



## Sara Mae Callaham

October 9, 1937 - November 7, 2020

With heavy hearts we announce that the matriarch of our family, Sara Mae Prather Callaham passed away peacefully at her home Saturday, November 7th, 2020. She was born in Paintsville, KY on October 9, 1937 to the late Earl and Anna Fisher Prather. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her beloved Husband, John Benton Callaham and one son, John David Callaham.

Sara is survived by her three children, Kelly and Donna Callaham, of Inez, KY, Joan Callaham of Nashville, TN and Russ and Trish Callaham also, of Inez, KY, seven grandchildren, Keli (James) Ayers, Jonathan (Brittany) Callaham, Danielle (Matt) McConnell, Zachary (Ashlie) Callaham, Cassie (Toy) Adams, Lexie (Andrew Chapman) Callaham and Emily Callaham and eight great-grandchildren, Kaleb Callaham, Kyler Callaham, Marlie Dingess, Kinslee Callaham, Macie Callaham, Heidi Callaham, Branson Endicott and Ezra Adams, along with her sister-in-law and friend, Donna Sue Cassady, as well as a host of nieces and nephews.

The family would like to give a special thank you to her wonderful caregivers that so lovingly took care of her and have become like family to us over these past months, Tracey Wells, Debra McCoy, Sha-La Preston and Dana Copley. We also can't forget to thank Community Hospice in Ashland. Debbie, Stephanie, Alyssa and Amanda, your support and compassion will never be

forgotten.

Funeral services will be held at the Callaham Funeral Home in Inez on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 1:00pm with Kevin Davis and Garmon Preece officiating. Burial will follow at the Riverview Memorial Gardens in Louisa, Kentucky. Pallbearers: Jonathan Callaham, Zachary Callaham, James Ayers, Frank Stacy, Toy Adams, Andrew Chapman, Kyler and Kaleb Callaham. Friends may visit at the funeral home starting at 11:00am on Monday until the time of service. Everyone in attendance will be required to wear a face mask.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Memorial Gardens

Louisa, KY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Callaham Funeral Home, Inez Location  
278 West Main St.  
Inez, KY 41224  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Callaham Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



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**Callaham Funeral Home** - November 09, 2020 at 02:41 AM



*Such a beautiful tribute...loved the photos..*

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**Sheila Preece** - November 09, 2020 at 09:44 AM



*Oh how sweet memories flood our souls. 💜*

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**Gloria Cox** - November 09, 2020 at 10:18 AM



*Beautiful tribute to a Beautiful lady . I met her when I was in high school and her and Johnny had just got married and moved into the house across the street she was the prettiest, sweetest person always a friend I have cherished thru the years one thing we had in common is love of family and family comes first and Johnny was the love of her life.*

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**Ginger Cox** - November 09, 2020 at 10:43 AM



*Wow. Such a wonderful tribute. She was always so sweet and kind to me, no matter where I met her. She always said hello. Last time I saw her was in the nursing home. Her door was shut and I knocked and she said, "Come on in". We chatted a few minutes and I left. Praying for the family. Hang on to these precious memories.*

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**vicky mayhan** - November 09, 2020 at 12:22 PM

CJ

*Such a Beautiful tribute to a very special woman Sara May Callaham my dear friend.I started working for her in the early 1990's as a house cleaning lady and continued working till I had a accident in 2017 and had to quit .We still remained friends and I went to visit her while she was sick and let her meet my two Granddaughters.It was hard seeing such a strong willed and caring woman's health fail .She loved all her family and was right there when they needed her .She was a very kind woman and tried to help everyone she could .It was a Blessing to know her .Sara will always hold a special place in my heart .Now she is United with Johnny and J.D. and will never be in any pain anymore.I wish I could have came to the funeral today to pay my last respects but couldn't make it due to sickness in the family.I have been praying for all the family and friends as they lay a very special woman to rest .Love and prayers to you all !! I will always have my memories of Sara !! A very Amazing Woman .God bless everyone.  
Colleen aka Lena Johnson 11-9-2020*

colleen johnson - November 09, 2020 at 01:27 PM

CJ

*She loved Elvis Presley this music is beautiful .*

colleen johnson - November 09, 2020 at 01:37 PM

DC

*Don't know who put this together, but such a Beautiful Tribute. A life "well lived" and tribute so deserving of such a remarkable lady. My prayers are with her family and loved one in the days ahead. May you rest assured that she loved her family with her whole heart. ❤️🙏🥲*

