



Mattie Fortenberry Seal

March 3, 1947 - September 11, 2019

Mattie Frances Fortenberry Seal, Age 72

And a resident of Franklinton died Wednesday morning September 11, 2019. She was born March 3, 1947 in Tylertown, MS. Mattie was a 1965 graduate of Tylertown High School and later obtained her bachelor's degree in teaching from Southeastern Louisiana University. She taught school in Covington for a short time before pursuing a master's degree in Social Work at the University of Southern Mississippi. She later completed her PhD from Baptist Christian University. Mattie worked as a social worker in various locations on the Northshore for over 45 years, ultimately retiring from Riverside Medical Center. She enjoyed helping others.

Mattie was a longtime member of Canaan Baptist Church, where she enjoyed teaching Sunday School, singing, and helping teach the youth. She loved her church family. Mattie came to know Jesus as her Savior on September 25, 1975.

Survived by:

Husband: Billy Seal of Franklinton

Son and Daughter in law: John and Heather Seal of Franklinton

Daughters and Son in law: Angela and Jeff Ellis, of Columbia, TN and Michelle Case, of Ringgold, GA

Granddaughter: Madelyn Seal

Grandsons: Jordan Howell and Dylan Ellis

Brother: Richard (Donnis) Fortenberry of McComb, MS

Sister: Mary (Joe) Ware of Pearl River, LA

Aunt: Nelda Frazier of Jackson, LA

Sister in law: Johnnie Lee (Ronnie) Charbonnet of Franklinton

Brothers in law: Cecil Seal (Alice Mulkey), of Covington, LA, Ronnie (Brandy) Seal of Franklinton, and Donnie (Karen) Seal of Franklinton

Also numerous nieces, nephews, other family members and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Stanley and Frankie Fortenberry, sister Myrna Fortenberry Stinson, brother in law Edward Stinson, and sister in law Betty Alford Fortenberry.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton, LA 70438) on Sunday, September 15th from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Visitation will also be after 9:00 am at Canaan Baptist Church (18486 Sanders Rd, Franklinton, LA 70438) on Monday, September 16th. A funeral service will follow at the church at 11:00 am with Rev. Stan Adams and Rev. Leon

Hickman officiating. Burial will follow in the Canaan Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers: Cecil Seal, Ronnie Seal, Donnie Seal, Ronnie Charbonnet, Steven Fortenberry, Scott Stinson, Keith Stafford, Justin Thompson, Jordan Howell, and Dylan Ellis

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Canaan Baptist Church Youth Fund, 18486 Sanders Rd, Franklinton, LA 70438

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *I have fond childhood memories of Mattie, and she was the sweetest friend. May you rest in peace.*

Brenda Laird - September 17, 2019 at 07:15 AM

LS

“ *Linda Stringfield lit a candle in memory of Mattie Fortenberry Seal*



Linda Stringfield - September 15, 2019 at 02:06 PM

MS

“ *Worked with Mattie before becoming part of the family almost 20 years ago. She was a hardworking sweet lady. Sure she will be missed by so many. She has her eternal home in heaven now and is in no more pain. RiP*

Marjorie Seal - September 15, 2019 at 11:46 AM

SW

“ *Billy Earl, we are so very sorry to hear about Mattie's passing. We loved seeing her at all our class reunions and enjoyed spending time talking to you both. I'm right in the middle of chemo treatments for breast cancer so we will not be able to attend the services, but our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you and your family. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.
Sharon and Lemmie Walker*

sharon & lemmie walker - September 14, 2019 at 03:08 PM

JM

“ Oh, Billy Earl! I am so saddened by the loss of your dear wife, Mattie. She and I were Facebook friends, and I really enjoyed our friendship. May the peace of Christ rest in your soul, and the souls of your family, and may God bless you with His Mercy and His Grace. I am praying for you and your family.



Judy McCasland Micelle - September 14, 2019 at 01:31 PM

LG

“ Sorry to hear about Mattie. I considered her a good friend and worked with her for many years. Mattie was always the same where ever you saw her. She will be missed.

Linda Galloway - September 14, 2019 at 12:37 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mattie Fortenberry Seal.



September 13, 2019 at 10:32 AM

LB

“ My condolences to Billy and John and family.

Linda Hudson Bateman - September 13, 2019 at 10:24 AM

JN

“ *Joan Nielsen lit a candle in memory of Mattie Fortenberry Seal*



Joan nielsen - September 13, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mattie Fortenberry Seal.*



September 12, 2019 at 10:38 PM

BJ

“ *Mattie was always such
A good person . Since her Madalyn and my
Owen were only days different in age and have been together in
school since the beginning we've often had conversations of how
spoiled they both are ! We would laugh and declare it had nothing to
do with us. John , you were blessed with a loving mother who was
always so proud of your accomplishments..
Billy how blessed you were to find a mate like Mattie , together you
made a good life . I know you will miss her terribly. Just remember
all she's been through and prepare to join her one day where there
will never be more pain or suffering . You are in my prayers . God
Bless you all is my prayer .*

Betty Jones - September 12, 2019 at 06:58 PM

DV

“ *Debbie And Mike Varnado lit a candle in
memory of Mattie Fortenberry Seal*



Debbie and Mike Varnado - September 12, 2019 at 06:19 PM