



## Carol Sue Earnest

March 9, 1944 - February 15, 2025

Carol Sue Vinson Earnest went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, February 15, 2025, at the Martin County Healthcare Facility. Carol Sue was born in Cleveland, OH on March 9, 1944, to Nona Harmon Caserta and Auza Vison and was raised by her grandparents Allen and Hazel Harmon of Hode, Ky.

When she turned 18, Carol Sue enlisted in the US Army completing her enlistment before moving to the Air Force Reserves. During this time, she worked at Bronze Shoe in Columbus, OH.

In the 80s, she moved to Florida with the Air Force Reserves as Master Sergeant at Duke Field, a part of Eglin Air Force Base. Her service took her around the country and occasionally, around the world, but she always made it back to Martin County for the “June Meetin” Harmon Family Reunion each summer.

It was during her time in Florida she met and married the love of her life, fellow Airman Lamar “Bob” Earnest. She retired from the military in 1993, following 29 years of service.

After Bob’s passing, Sue decided to return home to KY in 2017. She settled in Debord, KY and was very content in her “little house on the hill.” She attended

Freedom Free Will Baptist Church and frequently shared how glad she was to be back home.

Carol Sue is preceded in death by her husband Bob Earnest, grandparents, Allen and Hazel Harmon, her parents Nona and Romeo Caserta and Auza and Irene Vinson, her brothers, Robert, Albert, and Ralph Vinson, her sister-in-law Doris Vinson, her brother-in-law Frank Fioritto, as well as the aunts and uncles with whom she was raised: Allen Harmon Jr., Tom Harmon, Bruce Harmon, Uriah Harmon, Burns Harmon, Ethel Lehman, Ann Harmon, Emma Jo Bowen, and Tennie Vance.

She is survived by her sister Michelle Fioritto of Pahrump, NV and her Aunt Frankie Jean Harmon and Uncle Elias Harmon of Columbus, OH as well as her niece Nona (Chris) Newsome of Hode, KY, and nephew Tommy (Angela) Vinson of Tomahawk, KY, Sherry (Kelvin) Lozier of Ashville, OH, Stephanie King of Mesa, AZ, Ralph Vinson Jr. Obetz, Oh and Kim Conley of Columbus OH, Nick (Brandi) Fioritto, and Tony (Shauna) Fioritto, Las Vegas, NV, and Vince Fioritto of Pahrump, NV as well as a host of great nieces and nephews whom she adored. She also leaves behind her dear friend, Pat Adkins.

Carol Sue loved celebrations, throwing parties, and hosting dinners. She loved her family and was known for her generous spirit. She collected people and built friendships wherever she went. She most desired that her loved ones remember her with no regrets as her salvation was secure and she looked forward to going home for another family reunion. Carol Sue was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

At her request, Carol will have a graveside service at the Harmon-Chaffin Cemetery on Hode, KY, on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 12:00pm. Arrangements are under the direction of the Callaham Funeral Home, Inez, KY.



# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

FEB **22**. 12:00 PM.

Harmon-Chaffin Cemetery  
Hode, KY

# Tribute Wall

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“ When I was a kid, I used to spend summers with my grandparents in Florida. I would work with my grandpa during the day, mowing the lawn and painting fences, and then my Aunt Sue would take me out in the afternoon or evening. I got to sit in huge planes, play with weird animals, and eat more ice cream than a kid should. Riding in an AC-130 Spectre gun ship on a training flight is an experience I will never forget.

Aunt Sue spent over 30 years in the military. I never really thought about it, but she was probably a bigger influence on me joining the Army than I ever gave her credit for- probably the biggest influence. She was a fun-loving woman who dedicated her life to service – service to her country and service to her family. My grandparents, her parents, moved to Crestview, Florida to be near her, and she spent more hours and days than most adults would checking in on them and being a part of their lives. This would be a huge influence on me as well.

Tomorrow she will be buried in the family graveyard where members of our family have been put to rest for over 100 years. She will be placed next to her husband, brothers, parents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, all of whom she loved deeply. Unfortunately, I will be more than 1000 miles away, but in my heart I think of her, I smile at the good memories, I cry with grief, and I give praise that she is in Heaven, at peace, where she belongs. I love you Aunt Sue.

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Antonio Fioritto - February 21, 2025 at 02:43 PM

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“ *Danny & Karen Harmon purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Carol Sue Earnest.*



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**Danny & Karen Harmon** - February 19, 2025 at 04:28 PM

PA

“ *Pat purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Carol Sue Earnest.*



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**Pat** - February 19, 2025 at 10:08 AM