



Elizabeth Ann Capps

December 14, 1936 - January 8, 2017

Elizabeth Ann Vaughan Capps died Sunday, January 8, 2017, in Searcy, Arkansas. She was born in Searcy on December 14, 1936, to Barnett and Pauline Huffstuttler Vaughan. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her stepmother, Rosa Mae Vaughan; brother, Coleman Vaughan; sister-in-law, Carol Vaughan; and infant granddaughter, Elizabeth Reed. She is survived by her devoted husband of 61 years, former Senator and House Speaker John Paul Capps, and her loving children: Paula Capps Sarathy of New York City and husband Rajesh Parthasarathy; Kimberly Capps Reed and husband Jerome (Jerry) Reed of Nashville, Tennessee; John Paul Capps, Jr., also of Nashville; adoring granddaughter Olivia Grace Reed of St. Louis, Missouri; cherished brother, Roger Vaughan of Searcy; doting aunts, Virginia Huffstuttler Hindman of Searcy and Ora Delle Huffstuttler Hightower of Houston, Texas; and several beloved cousins and nieces and nephews. She was perhaps the youngest 80-year-old ever, with a kind, gentle spirit, endless curiosity, and a delight in lifelong learning. She began her career at Rodgers Hospital and Searcy Medical Center, where she enjoyed learning about the medical field and where she made many friends for life. She was an invaluable partner for her husband in both his legislative and broadcasting work; she often acted as his diplomatic spokesperson when he served in the Arkansas House of Representatives and Senate, and in the latter years of his service, she joined him at the Capitol by working in the legislative bill room, where she again made many friends. She shared her husband's enjoyment of

music and broadcasting, and they founded KAPZ / KKSJ Radio in Searcy, where she was CFO. She was a voracious reader who loved nothing more than being surrounded by her books and by people who read. She traveled whenever possible, and for many summers recently she studied English history at Christ Church, a college in Oxford University. She loved sports, especially the Arkansas Razorbacks; animals, especially dogs; and politics, especially the Democratic Party, of which she was a fervent lifelong member. In her final illness, she was proud to cast her absentee vote for the first woman nominated by a major party for the presidency. A faithful member of the College Church of Christ in Searcy, her faith sustained her throughout her illness, and her sweet spirit of love and faith shone through the darkest moments. Above all, she delighted in life, and she was well loved. Visitation will be Tuesday, January 10, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home, 2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expressway in Searcy. Funeral will be Wednesday, January 11, at 11:00 at College Church of Christ, 712 E. Race Avenue in Searcy. Memorial gifts may be made to College Church of Christ for supporting orphanages in Zambia (the Namwianga Mission).

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy
Searcy, AR 72143
(501) 268-7220
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (CT)

College Church of Christ
Searcy, AR 72143

Interment

JAN 11 (CT)

Gum Springs Cemetery
Hwy 367 S. @ Booth Road
Searcy, AR 72143

Tribute Wall



“ *Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Capps.*



January 13, 2017 at 12:30 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Elizabeth Ann Capps*



Paula Capps - January 12, 2017 at 11:31 PM



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I love the way Elizabeth could wear her sweaters tied around her waist and draped over her shoulders. I loved her linen blouses/shirts. She had a flair for fashion. Thank you, Paula, for the pictures...

Anita Fuller - January 14, 2017 at 08:32 AM

TG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Your mother left you a wonderful legacy. A woman of grace, dignity and kindness. A true southern lady.

Tim Guffey

tim guffey - January 12, 2017 at 08:04 PM

SM

“ I met Mrs. Capps when she and my brother were receiving IV cancer treatments at UAMS on the same day. As we visited, she offered information on an out-of-state oncologist and provided her telephone number should we need anything.

As we communicated by texts over the next months, she always offered words of hope and encouragement. Her concern was for my brother and not her illness. I have been blessed to know her even if by texts. She provided comfort and encouragement and truly helped me through a difficult time.

As we visited, I heard of her love for Mr. Capps and for her children. I also heard of her pride and great joy in her family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sherryl Miller

Sherryl Miller - January 12, 2017 at 03:38 PM

BD

“ Elizabeth was a wonderful lady. We are so sorry that she has passed on. Our prayers are with the family.

Rodger and Barbara Duncan

Barbara S Duncan - January 11, 2017 at 06:30 PM

DK

“ *Mrs. Capps was an awesome lady. Our family will miss her deeply. Love and prayers to all. Donna Canter Kilgore*

DONNA KILGORE - January 11, 2017 at 04:35 PM

RE

“ *My prayers are with you and your family. your former neighbor Roberta Canter Elliott*

Roberta Elliott - January 11, 2017 at 03:41 PM

FO

“ *My Prayers are with this amazing family.*

Fonda - January 11, 2017 at 01:08 PM

DW

“ *John Paul & family,*

Crystal and I were sad to learn of Elizabeth's passing in today's paper. We will always remember the legislative activities and the many friends we made, particularly with you and Elizabeth. You were always most helpful to my needs while you were Speaker and it was my privilege to call you my friend. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you and your family during this difficult situation.

