



## Sarah Jane Branstetter

December 6, 1929 - February 6, 2017

Mrs. Sarah Jane Branstetter, 87, of Louisiana, Missouri passed away Monday, February 6, 2017 at Lynn's Heritage House in Louisiana. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2017 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana. The Rev. Jimmy Spear will officiate. Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until time of service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery.

She was born December 6, 1929 in Louisiana, Missouri the daughter of Homer Earl Reed and Nina Edwards Reed. She married Duey "Dude" Branstetter June 6, 1956 in Piedmont, Missouri and he survives.

Other survivors include; one daughter, Debbie Branstetter Hunter and husband, Dr. David "Rob" Hunter, a granddaughter, Lauren Frances Hunter all of Fulton, Missouri, one brother, John Allen Reed (Mary) of Eolia, Missouri and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Nina Edwards Reed, two brothers, Homer "Bud" Reed and Kenneth Reed and one sister who died at a young age.

Sarah Jane graduated from the Louisiana High School in 1947. She attended Christian College for two years then transferred to The University Of Missouri where she earned her Master's Degree in Music Education. She began her career in Teaching at Troy, Missouri where she taught Music from 1951 to 1956. She later taught at BONCL for a couple of years before teaching in the Louisiana School System until she retired in 1990. She was a member of the

First Christian Church in Louisiana.

Pallbearers will be Galen Johnson, Carroll Schnitzer, Ed Pennington, John Murray, Denny Deweese, and Mark Shade.

Memorials may be given to the First Christian Church in care of Collier Funeral Homes, Inc., 117 Barnard Dr., Louisiana, MO 63353.

# Cemetery Details

## Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery

Pike 251  
Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 10. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sarah Jane Branstetter

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ Sarah Jane Branstetter

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ She was my music teacher in high school and I have so many fond memories of that time. She was a very loving, caring person.



Kay Raithel - February 24, 2017 at 05:34 PM



“ She was my music teacher in middle school. Now ..how I wished I had listened to her.



Jan Hume - February 17, 2017 at 12:23 AM

BL

“ It makes me so sad to hear of the death of my friend Sarah Jane. I played my violin in the pit orchestra for the high school musicals with her on the piano. She always had a smile and was such an accomplished musician. I have so many fond memories of her. My sincere condolences to her family. The only reason I know about her death is because my daughter, Kirsten Christensen Nelson sent the obituary to me. Keeping you all in my prayers. Betty Christensen Kaser Lyle. Dublin, Ohio

Betty Christensen Kaser Lyle - February 13, 2017 at 03:16 PM

CM

“ Connie Walden Mowen lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Branstetter



Connie walden mowen - February 09, 2017 at 11:58 PM

CM

connie walden mowen class of 85

Connie walden mowen - February 10, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ I will miss Sarah Jane's kind smile. She always seemed so gentle and kind. I loved to hear her play the piano. She was always willing to try whatever we did in the OWLS group at our church. A fond memory I have is when she played the piano and we played our kitchen utensils at Rev Gail Aurand's picnic. Helen Crew

Helen Crew - February 09, 2017 at 11:37 PM

JD

“ It was my good fortune to work with Sarah Jane at the Louisiana Elementary School. Her programs were always wonderful and we're enjoyed by the students and their families. She had the gift of being a great teacher.

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**Judy Davenport** - February 09, 2017 at 09:07 PM

DH

“ Sorry for your loss....We shared so much the 5 years we worked together in music at the Louisiana school district. Peace be with you all!

