



EVELYN SEBREE

November 12, 1929 - June 26, 2013

Obituary of EVELYN SEBREE

Dr. Evelyn A. "Sis" Sebree, the great granddaughter of Umatilla's founder, Nathan Trowell, died on Wednesday, June 26. She was 83.

Sis was born November 12, 1929 in Umatilla and lived there all her life, mostly in her beloved ancestral home, which was built in 1904 by her grandfather on land homesteaded by her great grandfather in the 1850's.

She graduated from Umatilla High School, attended Florida State University for two years and then graduated with her Bachelor's degree from The University of Florida. She then taught at Lake City High School. After marriage, she taught at Skeen Elementary and pursued her Master's degree from Rollins College. She was employed at Lake-Sumter Junior College as an instructor and later became its Director of Financial Aid and for a time the Executive Director of the College Foundation. She earned her PhD from Florida State University. Sis served 25 years at the community college before retiring.

Sis was instrumental in securing a new building for the nursing program at Lake-Sumter, was on the committee to save the Umatilla Methodist Church and place it on the National Register of Historic Places, was instrumental in making the Umatilla 1910 school into a museum and also served on the Carr Cabin restoration committee. She was president of the Florida Association of Financial Aid Administrators and was active in regional and national financial aid groups. She was appointed to the Board of Trustees at Lake-Sumter after retirement. She was a proud member of the Gator Nation and became a member of the Gator Boosters in 1951, Lake County Gator Club and the Mt. Dora Yacht Club.

Sis will be remembered for her wit, intelligence, deep love for her family, her hometown and the game of bridge.

Sis is survived by her children, Roger, Wyatt (Sheri), Cathie Tarby (Peter), Twink Krug (Jeff). She was predeceased by her son, Bill. Nin will be missed by her grandchildren, Michael (Tabitha), Christopher (Sarah), Allen Barto, Ashley Morton (Josh), Lance Krug, Lanie Krug and her five great-grandchildren.

Services

Her life will be celebrated at the First Baptist Church of Umatilla at 11:00 a.m., Saturday with Reverend Brooks Braswell officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dr. Evelyn Sebree Family Memorial Scholarship at Lake-Sumter State College Foundation, 9501 U. S. Highway 441, Leesburg, Florida 34788.

Tribute Wall



“ *EVELYN SEBREE*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Cathy, I am so sorry for your loss. Hugs to you and your family. Your Mom definately lived her life to the fullest. Karen*

Karen LeHeup - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Heartfelt sympathy to you. Your mom was loved beyond belief. Nothing to do or say--but please know you're in my prayers, if I could be there, I'd be honored to say good by to a real lady.*

Rebecca Brew Young - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences to the Sebree family. As a very young teacher in Umatilla I will always remember the kind and helpful ways she always showed me. She was truly a remarkable lady and I will always be grateful for knowing her. We need more Sis Sebrees in our lives. Love, Mike Sheets*

MIKE SHEETS - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *This beautiful lady will be dearly missed by family and friends, but leaves behind an amazing legacy of kindness to others and a family who will live on with endless memories of happy times. What a Umatilla gem she was!*

Carolyn Bowron Green - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ SIS will be missed by us more than you can ever imagine. She was like a sister I never had, when growing up. Sandra and I send our deepest sympathies.

tim&sandra - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ A very great woman has died and will be so missed. She not only was a great neighbor but mother of my classmate Roger. I remember times at the Methodist church and other functions. May her soul rest in peace and her memory endure for all times.

Marji Randall Bird - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ One of our lights has not gone out but moved on. She will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Mary Montez - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ What a special lady. We are so sorry that we can't be there on Saturday to celebrate her life. Ryan and Evan want everyone to know that they will remember Sister for her awesome "real" French Toast and her piano lesson. We love you all! Heaven just got a real touch of class.

Steve and Jennifer Collins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Twink, Jeff, Lance and Lanie, Our thoughts and prayers are for you in this time of grief

Tim & Sharon Morris - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss, your mom was such a wonderful kind woman...always smiling and taking time to enjoy life! Conversations with her were fun...she always had something positive to say....gonna miss her for sure. My thoughts and prayers to all of you.

Debbie Caldwell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Please know that I am thinking of all of you and wish I were close enough to be at the funeral on Sat. She was such a Stoic, brave in her dying as she was courageous in her living. What a wonderful Southern lady. Know that you haven't really lost her. You will see her in so many things that you do and she will visit you in your dreams. Love Lynn Miles

Lynn miles - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ I last saw her a few months ago at Waterman--we chatted briefly and parted with Go Gators. Sorry for your loss.

