



## Susan Watts Richardson

January 25, 1942 - February 3, 2012

Susan S. Watts Richardson

Age 70 and a resident of Franklinton died at 1:50 am Friday February 3, 2012 at Riverside Medical Center.

A cradle member of Centenary United Methodist Church, in her later years she regularly attended Mt. Hermon Methodist Church. She was an active member of Centenary's United Methodist Women's organization from 1965 until her later years.

She was avidly interested in the mission outreach of UMW focusing on the needs of women, children, and families. She was a member of the American Association of University Women Covington/Mandeville branch and enjoyed its book clubs, trips, and worthy pursuits of advancing equity for women and girls.

A master's degree along with the experience of teaching English composition and literature in high schools of Washington and St. Tammany Parishes prepared her for teaching freshman composition at Southeastern Louisiana University. Teaching writing to entering adults at SLU was her most interesting class, as those mature adults wrote such interesting stories! Her home and her family were the center of her life; as well as various literary pursuits. She is published in The New Orleans Magazine as well as other local publications. She is author and editor of Part One and Part Two of the 2011 history of the Washington Parish Free Fair. Survivors:

Husband: Thomas Russell Richardson

Daughter: Suellen Richardson Vise

Two sons: Russell Lampton Richardson, and Thomas Ott Richardson.

Grandchildren: Elizabeth and Emma Vise, Elizabeth (Libby) Valentino Richardson, and Mills Lampton Richardson.

Preceded in death by her son William Joseph Richardson, born November 23, 1974, died on December 3, 1974. Crushed for a period of months after William's death, God mercifully strengthened her faith thus teaching her, over a period of years, to "humbly walk in newness of life." (The Methodist Hymnal, Communion Service.)

Susan S. Watts Richardson is also preceded in death by her parents, F.W. Watts II and Elizabeth Ott Watts; and a brother, Judge F. W. Watts. The following are surviving siblings: Pamela Watts Rudnicki, Richard W. Watts, and Charles K. Watts.

The funeral will be held at Mt. Hermon Methodist Church on Saturday, February 4, with Rev. Percy M. Frazier officiating. The wake is from 10:00 am to 11 am, and the funeral is at 11 am. Burial with follow at the Fisher United Methodist Church Cemetery, with the Rev. Steve Bush presiding.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Pallbearers: Mark Vise, James Richardson, Rob Rudnicki, David Ott, Kendrick Ott, Norman Ott

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ I will always remember her for her strength of character, and her forever positive outlook on life. She had faith in others and encouraged others to be all they could be--and never whine! She will always be a source of inspiration to me when I begin to feel like a "victim,"

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**Louise Dill** - February 13, 2012 at 09:47 PM

CM

“ My Dear Friend Tommy, I am so saddened for you during this time. Sorry I didnt make it over, but I just found out. I will come take you to lunch soon. Sue's long time suffering has ended and you know you will see her again. God Bless you and the family.

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**Chris Goss Morgan** - February 10, 2012 at 09:07 PM

JN

“ Suellen,  
So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jennifer Nielson** - February 08, 2012 at 03:10 PM

JL

“ Thank you, Susan for being such a bright light in our lives - RIP. Susan was a dear, gentle, gracious lady and friend. She was an active member of AAUW Covington Mandeville and was passionate about insuring equal opportunities for women and girls in education. She picked out wonderful books for our discussion group. We are reading "People of The Book" by Geraldine Brooks which Susan recommended for February. We will all remember her fondly as we read her selection.

*Jean Lotz, president AAUW Covington-Mandeville*

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**Jean Lotz** - February 06, 2012 at 01:32 PM

JC

“ I loved listening to Susan talk about the Washington Fair. She was an interesting, charming Southern lady. I will miss her, but I will always think of her up in Washington Parish reading and doing research, ready to write. My sincerest condolences, Jody Cagle

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**Jody Cagle** - February 06, 2012 at 12:12 PM

ED

“ I am expressing my condolences and that of all other AAUW Covington-Mandeville AAUW members. Unfortunately we did not learn of the arrangements for Susan's funeral in time to attend personally. She will be sorely missed at book group especially when discussing the two books that she recommended this year. She was a remarkable lady.