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**don hamilton** - February 09, 2017 at 11:05 AM

MC

“ Margaret & Jim Cordry lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Branstetter



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**Margaret & Jim Cordry** - February 09, 2017 at 09:36 AM

KR

“ so sorry for your loss.she was a great music teacher.when you see her she always had a smile on her face.god bless the family in your time of sorrow.god bless

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**kathy resor** - February 09, 2017 at 08:18 AM

DC

“ *Dianne Collins lit a candle in memory of Sarah Jane Branstetter*



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**Dianne Collins** - February 08, 2017 at 11:49 PM

DC

*Condolences to the family. God's Blessings*

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**Dianne Collins** - February 08, 2017 at 11:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Branstetter.*



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February 08, 2017 at 04:43 PM




“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Branstetter.*



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February 08, 2017 at 01:46 PM

Roni  
Bryant

“ I had a few sentences describing how I remembered and felt about the beautiful and always classy, Mrs Branstetter, but as I went to find this,   
<https://youtu.be/YooEW1pgoBI>, as my luck goes, my paragraph was lost. So, as an honestly accurate tribute to one of the all-time greats, please open the YouTube link above. I think we (mainly her students) all will "get" it, despite my copy/paste fiasco 💜🎵🎵🎵💜

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**Roni Bryant** - February 08, 2017 at 01:33 PM

AW

“ My prayers and sympathy to Sarah Jane"s family. She was a delightful and very talented person. My daughters always enjoyed her music class and all of us always enjoyed the children's musical programs Sarah Jane put on.

*Ann Woods, Flint, TX*

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**Ann Woods** - February 08, 2017 at 09:36 AM

JP

“ I have wonderful memories with Dude and Sara Jane, camping at Kentucky Lake,(Dude performed an amazing rendition of "Anchors Away" in the pouring down rain) shut my forearm in their car door, and many great times out on the river. Sara Jane told me that when I was in the lunch line and she was taking names and money that I would start talking to her and if I was not finished when it was time for me to eat that I would go back to the end of the line so I could finish talking to her. Many great memories, I am so sorry for your loss.

*Jill Love Perkins*

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**Jill Love Perkins** - February 08, 2017 at 07:43 AM

WF

“ We are saddened to learn that you’re mourning the loss of your dear love one. However, it saddens our God even more. No doubt, you have many fond memories which will resurface from time to time. And because you do have memories, certainly shows that almighty God has memories as well. Therefore, with full confidence you can take comfort in knowing that he longs to restore perfect life to all those in his memory (Job 14:13-15; Rev 21:3, 4). Please accept our condolences at this most distressing time.

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**Williams Family** - February 08, 2017 at 06:50 AM

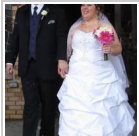


“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sarah Jane Branstetter.



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February 07, 2017 at 10:57 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Mes. Branstetters passing. She was one of my favorite teachers and her music class was my favorite part of the schook week. She always had a smile to give and kind words to share. She will be greatly missed.

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**Aimee Preston Ryers** - February 07, 2017 at 08:46 PM

JW

“ So sorry to hear about the death do Sara Jane. She was a real lady who was always wonderful to me and my family. We moved away from Louisiana 30 years ago but have not forgotten the Branstetter.family and will be praying for you.

*Jimmy Wheeler*

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**Jimmy Wheeler** - February 07, 2017 at 07:10 PM

DC

“ Sorry to hear of the death of Sarah Jane Branstetter. My best wishes to family and friends. D. Randall Cone, Louisiana

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**D. Randall Cone** - February 07, 2017 at 04:52 PM

DD

*Please except my deepest sympathies at the death of Sarah jane. I enjoyed working with her throughout much of our career together. Please know that each of you is in my prayers and thoughts. May the memories and the love you share carry you through this time of sorrow. May God surround you with His comforting love.*  
*Delores Davis*

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**Delores Davis** - February 08, 2017 at 02:06 AM

BB

*Mrs. Branstetter was the choral teacher mt senior year at Louisiana R-II High School. She was tremendous. I recently discovered the we were related through the Reeds. While looking for her I find that she has passed. My loss! Mt prayers and thoughts go to her family*  
*Bill Bass*

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**Bill Bass** - August 06, 2020 at 12:55 PM