Clara Ridaught - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ So sorry for your loss. Four of us attended Lake-Sumter. We remember Dr. Sebree fondly. When you think back to memories of Lake-Sumter, you cannot help but think of her..... Our thoughts are with you....

Sennett Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ So very sorry for your loss. I was very fond of your mother. She certainly was one of the most stoic woman I've known. Her wit, warmth, caring and intelligence was second to no one. And such a good bridge player. I am proud to have known her. God gave us a wonderful gift. "Memories". In that way we never loose our loved ones. They're always in our heart. God bless you all. Dale

Dale ABRAHAMSON - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FJ

“ Brenda Ballagh and I send our deepest sympathy for the loss of your loved one. Flo Johnson

Flora Johnson - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NS

“ Roger and family, so very sorry for your loss, my prayers are with you always. Norb Schmadl

Norb Schmadl - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ On behalf of the Florida Association of student financial aid administrators, (FASFAA) may the memories of "SIS" bring comfort and peace to all those that knew and loved her. May she walk among angels.

FASFAA - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Twink, Cathie, Wy, and Roger My deepest sympathy for your loss. Your mother was an amazing woman and a great influence for me through my youth. Loved by many and will be missed by all who knew her.

Lory Shiver Beers - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Roger, Wy, Cathie and Twink . My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your mother was a powerful influence in my life and many others. Her life lessons will be carried on for many generations. With deepest sympathy Skip

Skip Blair - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ What wonderful memories I have of growing up 50 years ago in the neighborhood with the Sebree family. Sis was one of those people who always put a smile on your face with her witty comments. Roger, Wy, Cathy, Bill (I'm blowing you a kiss in heaven) and Twink you are lucky people to have had such an accomplished and fabulous Mom. I'm bringing my Mom to the service this morning. Love you guys!

Katrina Clanton FitzSimmons - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Such a sad heart to hear about this. You need to know that I consider Sis to be one of the reasons I am in my position today. As a new Financial Aid officer, Sis pulled me aside and made me feel special. She welcomed me into a profession where each of us made had the ability to make a real difference in the life of a student. She taught me so many of the concepts and values that I use today. Fond memories include a group of us, sitting in a circle, arguing and debating the Federal Regulations at a FASFAA Conference, probably around 1984 or so. Inspirational, kind, welcoming and warm-hearted just don't really describe Sis - I am trulay heartbroken. My prayers to her family, but rest-assured she lives on through us all!

Will Shaffner - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Sis was a very special to me and we shared many good times. We enjoyed fasfaa, Sasfaa and Nasfaa and served on many committees . She will be missed.

Preston Rosser - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Roger, our sincere condolences to you and your family for this huge loss. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve & Cathy McDonald - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Sis will be missed by all who knew her. Those of us who knew her and worked with her in SASFAA for many years will always remember her for her ready smile, a good joke and occasionally a humorous story. May she rest in peace in the presence of the Holy Trinity!

William Rodgers - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WW

“ Sis always had a warm smile whenever I was around -- kind of an aura. i didn't realize we had another special bond. I, too, am a charter member of the Gator Nation. Save a place for me, Sis, if I also make it to a better place. And, oh yes, Go Gators! Love Bill Wall, Montgomery, AL, Our association also included SASFAA -- for many, many years.

William H. Wall - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ A great lady with a warm smile. I will remember her kindness during my short time with FASFAA.

Brian J.Woods - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ Sis will be missed by all of us who knew her. She was a pillar of the FASFAA community, and always enjoyed her company at SASFAA, and NASFAA. She mentored me when I became FASFAA President-elect, and participated in all our activities. We will all miss dear Sis.

Ronnie Oard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ We will all miss dear Sis. She mentored me when I succeeded as President, and helped me all the way. She was humorous, and generous with her time. We spent some time together working on SASFAA and FASFAA projects. My condolences to Roger and her family. God bless, Ronnie

Ronnie Oard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ First as a student at Lake Sumter and later as a professional Aid Administrator, Sis was always an encouragement. We always joked about my coming home back to Lake Sumter after she retired to assume her role. She was a great lady and a special role model to those of us in the Aid profession, she will certainly be missed by all.

Al Pratt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I'm so sorry to hear about this wonderful lady. We met during physical therapy a few years ago. She (sis) would encourage the ones who were struggling and before you know it she had us doing what we all needed to do. Our thoughts and prayers are with you the family of this great lady. Pete & Jean Ruby

Pete & Jean Ruby - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ For many years Sis was a strong leader in the Florida financial aid community. We had great respect for Sis and will miss her. Our sympathy to her family.

Margaret Morris - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I am sad to hear about Sis' departure. No doubt she is walking among angels. She was also an angel while on earth. She was the sweetest lady I have ever known. I am praying for strength to the rest of her family.

Bessie Cantarero - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM