



Anita Sue Russell

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Anita Sue Russell, 56 of Springdale, AR passed away Saturday, August 09, 2003 in Springdale. She was born August 12, 1946 in Fayetteville, AR to Eugene R. and Ione (Harding) Webb. She worked for Tyson Foods for 31 years where she was a senior computer programmer systems analyst. She attended Bethel Heights Nazarene Church where she helped with bible school.

She loved fishing, basket weaving, and gardening and was known for her homemade salsa.

She is survived by her mother; Ione Webb of Springdale, AR, one daughter; Donita Russell Clark of Fayetteville, AR, one son; Wesley Eugene Russell of Springdale, AR, one sister; Barbara Ann Webb of Bentonville, AR, two brothers; David Webb of Springdale, AR, Don Webb of Goshen, AR, and three grandchildren; Dustin Bryce Clark, Christopher Brooks Clark, Colton Chase Clark all of Fayetteville, AR.

Visitation will be held Monday, August 11, 2003 from noon until 9:00 PM at Nelson-Berna Funeral Home with the family present to greet friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at 2:00 PM in The First Church of the Nazarene in Fayetteville with Pastors Gary White and Larry F. Woodward officiating. Burial will follow at Baptist Ford Cemetery in Greenland, AR.

Because of her love for children memorials may be made to Make a Wish Foundation.

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MS

Melody (Bowen) Morrow (Old Friend Of Wes Russell's) posted:

I haven't seen Sue in perhaps 15 years, but I still remember what a wonderful lady she was. She was always so kind to me. Wes, if you read this, please know that I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was a dear, dear lady.

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RF

Robert Baker (Friend) posted:

I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Sue into Heavens gates. It was so long ago that I knew her but it seems like yesterday. One of the things that I always loved about Sue was how excited she got about almost everything that went on. She was so much fun at parties. She was so much fun at picnics. She was so much fun at work. I remember her being a little mischievous at times but it was always in a fun loving way. As I thought a little bit about Sue I was reminded about how wonderful she was with children. I can remember times when she was just a hoot playing with the kids. It always brought a smile to my face and warmth to my heart. And, I know the children love it too. It was reflected in their joy. You will be missed, Sue, by everyone whose life that you touched. What lucky souls we were. Be at peace in heaven and know that we will think of you often. I wish those who greave the most (your family and most loved ones) strength and peace as they work to accept your passing. God Bless... Robert

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JF

Jodie Donnell (Friend) posted:

I met Sue when Our Family went to Springdale Nazerene Church. One Monday I called her after a few times at church and ask her if I could do anything in the church. She gave me a job and we became good friends. She went on visitation with me. Ate at each others homes. Had great times. See you in heaven Sue.

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DF

Deborah Sankey (Friend) posted:

I was part of Sue's creative life. Helping her decorate her home, and instucting her how to paint. Sue was an extremely creative, and resourceful individual. I will miss her energy. She will always be in your hearts. My prayers and thoughts are with you, during your time of sorrow.

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MA

Marie Legrand (Acquainance) posted:

Sue was always so wonderful to work with. She always had a great attitude and a smile for everyone. I will miss her very much.

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SW

Susan White (Co-Worker) posted:

Sue was one of the first people I met when I started working at Tyson 17 years ago. She was so helpful and I always needed lots of help with Mapper and Focus. She was such a positive influence in my life. She will be missed by so many friends.

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PF

Paula Casey (Friend) posted:

I have not been in close contact with Sue for a few years now, but wow---the memories I have! Sue and I were in the Springdale Nazarene church together and our kids grew up at each other's homes! She was my closest friend for many years. To see the beautiful and charming woman that Donita has become, and the handsome and caring son in Wesley is quite a thrill! I pray God's SPECIAL touch on all of you in the days to come!

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DW

Dr. And Mrs. Tom Batie (Student, Friend, Co-Worker) posted:

My wife and I have recently moved back to NWA and were formulating a list of the many folks we needed to get back in touch with. Yes, Sue was on the list. We were traveling yesterday when my wife read Sue's obituary. We were stunned. Sue was all the wonderful things said before by family and friends. She was also a great teacher. Her zest for life transcended everything she did. An amazing person and a joy to know. Sue really made the world a better place. Wes and Donita, I cannot recall a conversation with Sue where your names did not come up. You are truly fortunate to have had such a loving mother. Your loss is great, but her reward is much greater. I'll bet she is getting a picnic, complete with her salsa, organized up in heaven right now.

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EA

Edwina Jones (Acquaintance) posted:

What an energetic, funny, warm, great person Sue was! Her energy and vitality was abounding and never ceased to amaze me. Wes, I can't even imagine how you feel right now, but my thoughts are with you and the rest of your family.

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GW

Gerry Johnson (Barbara Webb) posted:

I've only known Sue for about year but she was always wearing a smile. She had her plate full with everyday life but she dealt with it. Hard worker and very likable. I pray the Lord will bless her family with peace and comfort during their time of sorrow.

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SW

Shannon Curry (Friend - Co-Worker) posted:

We will all miss Sue very much. Sue was the person who met me at the door when I first started at Tyson in 1987. Sue will always have a special place in our hearts. Sue always had such high energy and enthusiam for anything she did. She even came to teach basket weaving to my cub scout troop in Bentonville. Sue was famous for her homemade hot sauce. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Russell family.

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DF

Dr. Joel & Elizabeth Hayward (Friend) posted:

Sue was a great friend & someone I enjoyed visiting with. We appreciated what she did to help her mother & all of her family. She was a very loving lady. Sue will be missed very much. We pray God will send His Comforter to the family

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JW

Judy Whinery (Co-Worker) posted:

I just wanted to let Sue's family and friends know how much I thought of Sue. She was a very lovely, warm-hearted lady who always had a smile for everyone. She shared her wonderful salsa with me several times, showed me pictures of her sunroom that she was remodeling, and talked endlessly about her grandchildren. She was a joy to be around because she was always so upbeat - everytime I talked with her I left either smiling or laughing - her attitude was infectious! She is leaving a lot of great memories for a lot of people here at Tyson. Rest in peace, Sue - you will be dearly missed.

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CW

Courtney Jones (Co-Worker) posted:

I have worked on and off for the past 3 years with Sue. Only the last year have I had the chance to get to know her personally. What a blessing she was! She was always full of life and good humor. I loved the stories she told of her family. Sue will be greatly missed.

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CW

Carolyn Mahady (Friend And Co-Worker) posted:

Sue was one of the first people I met when I came to work at Tyson almost 13 years ago. She is also one of the most memorable -- Sue was funny, warm, outgoing, generous, smart, and refreshingly open and honest. She had a formidable energy level too -- who else could bake pies BEFORE work and bring them in to share with her co-workers? I recall a statement she made to me a couple of years ago -- "Oh Carolyn, I lead such a full life!" Because she did, I like many others, feel her loss all the more acutely.

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SN

Sharon (Sims) Mcguire (School Friend/Neighbor) posted:

We used to walk home together after school back in the late 50's/early 60's. Sue always had a smile on her face and never a bad word about anyone. My family always shopped at her parents' shoe store. Sue came from a good family and was a good wife & mother. She will be missed by many. How blessed you were to have her. My sympathy & prayers, Sharon.

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DL

Dianne Letsch posted:

Donita and Family,I am so sorry to hear about your mother's passing. You have a special place in my heart. I will be praying for you and keeping you in my thoughts at this difficult time.Love,'Dianne Letsch,Southwest Jr. High Counselor

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GF

Gail Brogdon Dowd (Old Friend To The Webb Family) posted:

Although many years have passed, I always remember Sue fondly and recall many happy gatherings at her house when I was a young teenager. She was greatly loved by many. To Donita, Wes, lone, Don, Barbara, David and their families, my thoughts and prayers are with you.In sympathy,Gail Brogdon Dowd

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JD

Janet Fawcett (Childhood Friend Of Donita) posted:

It's been many years since I've seen Sue but often think of the many Sunday afternoons between church services spent at the Russell's home. I remember those great Sunday dinners too. She was always doing something for her family, the church or friends. A very loving and giving person. My thoughts and prayers will be with you Donita. Your friend always.

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TS

The Rogers Family (A Friend Who Lived Down The Street.) posted:

I had the pleasure of working with Sue over the last 11 years. I remember being introduced to her on my first day at Tyson and was told that she was the Mom of the department. She proved that many times over the years as she took the time to chat with me. She always brought a smile to me and those around her. Her spirit has been a blessing to me.

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KF

Karen L. Adams (Friend) posted:

She was a wonderful person everytime I saw her. I am sure that her family will truly miss her.

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LF

Laura Blakely (Friend) posted:

I have known Sue for a couple of years, and she always amazed me at how much energy one person could have! I loved her independence, her love and zeal for life, fishing, boating you name it. She truly inspired me! She will truly be missed!

