



Sarah Louise Lowry

December 3, 1931 - March 19, 2021

Mrs. Sarah Louise Lowry, 89, of Matthews, past away surrounded by her loving family, Friday, March 19, 2021, at the Novant Medical Center, Matthews Campus.

Sarah was born in Montgomery, Alabama, on December 3, 1931, the daughter of Leon and Lessie Woodruff Richardson. She grew up there and after school, attended Pembroke State University from which she graduated in 1960. Sarah later attained her Master's Degree in Education and she was a well known and loved teacher for Union County Public Schools for 30 years before her retirement. Many students had her for English, History and Journalism. A few also had her for her other role, administrator of the in-school detention and suspension program. Sarah could be very creative in designing consequences and punishments for students at Parkwood High School, and she certainly won't be soon forgotten.

One day while at First Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama, she met a handsome young man in his Air Force uniform, a gentleman by the name of Earl Lowry. They began dating and on May 27, 1954, they married. Earl and Sarah were preparing to celebrate their 67th anniversary this year.

When not working, she enjoyed gardening and loved flowers. While most have 8 fingers and 2 thumbs, Sarah seemed to have 10 green thumbs. Most of all, she loved the time spent with family and friends. Blessed with the talents to teach, she also taught Sunday School at East Baptist Church.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Earl, of Matthews; children: Earl Jr "Sonny"

(wife Donna) Lowry of Mint Hill and their three children: Wesley, Ryan (wife Keisha) and Jason (Alyssa); a son, Michael (wife Shelly) Lowry of Monroe, NC, and their children: Tyler and Andrew (wife Brooklyn); a son, John (wife Amber and her 2 sons) Lowry of Stanly County, NC; a daughter, Joanne Lowry and her children: Des and Noah; and a daughter, Patty (husband Frank) Carter and their children Tori and Eli. She is further survived by grandchildren: Jennifer (husband Brooks) Rollins and Jonathan (wife Melissa) Bost; a son-in-law, James Whitmire; a sister Linda (husband Dan) Lang of Richmond, VA; as well as numerous great grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Sarah was preceded in death by her daughter, Diane Whitmire, as well as her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Tuesday, March 23, at East Baptist Church, 6850 Monroe Road, Charlotte, NC.

Sarah's family has given the family of Lowe-Neddo Funeral Home the privilege of caring for them and for her.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

East Baptist Church
6850 Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC 28212

Tribute Wall



“ *She was my favorite teacher at Parkwood. She was my Journalism teacher and advisor of the Parkwood Echo our school newspaper. She selected me as the editor in my senior year. She was so friendly. Missed very much!* ”

Lisa Johnson - December 06, 2025 at 05:46 PM



“ *Sarah Louise Lowry* ”

October 05, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Sarah Louise Lowry* ”

October 24, 2022 at 08:52 PM



“ *Susan Zepeda lit a candle in memory of Sarah Louise Lowry* ”



Susan Zepeda - March 24, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *Joanne Lowry lit a candle in memory of Sarah Louise Lowry* ”



Joanne Lowry - March 23, 2021 at 08:32 PM