



Dr. Marie Cleo Stafford LaCour Phd

March 25, 1939 - October 28, 2020

Dr. Marie Cleo Stafford LaCour, PhD., math teacher extraordinaire, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and fabulous aunt, passed away at her home on Lake Livingston in Texas on Wednesday, October 28th at the age of 81.

Marie was born in 1939 to Jake Byron Stafford, principal of Lecompte High School and Cleo David Stafford, a high school English teacher. Marie loved growing up in Lecompte and living across the street from her school. She was the best big sister to Sally and Barbara. She always had an analytical mindset, which was encouraged by all of her teachers, especially Mr. Heitman, her high school math teacher. She attended college at Northwestern State University and majored in secondary math education. She was also a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

After college graduation, Marie moved to Lafayette, Louisiana to begin her teaching career. There, at Lafayette High School, she met and fell in love with the Choir Teacher, Robert C. LaCour. While they met in the Teacher's Lounge of Lafayette, High School, it turns out both were from Rapides Parish!

Marie and Bobby married in 1961. She continued to teach all levels of math at Lafayette High School while raising their family, Marie ("Ree-C") born in 1962 and Robert, Jr. in 1970. While she was teaching full time in Lafayette, Marie earned her Master of Education in 1968 at USL.

Later, Bobby and Marie moved to Dallas where Marie taught at Lake Highlands High School. Marie eventually returned to Rapides Parish and taught Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II at Alexandria Senior High.

Marie later earned her Education Specialist in 1983. Afterwards, she took a year-long sabbatical during 1984 (her only real "break" from classroom teaching) to earn her Doctor of Philosophy from LSU-BR, which was awarded in 1987. She returned to ASH as the school's Assistant Principal of Curriculum. She ensured that all of ASH's 1000+ students

were scheduled for the correct classes and that all of the teachers turned in and followed their lesson plans. She had an amazing support staff, but Dr. LaCour was such a professional that she made a very tough job look easy. She also willingly served as a mentor to aspiring administrators for the Rapides Parish School System. She retired from teaching in 1997 after more than 33 years of service.

Marie spent her retirement years enjoying the peace and quiet of lake life. She loved being able to spend time with her family. Marie leaves behind her daughter, Ree-C Murphey and her husband Danny, her son, Rob and wife Stephanie, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter: Libby Murphey of Austin, TX, Madi Murphey of Cypress, TX, Private Jack Murphey of Ft. Irwin, CA, Emma LaCour at Texas State University, Claire LaCour and Stella Murphey. All were fortunate to be able to spend time at the Lakehouse being spoiled by their Grandma, listening to all of her amazing stories, and solving puzzles with her. Marie's nieces, Christine Morris of Arlington, Tx; Catherine Credeur of Dallas, and Sarah Foster, of Hemphill, TX, were also fortunate to receive so much love and encouragement from their Aunt Marie.

Marie's sisters, Sally Stafford Credeur (Alexandria, LA) and Barbara Stafford (Point Blake, TX) will deeply miss their older sister's guidance, strength and love. Marie's husband, Bobby, has been suffering from Alzheimer's for several years...Marie did her best to love and take care of him for as long as she physically could.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Cabrini on Monday, November 2 at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow in Greenwood Memorial Park under the direction of John Kramer & Son Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to LHS Corporation (Group that runs Lecompte School Museum, 2204 St. Charles Ave, Lecompte, LA 71346); or to St. Mary's Training School or the charity of your choice.

Marie's departure from this world was sudden and unexpected. It will be difficult for those left behind. We will cherish our memories of her and her accomplishments. They will be a tremendous example for her family, friends and those she taught over the years.

To extend online notes of condolence to the family, please visit www.KramerFunerals.net.

Cemetery

Events

Greenwood Memorial Park

2202 Military Hwy

Pineville, LA, 71360

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Service

01:30PM

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

2211 East Texas Ave., Alexandria, LA, US, 71301

Comments



“ Dr. LaCour was my 9th grade Geometry teacher and she was awesome. She was always willing to help any student that needed help.

Anthony Reed - June 21, 2021 at 03:03 PM



“ I am just learning of Dr. LaCour's transition. She was one of the driving forces in pushing me to successfully complete my senior year at ASH. That almost went down the drain when I caused a ruckus in the Senior safety assembly. I recovered!!! LOL!!! She will never be forgotten! Ernest Bowman, Jr.- Baton Rouge, La.

Ernest Bowman - January 15, 2021 at 03:53 PM



“ Our condolences on Marie Cleo's death. We Barretts always enjoyed hanging out with the Stafford girls in Boyce after school. We are thinking of you, Sally and Barbara.

Edward and Sharon Barrett

Ed Barrett - November 01, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ Deborah Hairston purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dr. Marie Cleo Stafford LaCour Phd.



Deborah Hairston - November 01, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ Barbara and all your family, our sincere sympathies in the loss of your precious loved one. May God be your strength and comfort.

Ken and Pat Prcin - October 31, 2020 at 10:58 PM



“ A teacher to hundreds of students, and dozens and dozens of other teachers. RIP.

Jim Butler - October 31, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Marie Cleo Stafford LaCour Phd.



October 31, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Rodger Richey purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Dr. Marie Cleo Stafford LaCour Phd.



Rodger Richey - October 31, 2020 at 12:29 PM