 AM

MH

*Always a smile on her face and loved to joke around..will be missed. Praying for family and friends.*

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**Maxine Howle** - October 31, 2018 at 02:07 AM

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“ *Mrs. Morse was an absolute pleasure to care for! Prayers for her family!*

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**Autumn Collins (cprmc)** - October 30, 2018 at 09:34 PM

AM

“ *Amy Bell ( Morningside) lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Norma Sue Ray Morse*



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**Amy Bell ( Morningside)** - October 30, 2018 at 08:14 PM