With warmest personal regards,

Doug Wood

Doug & Crystal Wood - January 10, 2017 at 08:52 PM

LP

“ *John Paul, sincere sympathy to you and your family. Leona Poole and Family*

Leona Poole - January 10, 2017 at 07:56 PM



“ *One of the kindest and most loving ladies I've had the pleasure of knowing. What a wonderful life lived and legacy in a wonderful family as well...*

Marty Reagan - January 10, 2017 at 07:31 PM

SR

“ *JP,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Please accept our sincere condolences.

Suresh Ramamurthy.

Suresh Ramamurthy - January 10, 2017 at 04:12 PM

EC

“ *John Paul, you had a beautiful wife. More important she was a christian and served her fellow mankind.*

Earl Clevenger

Earl Clevenger - January 10, 2017 at 02:38 PM

RW

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your loss. Please accept our sincere condolences, Jan & Richard Weiss*

Richard Weiss - January 10, 2017 at 12:44 PM

JW

“ John Paul, so sorry to hear of your loss of Elizabeth, I know it must be very difficult at this time, it's been a long road, I pray our Lord and savior Jesus Christ will provide you and your family the comfort you need at this time. Our friendship over the years has shown your love and dedication to your family and the people you have represented. May our God bless you all.

James L Wyatt

James L Wyatt - January 10, 2017 at 08:23 AM

JH

“ John Paul and Family; Our thoughts and prayers are with you; True statement:: behind every great man is a Great Woman. Johnny & Mary Hodges

Johnny Hodges - January 10, 2017 at 05:31 AM

JW

“ Dear John Paul and family,
Please accept my deepest sympathy for the loss of your dear Elizabeth. What a sweet, kind, wonderful lady she was. On every occasion I had to speak with her, she was always so gracious. No matter how long it had been, it was always as if no time had passed since we last spoke. She was just so pleasant and easy to talk to and always seemed genuinely interested in my well being. I know this loss has left a hole in your hear that can never be filled. Know that she had a positive impact upon so many people. Her love and adoration for all of you was evident. God bless her and all of you.

With heartfelt sincerity,

Janet Clark Wilson

Former employee of KKSJ

Janet Clark Wilson - January 09, 2017 at 09:47 PM

JC

“ I was so saddened to hear the news of Elizabeth's passing. I worked for John Paul and Elizabeth at KKSJ in the mid 90's and they treated me like family. Elizabeth was so sweet and just a wonderful person to everyone. She always liked the song 'Elizabeth' by the Statler Brothers and I would always make sure to stop by her office anytime I was going to play it to let her know I was playing it especially for her. I look back on my time at Sunny 107 as a very special time in my life. My deepest condolences to You John Paul. I know what She meant to You and and She will be deeply missed by anyone who knew Her.

Jim Cameron - January 09, 2017 at 08:31 PM

PC

“ Elizabeth was the epitome of class. I worked for John Paul at KKSJ radio in the nineties and the whole staff were wonderful people to work for and to work with. They made me feel like family. John Paul, I was just thinking about our times together at the station and particularly Elizabeth just yesterday. I think she was channeling me with her spirit. I am truly sorry for your loss. I will fondly remember my experiences with this wonderful lady! She will be greatly missed I'm sure. Phil Cleek

phil cleek - January 09, 2017 at 05:28 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Ann Capps.



January 09, 2017 at 04:41 PM

JM

“ Elizabeth Capps was a southern lady! She was gentle and kind! I loved visiting with her. Elizabeth always seemed interested in my family and what was going on in my life. My thought, prayers, and love are extended to her dear family whom she loved so much!
Jan Morgan

Jan Morgan - January 09, 2017 at 03:34 PM

AF

“ My heart is broken but I will soldier on, as Elizabeth would want me to. I am relieved for her, and her dear family....that she no longer suffers. I will remember all the good times we had, esp. visiting at Midnight Oil....exchanging books and giving each other book reviews and opinions.
Elizabeth bolstered me up many times thru the years....I will never forget her, and what her friendship meant to me.

We tried to help the football Razorbacks each game, by wearing our red clothing, and Elizabeth especially helped them by wearing her red shoes on game day. We also would eat a hotdog, as we thought that was 'lucky' for them.

Rest in peace my dear dear friend.
Anita Fuller
Greers Ferry, Ark.

Anita Fuller - January 08, 2017 at 04:07 PM