

## Funeral service is conducted Sunday for Mayor Graham's retired 'right-hand man'

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Calling and the funeral service for Sue E. Barnett-Amick, 63, Scottsburg, was conducted at the Collins Funeral Home on Sunday, November 8.

A quiet and efficient person with a quick grin, Sue died at her home on Wednesday, November 4. She was 63.

Sue was the indispensable, "right-hand man" for Scottsburg Mayor Bill Graham since she was hired as his executive assistant and started work on January 1, 1988. Mayor Graham became famous for advising people with questions to "...see Sue..." for answers or for help with their problems. She had retired from the position this past June 19.

She was a native of Campbellsville, Ky., and graduated from DuPont Manuel High School in Louisville.

During her many years in the Mayor's Office, Sue had her hand on the pulse of the community. If she didn't have the information needed, she knew where to go to get it.

During her years with Mayor Graham, Sue became involved with a wide variety of projects and committees. Those included the Scottsburg Beautification Committee, Mayor's Good Neighbor Awards, Pig Roast in the Park, Scottsburg Courtyard Christmas Committee, Kids First Auction, Scott County Welfare to Work Committee, Committee for Building Quality Communities, Scott County Millennial Projects Committee, Austin Rural Enterprise Community grant-writing

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committee, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, Scott County Community Clearinghouse building committee, Youth Speak Grant-Making Council, Scottsburg 2020, the Indiana Municipal Electric Association (IMEA) rodeo committee and the Scottsburg IMEA Rodeo Committee, Scott County Learning Exchange, American Red Cross Board and Scottsburg Emergency Management Board.

She was a recipient of the U.S. House of Representatives Outstanding Hoosier Citizen Award as well as a Scottsburg Mayor's Good Neighbor Award.

Her memberships included the Indiana Mayors Assistants Association, Scottsburg Kiwanianes Club, Scott County Moose Family Center and Lodge 2324, Greater Scott County Chamber of Commerce Board and the Scott County Partnership Board. She served as the Scottsburg Water Board secretary and was a graduate of the local Chamber's Leadership Program. She was one of the first organizers of the annual "Day of Caring" sponsored by the United Way of Scott County. She was a local U.S. Census coordinator in 2000 and 2010. Her efforts also went toward the Hurricane Katrina Relief Project and the Henryville Tornado Relief program.

Her survivors include a son, Stephen Barnett and wife Becky of Louisville; her mother, Nettie Newton of Louisville; a brother, Ron Newton and wife Barbara of Louisville; and two grandchildren, Charlotte Mansur and Brendan Barnett.

The Rev. David Richie officiated at the local service. Cremation was requested, and a graveside service will be conducted at the Brockman Cemetery in Campbellsville, Ky., on Saturday, November 14, at 11 a.m. Memorial gifts may be arranged through the staff of the Collins Funeral Home to benefit Autism Speaks or by going to [autismspeaks.org](http://autismspeaks.org).

On-line condolences for the family may be expressed by visiting [collinsfuneralhome.net](http://collinsfuneralhome.net).