



Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford

July 14, 2020

Deborah Leigh (Taylor) Sanford age 69, a resident of Millbrook, AL passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at a local hospital. Graveside services for Mrs. Sanford will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Shoal Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with Brother Jim Horton officiating. Mrs. Sanford was a longtime teacher & special Ed facilitator for over 40 years in Millbrook & Holtville school systems. She was a huge Auburn Fan and her biggest thrill was meeting Pat Dye when he was signing copies of "Inside the Arena". The last game she watched was the Iron Bowl and she was cheering from her hospital bed. Deborah was a longtime supporter and volunteer of the Alabama Dance Theatre where she worked as the house manager for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents Lee Earl & Frances Louise (Murrell) Taylor, Sr. and her brother Lee Earl Taylor, Jr. . She is survived by her husband of 50 years Charles Sanford, daughter Sara Elyse Sanford; sister Vicki Taylor Fuller (Roger M.); nieces Melanie Taylor May, Tisha Leigh Brookshire, Alison Giltener, Stefanie Taylor Strickland (Steve), Angela F. Morris (Bob) & Lindsay F. Norris (Chris); nephew Jeremy Kerner; sister-in-laws Barbara Kerner (Robert) & Veda Johnson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alabama Dance Theatre in her honor. Brookside Funeral Home of Millbrook, AL directing.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Shoal Creek Baptist Church
2961 Coosa River Rd.
Deatsville, AL 36022

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford*

October 09, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford*

October 07, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *I enjoyed my years of working with Debbie when she would bring me 25 to 30 folders down to the Special Education Office and she would just laugh and say I have been busy. I missed her after she retired and her smile no longer came by. She was a very loving and caring person and she loved Charles and Sara and the test of her family so much. I miss seeing her at the Elmore County Board of Education but I know that heaven gained a angel when it gained Debbie. Rest in peace my friend you fought a hard battle and you deserve a rest,*



Ray and joyce Woodall - July 20, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford.*



July 20, 2020 at 02:16 PM

VL

“ I have known Debbie, and her husband Charles, from the time their beautiful daughter Sara joined the Alabama Dance Theatre as a young child. Their devotion to their daughter and commitment to her passion is unparalleled. They have been a team in the truest sense. Debbie and Charles have spent countless hours, months, years dedicated to the growth of Alabama Dance Theatre. Sara's success as a remarkable, sought after choreographer are due to the love and support of her parents. My life has been blessed in so many ways by this beautiful family. My heart aches for them during this time of profound loss. But Debbie can rest now, free from pain and suffering. For that I am grateful.

Valari Lagrone - July 19, 2020 at 08:36 PM

MM

“ Rest high upon that mountain. I love you dearly my Aunt Debbie. Be in peace in Jesus' loving arms. I love you, Melanie May



Melanie May - July 18, 2020 at 01:40 AM

BK

“ 1 file added to the album Visit to Illinois



Barbara Kerner - July 17, 2020 at 04:52 PM

BK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barbara Kerner - July 17, 2020 at 03:39 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Barbara Kerner - July 17, 2020 at 03:37 PM

BB

“ Bob & Barbara purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford.



Bob & Barbara - July 17, 2020 at 03:17 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford.



July 17, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford.*



July 17, 2020 at 09:17 AM



“ *Chelsea & Mike Kopack purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford.*



Chelsea & Mike Kopack - July 16, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Deborah Leigh Sanford.*



July 16, 2020 at 09:18 PM



“ *I really loved working with Debbie at Holtville Elementary School for many years. Debbie was so knowledgeable of the Special Education Procedures. She was always so helpful to me, the parents and students while making plans for their Individualized Educational Plan. Debbie was an outstanding team player on our staff. She was not only a great co-worker, she was also a great friend. I will always cherish and love Debbie* ❤️

Mary Lucy Crapps - July 16, 2020 at 09:06 PM