



## Mary Olive Spivey Sugg

June 29, 1932 - February 22, 2020

Mary Olive Spivey Sugg was born on June 29, 1932. She lost her valiant eight-year fight against Alzheimer's Disease on February 22, 2020. She was born in Moultrie, GA, and when she was a young girl moved with her family to Wilson, NC where she grew up and graduated from high school. She attended Meredith College in Raleigh, NC where she earned an elementary education degree. She met her husband, Robert "Bob" Russell Sugg, Jr., a student at NC State University, on a blind date. They were married on June 24, 1954 and moved to Maryville, TN (1954-1960) where he worked for ALCOA and she taught elementary school. After a son was born in 1957, she stayed at home. A daughter came in 1959. Opportunities with ALCOA moved the family to Evansville, IN (1960-1968), Rockdale, TX (1968-1970), Port Lavaca, TX (1970-1974), Pittsburg, PA (1974-1975), back to Rockdale (1975-1980), and finally to Sao Louis, Brazil (1980-1986). After her marriage ended in 1986 she moved back to Rockdale for a third time, where she immersed herself in the things she love the most: digging in the dirt to collect artifacts of indigenous peoples, digging in the sand to find shark's teeth, improving her painting skills and mastering various mediums of that expression, maintaining a fabulous lawn, and spending time with her ALCOA girlfriends playing bridge, taking art lessons, and just enjoying her grandsons. In 2012, after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, she moved from Rockdale to an assisted living facility in San Antonio and then less than a year later into memory care. She fought hard for almost seven years before transitioning into her forever home with

her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mary Olive was preceded in death by her parents, Edwin Herman Spivey and Cara Olivia Downs Spivey.

She is survived by her son and daughter; Robert Russell Sugg, III, Connie Sugg Claeys, their respective spouses; Rebecca Wright Sugg and John Claeys, and her grandsons; Jordan Sugg (his wife, Joy Janszen Sugg), Scott Claeys, Cory Sugg (his wife, Kristy Pearce Sugg), and Jason Claeys, and three great grandchildren.

A private family service is scheduled the last week of July at her sister's home in Spirit Lake, ID where her kids, grandkids, great grand kids, will join her sister, Connie Williams, her brother, Edwin "Buck" Spivey and both their families to celebrate her life and legacy and cast her ashes in one of the places she loved the most.

In lieu of flowers, please make a tribute gift in honor of our mother to the Alzheimer's Association ([alz.org](http://alz.org)).

# Tribute Wall

BK

“ Good memories with my Aunt Mary Olive include visits to Topsail Beach, Jekyll Island, Spirit Lake and Rockdale. She always had a little mischievous twinkle in her eye, a sweet smile and a nice southern accent. I remember her enjoying golf, bike rides and beach walks. She was also an accomplished painter and I’ve posted two of my favorites - me sitting with her under the magnolia painting and another painting from the streets of Brazil. Mary Olive - you will live in my heart until we meet again in heaven!



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**Bradley Kitchens** - March 02, 2020 at 09:52 AM

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“ She has been and will continually be missed. May she be blessed with peace. Betty Harper

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**Betty Harper** - February 29, 2020 at 02:46 PM

RS

You and Bob were dear friends to my mother. Thank you for your kind words. Rusty Sugg

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**Rusty Sugg** - February 29, 2020 at 06:47 PM

CC

Thank you, Betty! She loved you!! Connie Claeys

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**connie claeys** - March 02, 2020 at 09:18 AM