Darrell Clark - November 09, 2020 at 06:37 PM

RW

*This was a beautiful tribute of a beautiful and wonderful lady, love and prayers for this family*

Rita Wright - November 09, 2020 at 07:05 PM

MW

*Such a wonderful, loving, classy lady. I loved her.*

Mary Musick Ward - November 11, 2020 at 02:32 PM

PM

*Such a special tribute for a special woman. My love and prayers to her family.*

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**Penny Crum Moore** - November 12, 2020 at 10:45 PM

HV

*A beautiful photo tribute. Thank you for sharing such a beautiful life.*

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**Henry Vinson** - November 13, 2020 at 07:26 PM

JE

“*Kelly, A year and a half later, I'm just learning of Sara's passing. I left the funeral service profession in 2008 and I lost contact with so many. And as a result, I'm usually the last to hear when a colleague passes.*

*In life, there are certain people with whom you cross paths that you never forget, even if you just cross paths for a short time. And Sara was one of those people. We only crossed paths for a few weeks, but I never forgot her and thought of her often. She was one of the sweetest ladies I've met.*

*When I came up there and helped you all at the funeral home for that couple of weeks in 2007, Sara made sure I was taken care of while I was there. In fact all of you treated me like I was one of you. And I never forgot that.*

*Several times over the years I have thought about driving up and visiting with y'all at the funeral home, but I never seem to make it. But just because I haven't been back up doesn't mean that I've not thought of you. And I will always be thankful that our paths crossed all those years ago.*

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**Joe Clark, Funeral Director & Embalmer** - April 08, 2022 at 09:40 PM

JC

*The guestbook changed my name. That should have said "Joe Clark, Funeral Director & Embalmer."*

**Joe Clark** - April 08, 2022 at 09:41 PM



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**Callaham Funeral Home** - January 29, 2021 at 05:49 PM



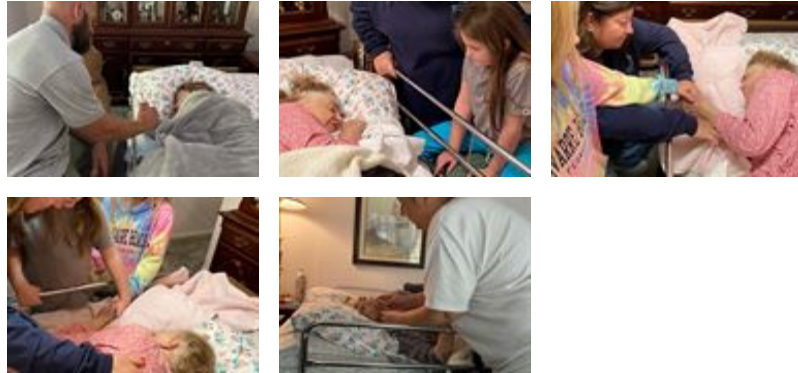
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**Callaham Funeral Home** - January 28, 2021 at 02:52 PM



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Callaham Funeral Home - January 27, 2021 at 04:32 PM



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Callaham Funeral Home - January 27, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ I just now read this obituary for Sara , she was a remarkable lady . And had a great family.



AnnaMae Sartin - November 22, 2020 at 04:43 PM

SM

“ I am heartbroken. Sara Mae was the kind of person we should all aspire to be--intelligent, caring and generous. She was a tremendous blessing and advocate for her family, her friends and her community. There will never be another like her.

