



## 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 known 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](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holly Springs Baptist Church  
251 Hannon Rd  
Inman, SC 29349  
(864) 877-6765

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts of Jean are so precious. She was beautiful inside and out. I loved her smile and have a collection of her art in my home. I enjoyed her depth of seeing deeper inside a flower. I will always treasure her friendship and her art. We both enjoyed the Upsy Daisy Garden Club together and have many wonderful memories and laughter. Condolences to Jean’s family.*

*Love,  
Elaine Wade*

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**Elaine Wade** - May 09 at 06:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jean Souther Vaughn.*



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May 07 at 03:21 PM

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“ Dear Souther Family , We send our deepest Sympathy in the loss of Our precious Friend Jean who is loved by all our Grandchildren and our Children Autumne and Anthony ! She was past President of The Upsy Daisy Garden Club and painted Award winning Watercolors for yearbooks ! Her recent Art of “Thornbird Iris won in Garden Club of SC Juried Art Show in 2024 at Myrtle Beach . She was a living , kind generous sister and “Aunt Jean “to our family ! We worked together in the Republican Women and with many meetings at Piedmont Club ! She taught Christina and Nicholas art lessons in her studio at very young ages ! We shall never forget you and love the beautiful art which hangs in all our homes as a tribute to you , jean ! Love you Forever , Monty and Mary Ann Powell Kirby



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**Mary Ann Powell Kirby** - May 07 at 08:32 AM



Thank you Mary Ann for the great photos, the kind words, and the roses.

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**Danna Brown** - May 10 at 08:52 AM

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“ With Love Forever , Monty&Mary Ann Kirby planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jean Souther Vaughn.

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**With Love Forever , Monty&Mary Ann Kirby** - May 06 at 02:12 PM

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“ *With Love Forever , Monty&Mary Ann Kirby purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Jean Souther Vaughn.*



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**With Love Forever , Monty&Mary Ann Kirby - May 06 at 02:12 PM**