



Mary Susan Dowdy

September 25, 1946 - October 18, 2025

Mary Susan Dowdy (née Quarles), age 79, passed away on Saturday, October 18, 2025, at Baptist Memorial Hospital-Memphis. Born on September 25, 1946, in Fulton, Kentucky, Susan was the daughter of Joseph and Alice Quarles. After spending her childhood in Union City, she pursued her education at the Baptist Radiological School in Memphis. Susan was a quiet and confident woman whose strength and love radiated every day of her life. As a wife and mother, she was fiercely devoted and fully engaged in the lives of her family. A huge portion of her family legacy as the “mom who was always there” was built on years of PTA, Brownie, and Cub Scout meetings. Happily, Susan will certainly always be known for countless meals personally made and fondly provided by way of a near limitless kitchen table over the years. All of this will be greatly missed by the many she knew in life. She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Larry Dowdy; her son, Michael Dowdy, and his wife, Jolanta; her daughter, Angela Ndiaye; and her daughter, Jennifer Dowdy. Susan is survived by her sisters, Catherine Markham and Elaine Knight, along with many nieces and nephews. Her legacy continues through them and the many lives she touched with grace. A memorial gathering will be held on October 29, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm at St. Louis Catholic Church (203 S White Station Road). The family requests that memorials, in lieu of flowers, be sent to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Tribute Wall

MA

“ Mary A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Susan Dowdy.

Mary A. - October 29, 2025 at 06:12 PM

CL

“ Michael, I'm so sorry. I loved your Mother so much. We had many great conversations and she always felt like my Tennessee Mom. She always worked a compliment and encouragement into every conversation. She was a truly kind, gentle and remarkable person.

Christopher Ledford - October 28, 2025 at 11:26 AM

CR

“ Charles Richardt planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Susan Dowdy.

Charles Richardt - October 28, 2025 at 08:52 AM

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“ Charles Richardt purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mary Susan Dowdy.



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DP

“ Joe and I thought the world of Susie and Larry. Prayers for all.

Doris Pringle - October 27, 2025 at 11:10 PM

GK

“ I remember many hours of fun Bunko games with Susie! We always had a good time! Those were my welcoming years to Germantown and she always made me feel like a special person. We'll have you all in my prayers!.

Gretchen Kirk - October 27, 2025 at 05:19 PM

AN

Gretchen this is Angie

My brother Mike and my sister Jennifer appreciate your kind words for mom. When I saw this I was flooded with memories of you and your family. I remember trips of us all piled into a mini van getting McDonalds and our classes at OLPH. You were a very present mentor during all of our Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. And hearing the laughter of mom, you and the girls drift upstairs on those legendary Bunko nights.

We love you

The Dowdy Kids

Angela (Dowdy) Ndiaye - November 03, 2025 at 05:31 PM

JW

“ As a college student going to Ms Dowdys house, the family always shared Thanksgiving with me and her fantastic laugh. She will be missed and her love lives on. Xx

Jennifer Welch - October 27, 2025 at 01:18 PM



In the beginnings of my stay in Memphis as a young exchange student, I had serious problems with the language and whenever I walked into the Dowdy house Ms Dowdy opened her heart. She was always there for everyone. She will be missed by lots of people. My condolences for her family. May she rest in eternal peace

Thomas Schommers - October 28, 2025 at 03:23 AM

GP

“ *Susie and Larry have been family to me for over 30 years. Way more than friends. I was invited to every holiday meal and attended many. Susie would decorate the entire house for every occasion. Super bowl parties were the best! She will be greatly missed. Now she has no pain and illness, a new mansion and walking on streets of gold. Looking forward to seeing you again someday, Love you, Greg.*

Greg Parrish - October 27, 2025 at 11:07 AM