*I hope Johnny, John David and all her family and friends that have gone on before her were there to give her a tremendous welcome into Heaven. Rest well, my dear friend...*



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**Shari Moore** - November 15, 2020 at 03:31 PM

HV

“ I'm sorry to hear about Sara. I have fond memories of her. She was an exceptionally gifted lady and I will forever remember her kindness. My heartfelt condolences to the Callaham family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

*Henry Vinson, JD, CFSP  
Cincinnati, Ohio*



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**Henry Vinson** - November 13, 2020 at 07:08 PM

RS

“ *Much love and prayers to the family.*

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**Rita Stafford** - November 10, 2020 at 04:01 PM

RS

“ We’re so sorry for the loss of this wonderful lady. She wore many hats, and wore them well! Talking to her was always enjoyable. Take comfort in all the wonderful memories. Our love and prayers are with you all. Homer and Rosemary Salmons



Rosemary Salmons - November 09, 2020 at 04:45 PM

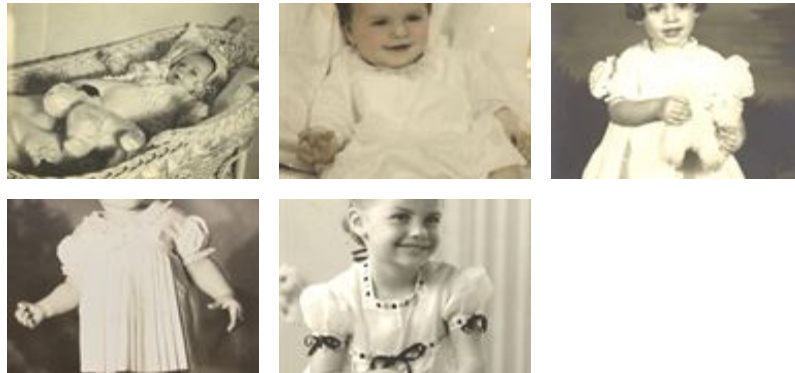
MI

“ My sister married her son, and she treated MY son as though he was a part of her family. I will forever have a love for and respect her, and I truly aspire to always be as open to loving anyone that may directly or indirectly come into mine or my children's lives the way that she did

Misty - November 09, 2020 at 02:50 PM



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Callaham Funeral Home - November 09, 2020 at 02:30 AM

SS

“ *The best things in life are the friends we make and the memories we make along the way. My memories of Sara are some of the most precious I have and I can't begin to describe what she meant to Doug Sword. She was more than a friend, she was like family, My heart is broken with her passing. I will forever miss her and never think of Inez without Sara.*

*Sue Sword*

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**Sue Sword** - November 08, 2020 at 07:13 PM

GW

“ *So sorry to hear of Sara Mae's passing. She is and has always been a family friend. I loved her mother and Aunt. They were my neighbors until they passed. I loved Johnny so much. So good for the county. My love and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Geneva Wallen** - November 08, 2020 at 05:19 PM

RS

“ *Rita Horn Stacy lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



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**Rita Horn Stacy** - November 08, 2020 at 12:31 PM

JK

“ *Sara Mae was a lady well respected by others and loved by Loyce and me. The Callaham Family is one of the best. Mr. John Callaham was a good person and a good friend. It is with much sadness that we learned of her leaving this world. May God Bless Her and Her Dear Family.*

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**John Kirk** - November 08, 2020 at 11:04 AM

BS

“ *Barry Speer lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



Barry Speer - November 08, 2020 at 09:16 AM

BS

“ *Sara was a good Lady i injoy talking to her when i call or see her out and about.If Sara like you she help you any way she could.i'v been away for some years and when i was told of her passing it hurt me i liked Sara and all the family.Sara you will be missed no one will ever be like you. R.i.p.so sorry to here this. Prayers for the Family and all there Friends and may god bless you all. So Sorry. Old Friend ! Barry Speer.*

