



Sue Dennis

July 26, 1937 - December 23, 2025

Wanda “Sue” Dennis, 88, of Huntsville, Arkansas, died December 23, 2025, at Countryside Memory Care Facility in Huntsville.

She was born July 26, 1937, in Upland, California; daughter of James Wesley Gore and Mary Ida Matter Gore. She graduated from Farmington High School in 1955 and went on to get her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Arkansas.

Sue taught Home Economics for 35 years at Huntsville High School before retiring from teaching in 1997 and assisting her husband in running Huntsville Insurance Services until their retirement in 1999. She was the Vocational Teacher of the Year for the State of Arkansas in 1992.

She and her husband, Troy, traveled extensively and were fortunate enough to visit the Soviet Union, China, Europe, Africa, Greece, Brazil and all 50 states. Her hobbies included sewing, cooking, gardening and spending time with her three granddaughters.

She was a long-time member of Huntsville Church of Christ. She was active in the Madison County Retired Teachers Association. She rarely went anywhere without former students coming up to her to visit about her classes. She taught students over a period of four decades.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Troy Dennis on March 24, 2021, whom she married July 14, 1962; one nephew, David Maxwell; one brother-in-law, LD Dennis; and two sisters-in-law, Frankie Littlejohn and Rowena Condley.

Survivors include her son, Marty Dennis and daughter-in-law, Susan of Rogers; her granddaughters, Emma Kennedy (Braeden), of Centerton, Lillian Dennis and Stella Dennis, both of Rogers; one sister, Sandra Maxwell and husband, Doug, of Garden Grove, California; one brother, James Edward Gore and wife, Marilyn, of Farmington; one niece, Candice Eno, of Henderson, Nevada; and one nephew Dan Maxwell, of Garden Grove, California.

Thank you to Tara Box, and the staff at Countryside Assisted Living, where Sue resided for the last five years of her life.

Friends are welcome to join the family for a graveside service at 10:00 AM, Saturday, December 27, 2025, at Aurora Cemetery with Glenn Thomas and Larry Combs officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Shelby Sizemore, Alvin Lievsay, Tommy Tice, Winford Phillips, Gabe Wight, Earl McKinney, Jr., Charles Berry, Charles Russell, David Dennis, Randy Faddis, Steve Spurlock, Braeden Kennedy, and Tyler Brown.

Friends are also welcome to join in a Celebration of Sue's life at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks (4703 N. Crossover Rd.) in Fayetteville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Sue's name may be made to Huntsville Kiwanis Scholarship Fund, PO Box 506, Huntsville, AR, 72740. Services are entrusted to Brashears Funeral Home and Crematory of

Huntsville.

Cemetery Details

Aurora Cemetery

Madison County Road #5675
Huntsville, AR 72740

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 27. 10:00 AM (CT)

Aurora Cemetery
Madison County Road #5675
Huntsville, AR 72740

Celebration

JAN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Botanical Garden of the Ozarks
4703 N Crossover Rd
Fayetteville, AR 72764
(479) 750-2620

Tribute Wall

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“ Dennis family, I'm saddened to hear of the passing of Sue, who impacted so many in the community. I recall her being my home economics teacher in high school and think fondly of her sincere attempts to make me a homemaker; unfortunately, I remain a poor cook in spite of how hard she tried. She lived a wonderful, long life and will be missed by many. Sending prayers and sympathy.

Tammy Griggs Mata - January 09 at 07:00 AM

AH

“ I did my student teaching under Mrs. Dennis in 1974, and learned so much from her. I have fond memories of planning a Strawberry Tea, a jelly lab, and chaperoning the prom, and going to Little Rock for an FHA meeting.

Alison Harris - January 04 at 01:03 AM

TO

“ Terry & Lana Orman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sue Dennis.

Terry & Lana Orman - January 02 at 11:52 AM

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“ Terry & Lana Orman purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sue Dennis.



Terry & Lana Orman - January 02 at 11:52 AM

EM

“ My deepest condolences to the family, I’m very sorry for your loss of Sue.... I remember how patient she was when I was a teenager in Home economics... I like to never got that “ apron done.. She didn’t give up on me ... praying now she can rest in peace... She was related to my brother Chris McKnight whom passed 3 years ago... comfort to you Marty and family. / Euna McKnight



Euna McKnight - December 30, 2025 at 12:51 PM

DK

“ She was a wonderful person and teacher. We had so much fun in class and in FHA.

Doris Ann Kisor - December 24, 2025 at 06:09 AM

SB

“ Mrs. Dennis left a legacy to her students who learned under her. My daughter Jana referred of her often and had high regard for her. I would start to teach Jana something and she would say Mom, Mrs. Dennis already taught me that. She would not wear a dark top with a lighter pair of pants or skirt because Mrs. Dennis said that is just not done. I appreciated her kindness and interest to all who all approached her. She was a very special lady who I know will be missed but not forgotten by those whose life she touched. Susan Bates

Susan Bates - December 23, 2025 at 03:51 PM