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**Eileen deHaro** - February 06, 2012 at 11:32 AM

RB

“ *Mr. Tommy and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. So sorry for  
your loss of Mrs. Susan.  
Rhonda(Kinlaw)Byrd*

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**Rhonda Kinlaw Byrd** - February 06, 2012 at 12:17 AM

ST

“ *I am praying for all the family at this difficult time.*

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**Sandy Toney** - February 05, 2012 at 10:14 PM

SC

“ *So sorry for your loss. I share great memories with your family. Your  
family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sean & Nicole Caldwell** - February 05, 2012 at 08:43 PM

AJ

“ *Dear Tommy, Darryl and I are so sorry over your great loss. Susan  
was a smart and loving young woman. You and your family will be in  
our thoughts and prayers. Darryl and Annwood Jenkins*

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**Annwood M Jenkins** - February 05, 2012 at 06:26 PM

RC

“ *Ms. Susan, Please forgive me for being an idiot punk in school. You  
were a great teacher. I know you are with God. Robert Carter*

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**Robert Carter** - February 04, 2012 at 11:57 PM

RC

“ *We send our deepest condolences and prayers for you during this  
difficult time.*

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**Reid and Chanda Simmons Corkern** - February 04, 2012 at 06:40 PM

RJ

“ We would like to send our condolences to you all. We just learned today about Susan's death and funeral and are sad that we were unable to share in your grief by attending the services. Please know that our prayers go out to you all and we will remember Susan fondly. God Bless!

Robert and Darlene Jones - February 04, 2012 at 04:01 PM

WK

“ Our hearts are saddened by the loss of our dear cousin Susan but I know there is much rejoicing in heaven among all those who are waiting for her. She was a brilliant and articulate lady and we will miss her very much. We send our deepest sympathy to Tommy and her children and grandchildren and her dear family. Our love to all.

Wayne & Sallie Babington Knight - February 04, 2012 at 08:58 AM

NP

“ We have lost a good friend and classmate. She always had good stories to tell and make us laugh at our Christmas gatherings. She will surely be missed.

Nena Passman - February 03, 2012 at 06:34 PM

TL

“ Tommy, please accept my condolence upon your loss. May you share fond memories of wonderful times together.

Tom Lewis - February 03, 2012 at 06:11 PM

VC

“ Susan Watts Richardson

Virginia Kathleen Cailleteau - February 03, 2012 at 05:55 PM

LS

“ Prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of loss and sorrow.

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**Lib Scheuermann** - February 03, 2012 at 05:35 PM

KD

“ Susan's Family, this time of sadness in your life is very hard for you. My prayer is that time will heal you and give you peace and understanding of her life. Hang on to your memories and enjoy the days of your life. I have great memories of Susan from our school years together. A trip to a Youth Conference at Centenary College one summer is a wonderful memory for me. My prayers are with you.

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**Kaye Jean Miller Doss** - February 03, 2012 at 05:12 PM

GF

“ Mr. Tommy, Suellen, Thomas, and Russell,  
I am so sorry for your loss! Mrs. Sue was a very dear friend of our family and Aunt Nancy Sumrall Forrest. They started teaching in St. Tammany Parish their first year out of College. Mrs. Sue was a very sweet and kind person. God bless you all! The community has lost another treasure!

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**George Rene' Forrest** - February 03, 2012 at 04:43 PM

JM

“ *What sadness for a family already grieving for the loss of a husband ... father, brother-in-law and uncle...and now....a sister ..... aunt, mother and sister-in-law.*

*My condolences go out to all of Susan's family. And, to many of her dear, close friends and classmates who loved her as well. Growing up, Franklinton fostered love for one another; and I continually see that depth of love in classmates and friends as we begin to say goodbye to our peer generations.*

*Everyone will be in my prayers as I pray for peace and understanding of God's Master Plan. May God envelope you in His Love and His Grace.*

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**Judy McCasland Micelle** - February 03, 2012 at 04:12 PM