



Sylvia Ann Chapman

April 7, 1940 - October 4, 2020

Sylvia Ann Appleberry Chapman of Ozark passed away October 4, 2020, at Baptist Hospital Fort Smith at the age of 80 years. She was born April 7, 1940, in the East Jefferson community of Desha County, the daughter of the late Russell and Juanita Doss Appleberry of Ozark, Arkansas.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Irving Chapman; son Tracy Chapman of Ozark and grandson Dakota of Alaska; and son Tony Chapman, son-in-law Todd Monsey, and granddaughter, Olivia, of Dallas. One niece; Kim, and husband Toby Hogan of Ozark, and their daughter, Hayley, and husband Cameron Jernigan of Rogers. One nephew; Joe Bill Watson and wife Tammy of Mountain Home. Her best friend and caregiver, Barbara Garner, of Ozark. Sylvia joins her sister, Jeanie Watson of Ozark, and their parents in Heaven.

Sylvia graduated from McGehee High School and completed her freshman year of college in Monticello. She went on to graduate with her Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education from Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg. Sylvia's career was spent mentoring and caring for others as an educator. She taught her first two and a half years at the Kate Griffin Junior High School in Meridian Public Schools.

While home on Christmas break in 1963, Sylvia received a phone call from

Irving inviting her to a concert. As they say the rest is history, and the two were wed in 1964. After working in the welfare industry and staying home with their firstborn son, Tracy, Sylvia ultimately returned to her love of teaching as part of the Ozark School District in 1974.

In her early years of teaching at Ozark, Sylvia coached the girls' basketball team. She also taught Health and Physical Education and was the cheerleading sponsor for both the junior high and high school squads for more than 20 years. Not only did she drive the cheer bus to the football and basketball games, but you'd always find Sylvia at the officials' table, keeping score and cheering "her kids" on during countless basketball games. She was a coach, friend and mother to many for 28 years before retiring in 2004.

She was also an active member of the United Methodist Women and served as the Youth Director for the First United Methodist Church in Ozark.

Funeral service will be held at 2pm Thursday, October 8, at the First United Methodist Church, with Brothers Toby Hogan and Brad Elrod officiating. Family friend Gwen Ford Faulkenberry will share memories in honor of Sylvia. Pallbearers include Joe Bill Watson, Cameron Jernigan, Brandon Melton, Johnathan Ree, Mike Gibbons, and Sean Wright. Honorary pallbearers include Coaches Ron Rippy, John Parrish and Ben Lairamore. She will be laid to rest at the Highland Cemetery under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Ozark.

Open viewing will be held from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM Wednesday, October 7th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 231 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Previous Events

Open Viewing

OCT 7. 8:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

OCT 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
503 West Commercial street
Ozark, AR 72949

Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Ann Chapman*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *I loved her. I graduated in 1976 had a horrible home life and she was always an encouragement to me.when I became an adult years later I saw her and called her Mrs Chapman and she said to me .. We are both adults now don't you think it's time you started calling me Sylvia. From that day on I did. So very sorry for your loss.*

Kathy Hardy - October 23, 2020 at 12:18 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your family's loss. You are all in my prayers. Mrs. Chapman was always so kind and sweet to me, from my years in school up into adulthood. Rest in love, Mrs. Chapman. ❤️*

Libby Yates - October 08, 2020 at 09:55 PM



“ *Ms..Sylvia I will always treasure meeting you. You have a bright ray of sunshine in my life since becoming your neighbor. I enjoyed our long phone calls and text messages. I loved hearing your stories about your parents and the memories you shared. That laugh you had was so contagious. You will be missed so much.*



*To Mr. Chapman and family, Your wife, momma, an aunt was a true gem of a lady. My thoughts are with you all.
We love you Jacquelyn (Jacque) Bella & Bugzy*

Jacs Sykes - October 08, 2020 at 09:02 AM

BB

“ *Billie Ann Boze lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Chapman*



Billie Ann Boze - October 07, 2020 at 08:32 PM

DS

“ *I loved Sylvia. She was truly wonderful to me as a child. I'm so grateful for her life. Danny Smith*

Daniel Smith - October 07, 2020 at 04:57 PM

TC

“ *Today's Vision Las Colinas purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Sylvia Ann Chapman.*



Today's Vision Las Colinas - October 07, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvia Ann Chapman.*



October 07, 2020 at 11:06 AM

SB

“ *Stephanie Belt lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Chapman*



stephanie belt - October 07, 2020 at 09:12 AM

JB

“ *Jacque Brooks lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Ann Chapman*



jacque brooks - October 06, 2020 at 04:50 PM