



Jean Souther Vaughn

November 10, 1937 - May 5, 2026

Jean Souther Jones Vaughn of Campobello, South Carolina, 88, passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, after a long illness.

Jean was a graduate of Furman University and taught art to students of all ages and in numerous schools for more than 30 years, finishing her teaching career at McCracken Junior High in Spartanburg, South Carolina. During her career she was awarded both Southeastern and National Elementary Art Teacher of The Year. Jean's love of art did not end in the classroom, she was a prolific fine artist, with a specialty in watercolor. She was represented in local and national galleries and collections, was recognized by numerous juried exhibits, and was a South Carolina Art Commissioner from 1988 to 1994. "Little Chicago Suite", was her most well know series and was featured on ETV.

Her enthusiasm for life extended beyond art, she was a devoted member of Spartanburg's Upsy Daisy Garden Club, a passionate supporter and past president of the Spartanburg Republican Women, and a faithful member of Holly Springs Baptist Church.

Jean was a bright light, a burst of enthusiasm, a friend to strangers, and a spirit the world is worse for losing.

Surviving are her siblings, JoAnn Souther Sloan, Willie Souther (Joyce), and George Souther (Carolyn); beloved nieces and nephews, Danna Sloan Brown, Stephanie Souther Hatchell, Tara Souther Phillips, Brandon Souther, and Ben Souther; and great nieces and nephews, Hallie O. Souther, Camden

Souther, Eli Phillips, Tallulah Phillips, and Emma Hatchell.

Mrs. Vaughn was predeceased by her parents, W. Hubert and Hallie Souther and her husband, Jerry Vaughn.

The family would like to thank all of the caregivers who provided compassionate love, care, and companionship to Jean for three and a half years.

A memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2026, at Holly Springs Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends starting at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 8, 2026, at the church.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holly Springs Baptist Church
251 Hannon Rd
Inman, SC 29349
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Memorial Service

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