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BF

Betty White & Gary White (Friend) posted:

Your mother will be missed by both of us. The pictures were wonderful and was just as we remember Sue. She was a kind, loving person. You can see she loved her family just from the expressions on her face in these photos. Wes & Donita - and the rest of your family - all of you will certainly be in our prayers in the days ahead as you adjust to the void in your life. What a heritage you have had. I know your heart is full of love today and it will continue to grow for your mother as you remember all the wonderful times you had.

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CF

Cindy Fitzgerald (Friend) posted:

Thank you so much for asking the boys to sing. They consider it an honor.

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BW

Barbara Harvey (Friend And Co-Worker) posted:

I am privileged that I was able to work with Sue over the past 25 years. Her great smile and love for life will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. I am glad that I got to visit with her for quite some time over the July 4th weekend. We reminisced about the good old days at Tyson Foods and it brought back some fond memories. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Russell family. Sue, you will be missed.

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VF

Verna Self (Friend) posted:

Sue was an astounding person, I remember at the church down town and the tremendous energy she had to plan events and trips. She took such good care of her Mother and I respected her very much. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

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WW

Whitney Wilson (Co-Worker) posted:

Sue was a pleasure to work around and with. She was always happy, and fun to be around. She will be missed at Tyson!

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KB

Kerry Boone (Friend Of Barbara) posted:

Barbara, I am sure sorry to hear of Sue's death. I know that she has been a rock for you and for your mother. I am not quite sure how God wishes to be worshiped but I have no doubt at all about his existence and that he knows you understands your innermost thoughts and needs at this time. I also know that he WILL be there for you... You've only to ask. Take care and if ever there is anything that I can do for you please call.Kerry

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JF

John Rogers (Friend) posted:

I'm still having a hard time accepting the fact that Sue will no longer be a participant in the day to day things that we do here each day. She was such an intregal part of the Data Architecture team here at Tyson that to think of doing what we do without her just doesn't seem right. If I had to chose one word to describe Sue, I would have to chose 'Dependable'. When she took something on, she made it happen. You could bank on it. I am greatly priveledged to have known her and to have worked so closely with her. I miss her very much and I sympathize with those of her family with whom she always spoke so fondly of. May God comfort you with the many memories she had a part in making.

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NE

Nettie Everett posted:

With deepest sympathy on the loss of your loved one. I have known Sue for a long time and am very fond of her. I will miss her very much. Even so, I realize your loss will be deeper than I can ever imagine.May God comfort and bless you at this timeNettie Everett

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JW

John Mullen (Friend/Co-Worker) posted:

I have known Sue since I starting working at Tyson and for the last 4-5 years we were working on the same team. We became much closer over the last year or so.I will miss our discussions about her family, her house projects, gardening, fishing, as well as the current and future projects that we had going at work.She was full of so much energy and love to entertain people.

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KA

Kim & Laural Miller (Acquaintance) posted:

Sue was a wonderful and sweet woman and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

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BF

Bernard Johnson (Friend) posted:

Sorry to hear about your loss. We will all miss Sue dearly.

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PF

Patti Hardcastle (Friend) posted:

Sue's phone number was the first I learned when I started at Tyson 12 years ago. Sue has been my mentor and my friend ever since. Working with Sue was always a wonderful adventure; we will all miss working with her. We will all miss her salsa, her funny depictions of life, and her contagious enthusiasm. There was never a dull moment around Sue. Sue was a true nurturer to children and adults alike. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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CF

Cherie Schremmer (Friend) posted:

The light of your spirit will forever shine bright.

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RG

Roland Griffin posted:

Sue you are a true friend... God brought you in to my life, and I got a true friend. May God give you... For every storm a rainbow, for every tear a smile, for every care a promise and a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share, for every sigh a sweet song and an answer for each prayer.

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KF

Karla Passmore (Co-Worker/Friend) posted:

I met Sue soon after coming to work at Tyson Foods, she was always happy to help and resolve any issues that might arise. Her outgoing personality, contagious smile and renowned salsa were always uplifting. May God keep her safe and close. And may her family know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

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RF

Rick Steichman (Friend) posted:

I worked with Sue at Tysons for 16 years before leaving two years ago. She became a good friend and she will be deeply missed. Her love for her family was always evident; you have lost a wonderful person. My prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow.

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MW

Maxine Evers (Co-Worker) posted:

Sue was always a pleasure to work with and a positive attitude toward job & life. Worked with Sue on several conversions back in late 80s & 90s. Sue will be greatly missed

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TW

The Bannister Family (Friend / Co-Worker) posted:

I have known Sue for over 14 years and during that time she has touched my life in so many ways. She got me into basket weaving, ceramics, baking; one year she even had me making jam? She has been my mentor, counselor, friend and shoulder to cry on. Sue was an amazing woman and I will miss her deeply. My thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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KW

Ken A. Davis (Friend And Co-Worker) posted:

I have sat beside Sue at work for the Last 4 years, and have always been amazed when hearing her tell of her stories or projects or fishing. Her energy was amazing. I couldn't keep up with her. Thank you for your friendship, Sue. We'll all miss you.

