



## Mrs. Sara Lou McCarty Senkbeil

October 19, 1928 - August 26, 2015

Mrs. Sarah Lou McCarty Senkbeil, 86, of Sylvester died on her wedding anniversary August 26, at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

The funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 29, 2015 at Banks Funeral Home Chapel with interment to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery. The Rev. Mike Carter will officiate.

Mrs. Senkbeil was born in Worth County on her daddy's birthday, October 19, 1928 to the late Homer Lee and Ida Mae Shurley McCarty. She owned and operated Jack and Jill Nursery and Kindergarten and taught swimming lessons for many years in Sylvester. Mrs. Senkbeil loved to read, crochete, and work word puzzles. She was known for her delicious made-from-scratch whole hog head brunswick stew. Nothing gave Mrs. Sarah more joy then to give family members laminated obituaries to be used as Bible bookmarks. Mrs. Senkbeil was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sylvester. At age 82, she published her first book, Company's Coming. She enjoyed having book signings at different libraries and businesses in South Georgia. Mrs. Senkbeil loved meeting people and driving to new places.

Survivors include her children, Paul Senkbeil, Sr. (Sharon) of Valdosta, Brad Senkbeil (Jeannine) of Sumner, Dale Senkbeil of Tampa, FL and Jeff Senkbeil of Lee County; grandchildren, Paul Senkbeil, Jr. (LeeAnn), John Senkbeil (Dillard), Christie Garrison, Kevin Garrison, Matt Senkbeil (Holly), Seth Senkbeil (Amy), Kelly S. Cooper (Justin), Ben Senkbeil, Nikki S. Jennings, (Troy), Jesse Bessire, Christopher Morton and family, Justin Senkbeil,

Heather Senkbeil, Jeffery Senkbeil, Morgan Senkbeil; great grandchildren, Lillie Senkbeil, Mia Austin, Jay Austin, Sully Senkbeil, Sweden Senkbeil, Jake Lloyd, Bryton Puckett, Bradford Senkbeil, Addison Senkbeil, Colby Cooper, Castin Cooper, Liam Jennings, Collin Jennings, Daisy Morton and Chase Morton; sister-in-laws, Betty Ann McCarty, Louise Hansford, Jewell Adams and Elizabeth Gwines.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Senkbeil was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Newton Spencer Senkbeil on July 6, 2009; brothers, Johnnie Lee McCarty, Jack McCarty; sister, Jewell McCarty Senkbeil.

Those desiring memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Sylvester, P.O. Box 309, Sylvester, GA 31791.

The family will receive friends on Saturday from 9:00 AM until service hour at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Sara Lou McCarty Senkbeil*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *I had the opportunity to meet this sweet lady through Clyde Frazier. He always spoke of her with such loving thoughts and memories. I am so sorry for your loss. God give you the strength needed as you face these difficult days without Miss Sara.*

**Patsy Walters Carmichael** - May 14, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss! Each of you are in our prayers! She was a sweet lady!*

**Tim & DeDe Hathcock** - May 14, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *Leave a condolence or a memory.*

**Wilma Martin** - May 14, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *So sorry For your Lost,I have now her and her family sence a small...She a sweet lady,To everyone...*

**rachel** - May 14, 2018 at 03:12 PM

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“ Brad, Paul, Dale, Jeff This is Cecil Grimsley, who spent a lot of time with you all and Mr. and Mrs. Senkbeil all those years ago. First, thank you for being so kind to me when I was at your house. I felt I was part of your family, like Mrs. Senkbeil was my aunt and you were my cousins. I have nothing but fond memories of days spent with her. Of course she taught me to swim, as she did so many others, but she also taught me about not taking things too seriously. I recall her serving us blue mashed potatoes, filming home movies where she had us kids appear to be crowding into a box, and I even recall the goats that I would do battle with daily. Do you remember the little red plastic balls that were on a string that hung by the fireplace? She wouldn't let any regular preschoolers play with them, but since I was there often as a guest, she would let me. Mrs. Senkbeil was as smart and lively a person as I've ever been around, and I'm grateful to have been under her care and instruction. I would put her kindergarten up against any. She is also the only person who ever washed out my mouth with soap, and it only happened once so I think I got the point. I kept up with her only a little over the years, to my regret. I would like to have been able to thank her for how she helped me grow up. I did see some of the photo albums she put together and they were a treasure. I saw that Mrs. Senkbeil was creative in recent years, with her book being published, and that makes me smile. I like to think that she was herself for her entire life. Jeff, buddy, you and I spent some times together, camping under the magnolia tree in the front yard, playing in the treehouse out back, and just listening to music in your room. I hope you are well. All of you please know that you're in my family's thoughts, and know that I'll always tell stories about your mom to my kids and someday grandkids. I often drive down Westberry when I'm in Sylvester, and I definitely will on my next visit.

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Cecil Grimsley - May 14, 2018 at 03:12 PM