Barry Speer - November 08, 2020 at 09:15 AM

BL

“ *My dad was a employee of the road dept for years . Johnnie and Sara Mae were both very good people . I have many memories of her growing up . She bought me my 1st cabbage patch kid when I was young . I will pray for her family in their days to come . I know she loved her family dearly .*

Brandi Maynard Riffe Lafferty - November 07, 2020 at 11:10 PM

MW

“ *Mary Musick Ward lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



Mary Musick Ward - November 07, 2020 at 10:52 PM

MW

“ I loved this woman she was so special to me, and she was always so good to me. This breaks my heart💔😭 Im so sorry that I can't be there. I LOVE YOU CLASSY LADY...Rest in peace...you will be truly missed.🙏

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**Mary Musick Ward** - November 07, 2020 at 10:51 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sara Mae Callaham.



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November 07, 2020 at 09:43 PM

KH

“ I’m Karen and I’m writing this for my sister Peggy:

*I got to know Sara when I met Orville. Johnny and Orville were very close friends and shared many adventures. Sometimes they shared their stories and then there were some adventures they knew should not/could not be shared!! They survived and had many, many laughs!!*

*Sara, Johnny, Orville and I went on many vacations together and I loved the many shopping experiences with her!! Sara was always fun and we loved to talk with sharing a variety of experiences!!*

*Sara and I also had positive visions for our community!! We served together as members of several civic organizations!!*

*A very special and memorable moment was when I gave birth to our son, Stuart!! Sara and Johnny were there to help Orville and me celebrate the most important occasion in our lives!!*

*After I was diagnosed with dementia, Sara visited, called me, and would bring me special desserts!!*

*I loved my friend Sara and know she was welcomed to join the angels in heaven!!!*

*With love, Peggy Blankenship Stepp*

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**Karen Booth Harvey** - November 07, 2020 at 08:57 PM

HM

“ I love Sara Mae Callahan. She had a big heart. So sorry for her loss. She and Johnny and John David are reunited.



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**Homer Marcum** - November 07, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sara Mae Callaham.*



November 07, 2020 at 07:42 PM



“ *She was one great lady will be missed*

**Delphine province** - November 07, 2020 at 04:38 PM



“ *Tyann Hansford lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



**Tyann Hansford** - November 07, 2020 at 03:34 PM



*Prayers for Lexie and the Family !*

**Tyann Hansford** - November 07, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ *Marjorie Maynard lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



**Marjorie Maynard** - November 07, 2020 at 03:27 PM

TH

“ Teresa And Roger Harless lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham



Teresa and Roger Harless - November 07, 2020 at 02:38 PM

AS

“ I am so sad to hear of her passing. 🙏🙏🙏



Anna Stepp - November 07, 2020 at 02:13 PM

RH

“ Ronnie Hickman lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham



Ronnie Hickman - November 07, 2020 at 02:10 PM

JC

“ JOANN CHAPMAN lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham



JOANN CHAPMAN - November 07, 2020 at 12:27 PM

BJ

“ *Betsy Jarrell lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



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**Betsy Jarrell** - November 07, 2020 at 11:36 AM

RH

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family and our family goes back many years. May God bless you and all your family. We are praying for you.*

*The family of Russell Rogers and Gene Hall*

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**Russell J. Hall** - November 07, 2020 at 10:46 AM

NR

“ *Nora Ray lit a candle in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



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**Nora Ray** - November 07, 2020 at 10:43 AM

HC

“ *Hazel & Letitia Campbell sent a virtual gift in memory of Sara Mae Callaham*



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**Hazel & Letitia Campbell** - November 07, 2020 at 10:21 AM



*Alway a dear sweet lady to me. Prayers for her family. 🙏*

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**Darrell Clark** - November 07, 2020 at 07:58 PM