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MW

Marty Bryan (Co-Worker) posted:

Sue always had a smile on her face and was a joy to work with.

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DF

Dallas & Dee Wright (Friend) posted:

Sue was a wonderful, warm-hearted, and generous person. She was a great friend and Dee and I will miss her. When I came to work at Tyson's, fresh out of college, I was assigned a cubicle next to Sue. She took me under her wing, just like she did so many other people, and I'll always consider that one of the luckiest days in my life. We send our sympathies to Donita, Wes and the grandkids. Our hearts go out to you. Dallas

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LW

Linda Bowen (Co-Worker) posted:

Sue was a pleasure to work with. I have worked with her sporatically for about 3 years. She was always so funny and full of life. She always seemed happy no matter what the circumstances. I'll remember her for her ability to make the choice to be happy regardless of what life threw at her. My prayers are with her family now as I'm sure she is living it up in Heaven!

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KA

Kelly Tucker (Acquaintance) posted:

I am deeply saddened by the loss of my friend and co-worker. I am thankful for having spent a few minutes with her last weekend as we flew in from St. Louis together. I will always treasure that time. My heartfelt sympathies to those that she loved and loved her. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Kelly

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WA

William Whitfield (Work Associate) posted:

Sue was one of the first people that I met when I started working at Tyson over 25 years ago. She always had a smile and a positive attitude. She could always brighten up your day with a kind word. Although she is in a better place, she will be missed down here.

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LF

Lyndell L Mccoy (Friend) posted:

Sue, you will be missed. Your always smiling face!

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KW

Keith Whitehead (Friend/Tyson Co-Worker) posted:

The first day I came to work for Tyson in May of 1987, I met Sue. She was one of about five total IS people we had back then. From that day on, Sue was always an inspiration to me. She was a source of encouragement when I was a rookie at Tyson and over the years, she became a good friend and someone I could rely on anytime I needed help. Her smile, her enthusiasm for life, and her energy had such a positive impact on everyone she came in contact with. If Sue was around, it was a given that you were going to be laughing and smiling with her. When we say good bye to a loved one, it leaves behind an empty space. With Sue, that space is huge. I am so thankful that I was blessed with the opportunity to know Sue and for the positive impact she had on me.

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RN

Rita And Rick Jabat (Friend & Neighbor) posted:

We want to express our love and support to the family. We will miss Sue so much. It was a pleasure and an honor to know her and be included in her life. She always went out of her way to make people feel significant and loved - We will miss her dearly.

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CW

Carla Woods (Friend & Co-Worker) posted:

Sue was the first person I met the day I started working at Tyson. She took care of me that day and many times after. She taught me how to weave baskets, and we taught basket weaving together at FUMC. She enriched my life in many ways.

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VM

Vicki Wrigley (Freind Of Mom) posted:

Sue was a good friend and helped me make some lovely baskets--she had such patience and often spoke of her family so lovingly. She was proud of you all. I will miss her.

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JF

Jessica Pinkerton (Friend) posted:

Sue was a great friend. I called her Suie! She was a second mother to me. She had as many pictures of my daughter on her desk as I had on mine. I will always remember Sue as being one of the nicest people I have ever met.

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LA

Lisa Johnson (Acquaintance) posted:

Sue, many times over the past couple of months and weeks, we came to you asking for help and advice. Your drive to help the business is very refreshing and contagious. Your relentless energy / enthusiasm is an inspiration for us all. You will be deeply missed!And to the Russell, family, please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

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WM

Wanda "Glasgow" Daubenberger (Freind Of Mom) posted:

lone, my thoughts are with you at this time. I know how over welming the loss of a child can be. No matter how old they are, we never think we will out live them. I will keep you in my prayers. Love Marla, Wanda Glasgow's daughter

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JA

Joe And Sharon Clark (Acquaintance) posted:

We are so happy that we got the chance to meet her.She was such a wonderful, warm-hearted, open, caring person and the best host-grandmother I could have imagined having.God, give her a place in heaven!Much loveKristina and Maggi

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Arlene Bottoms (Doris Undernehr's Sister And Long Ago Friend) posted:

The greatest float trip organizer and fabulous cook.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Anita by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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