



## Sarah Sims Washburn

November 29, 1937 - July 27, 2021

Sarah Sims Washburn passed away after a long illness in Madison, MS, on July 27, 2021. She immeasurably loved God, family, church, and the hundreds of students she taught and guided at Blue Mountain College.

Born on November 29, 1937, she was the cherished daughter of Horace Allen and Rosalee Bishop Sims of Kosciusko, MS. She graduated from Kosciusko High School, Blue Mountain College and completed an M.A. in History at the University of Mississippi. In 1960, she married William "Bill" Washburn and together they returned to Blue Mountain College as faculty. As a member of the BMC faculty, she maintained high academic standards and committed herself to the best education possible for her students. She retired in 2006.

A vibrant, active member of Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church since 1956, Sarah was at various times Sunday School teacher for the Lydia Class, choir member, pianist, chair of the Finance Committee and too many other servant roles to list. Perhaps her favorite activity later in life was teaching children in Vacation Bible School. Committed to her community, she participated in local government as an alderman for the Town of Blue Mountain from 1980 until 1993. She was an avid gardener and with no fences around her yard, shared her beautiful garden with neighbors year-round. Above all, Sarah was kind hearted and generous to all she knew.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. She will be

deeply missed by her daughters Susan Washburn Taylor (Greg) of Madison, MS, and Laurel Washburn Hamrick (Dan) of Rockfield, KY, and by her grandchildren Melissa Farmer (Daniel) of Nashville, TN, Adam Baldwin (Meghan) of Ft. Myers, FL, Will Taylor (Meghan) of Birmingham, AL, and Katie Taylor of Birmingham, AL. The family is ever grateful for the loving caregivers at St. Catherine's Village in Madison who will miss her as well.

The family will receive friends from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021 at McBride Funeral Home in Ripley, MS. Guests are asked to wear masks and practice social distancing. The family will celebrate her life on Saturday morning, July 31, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, Sarah's life may be honored by memorials to the Blue Mountain Baptist Church, the Washburn Scholarship at Blue Mountain College or the Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **30**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

McBride Funeral Home, Inc.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Sims Washburn

October 05, 2023 at 12:14 PM



“ Melinda (presley) Clark And T Clark lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sims Washburn



Melinda (presley) clark and T Clark - July 30, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ Remembering a caring, loving woman of strong Christian faith, in prayers for the loved ones who will carry her memory on.  
Connie Russell

Connie Russell - July 29, 2021 at 01:03 AM



“ It warmed my heart to see a picture of Mrs. Washburn come up on my Facebook page. It only took a moment to see why her picture was showing--a sad loss for those left behind. We cannot escape the pain of loss, yet at the instant moment, I am so grateful I was influenced by this wonderful spirit, this wonderful woman of faith, a woman of intelligence, someone who made me feel lighter just from her smile and that sweet and slightly comical voice. I loved hearing her talk. Thank you Sarah for being you. Thank you for loving your students. Thank you for loving the Lord. Well done. You have finished your hard race. Rest, be lightened, be young again, be with your Lord and your husband who went before you.

Dr. Kelly Rinehart - July 28, 2021 at 11:05 PM

CL

“ *A lovely tribute for a lovely woman. My heart-felt condolences to her family.*

Cheryl Lyons - July 28, 2021 at 09:47 PM

TM

“ *Sarah and Bill were very gracious to me when I moved to Blue Mountain. When she faced adversity in life, she kept her positive attitude.*

Terry McRoberts - July 28, 2021 at 04:19 PM

JS

“ *Jackie And Polly Stokes lit a candle in memory of Sarah Sims Washburn*



Jackie and Polly Stokes - July 28, 2021 at 02:38 PM

WC

“ *WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Sims Washburn*



WEST RIPLEY BAPTIST CHURCH - July 28, 2021 at 10:24 AM

RG

“ *Ronnie & Martha Grisham sent a virtual gift in memory of Sarah Sims Washburn*



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**Ronnie & Martha Grisham** - July 27, 2021 at 08:20 PM