



## Jamie Sue White Kroeber

September 7, 1937 - April 29, 2025

Jamie Sue (White) Kroeber passed away peacefully on April 29, 2025 to her eternal home. She was 87 years old.

Jamie was born on September 7, 1937 in Carbon Hill, AL to Ada (Castleberry) White; her father James White, a coal miner, had passed away six months before her birth. Jamie was the youngest of twelve White children, four of whom - Jackie, Gilbert, Yvonne, and Jamie - were still at home during her childhood. After her high school graduation, Jamie attended the University of Alabama, earning a masters degree in Library Science.

Jamie dreamed of seeing the world; she met her future husband Donald Kroeber while serving as a US Civil Service librarian in Germany. When Don heard about the pretty young librarian who had just arrived, he made a beeline to the library (still in his US Army fatigues!) to introduce himself and ask her out. They married in Basel, Switzerland on October 10, 1961, and enjoyed 56+ years of marriage before Don passed away in February 2018.

Jamie and Don raised two sons, David Kroeber (of Cumming, GA) and Eric Kroeber (Pawleys Island SC). They have seven grandchildren (Ross, Chad, Hollin, Reed, Cole, Bryce, and Donald) and a great-granddaughter (Odessa Mazul), with two more great-grandchildren on the way.

Don and Jamie moved frequently during his 20-year Army career, living in Lawton OK, Kansas City MO, Heidelberg Germany, and Athens GA, before Don retired from the military and began his second career as a college professor and administrator at James Madison University (Harrisonburg VA)

and Radford University (VA). In all these locales, Jamie worked as a school librarian, passing along her deep love of the written word to generations of elementary and middle-school children and their parents. They retired to Pawleys Island SC, then lived in Birmingham AL before finally landing at Lanier Village Estates in Gainesville GA in 2015.

Jamie and Don made many new friends in this wonderful retirement environment, where she volunteered in the LVE library. They traveled extensively, visiting family and exploring the world - realizing her childhood dream!

Jamie lived a full and rewarding life, bringing joy and comfort to her family, friends, and students. She was much loved, and will be missed.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., in the Chapel of Lanier Village Estates, 4000 Village View Drive, Gainesville, GA. In lieu of flowers a memorial gift donation can be made to the Lanier Village Estates Employee Appreciation Fund (4000 Village View Dr., Gainesville, GA 30506).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Lanier Village Estates  
4000 Village View Drive  
Gainesville, GA 30506

# Tribute Wall

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“*Jamie Sue was my college roommate beginning in the fall of 1955 at the University of Alabama. My first memory of her is her bouncing into our dorm room with her ponytail flying behind her and a big smile on her pretty face.*

*Jamie was a beauty. We became friends almost immediately. The joke between us was that whatever I wanted to do, I would volunteer myself and Jamie without asking her if she wanted to so it. She went along with my silly*

*enthusiasm for chores I am sure that she had no desire to do. We were quite active in Wesley Foundation, the Methodist student center on the Alabama campus. Our lives were busy and actually fun. Jamie majored in library science where she gained a lifetime love of books and the written word. Weekends found both of us going to frat party dances. She was a very good dancer and never wanted for dance partners. She graduated ahead of me as she completed her undergraduate degree in 3 years. She worked for Army Special Services as a librarian and was stationed in Germany where she met Don Kroeber. They were married in Basil, Switzerland. During the years that followed we kept up with each other with hand written letters. We saw each other occasionally and always picked up where we left off. When she and Don moved to Lanier Village Estates in Gainesville, GA about the time I moved to Atlanta. During the early years, I drove up to see her every week and we resumed having fun together. We visited the small towns close by. After Jamie lost her beloved Don, I made sure that I never missed a week going to see her. As the years passed, both of us had illnesses that kept us apart. Jamie lives in my heart. I can see her flying ponytail and hear her laughter. Jamie Sue I will always love you.*

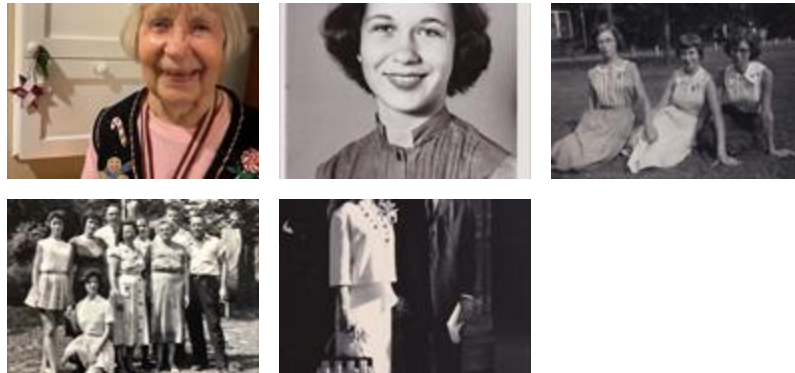
*Love,  
Betty Surprenant*

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**Betty Surprenant** - May 07, 2025 at 05:43 PM

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David Kroeber - May 07, 2025 at 04:20 PM

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“ Since she was only 10 years older than my brother, Larry, and 12 years older than me, our Aunt Jamie - in many ways - seemed more like a cousin than an aunt. Bright, vivacious and so pretty, it's easy to see why Uncle Don made that beeline visit to the Base Library in Germany. She is missed, but all should be comforted with the knowledge that she and Don shared a wonderful life and are together again. Our deepest sympathies to David and Eric and their families.

- Bob and Laura White

Bob White - May 07, 2025 at 03:44 PM

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“ Hi friends and family of Jamie... We will hold a memorial service at Lanier Village Estates (Gainesville) on May 28th, 2025 at 2pm

David Kroeber - May 07, 2025 at 02:24 PM