



Mrs. Ann Taff

August 7, 1951 - October 29, 2011

Sherry Ann Taff, born on August 7, 1951, in Louisville, Mississippi, died suddenly on October 29, 2011. She is preceded in death by her mother and father Eddie Mae and Howard Leon White and her sister Sandra White Creed. She is survived by her loving husband, John Snowden Taff, with whom she shared 37 years of marriage, her daughter Sarah Quinn Power and husband Jarrod Power of San Antonio, her son Caleb Snowden Taff of San Antonio, her sister Susan White Dempsey of Louisville, Mississippi, her Uncle Bobby and Aunt Cynthia White of Pickensville, Alabama, as well as a host of beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

Sherry will be remembered by her family, her students, and her friends as someone who lived with passion and energy dedicated always to helping others. As a career educator she wanted her students, including her children, to know how to learn.

Sherry received her BA and MA degrees in Educational Psychology from Mississippi State University. Upon graduation she and her husband John served two years in Costa Rica with the Peace Corps. Upon returning to the states Sherry began her career as a teacher. She taught for 25 years in the Northside Independent School District at Clark High School, Stinson Middle School and O'Conner High School. She received additional post-graduate training in Clinical Psychology from St. Mary's University and was certified as a Licensed Specialist in School Psychology so that she could test and diagnose students with learning disabilities. Her extensive on-going research on cognitive learning led her to develop a style of curriculum and methodology that can be used by teachers of any subject to aid a student's ability to learn. Upon retirement from NISD, she continued to work with teachers, giving workshops in the Northside and Harlendale school districts and other school districts in Texas. She was currently working on her Doctorate in Education through the Educational Leadership Program at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Sherry willingly gave of her time and abilities to help others wherever she found a need. She touched the lives of thousands of students and others, whether it was tutoring children, helping troubled teens, conducting community Bible studies or working with her

church youth group. In all, her highest commitment through her Christian faith was to her family.

A memorial service for Sherry will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Wayside Chapel with visitation with family to follow. 1705 Northwest Loop 410, San Antonio, Texas 78213. Visitation will be held Monday, November 7, 2011, from 10 a.m. until service time at Betheden Lutheran Church in Louisville, Mississippi. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. in Betheden Lutheran Church with interment to follow in Betheden Cemetery.

Messages may be left online with the Nowell-Massey Funeral Home in Louisville at <http://www.nowellmasseyfuneralhome.com>. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Northside Education Foundation online at <http://foundation.nisd.net/donate.html>.

Comments



“ Sarah and Jarrod-We are very sorry to hear about your loss. From the very first time we met Sherry at Leakey, we knew she was special. We will always remember the good times we shared.

Jesse and Karen Garcia - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ I only had the opportunity to meet Sherry and Sarah on the trip of my lifetime to Ireland. I met 2 of the sweetest people and loved every minute I spent getting to know Sherry and Sarah. Even though we live far away from each other, I thought of you often and only hoped to get to see Sherry again and meet the rest of her family. My sincerest condolences, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love, Kristy A. Nariskus-Maloney

Kristy Nariskus-Maloney - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ We treasure our long time freindship from our high school years and college days at MSU.

DeLaine and Donnie Woodruff - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ So very sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs. Taff. I had the pleasure of meeting her years ago at Helotes elementary, where she had the task of testing my son Christopher. He was not an easy child to test, but she prevailed and he loved her. My daughter also had the pleasure of having her for eighth grade history at Stinson, what a wonderful experience for Courtney, she always talks about how that experience helped her to continue her studies. I know she will be missed more than words can say. God be with you all at this most difficult time. Our sincere condolences.
Gwynne Canales
And Courtney Canales

Gwynne Canales - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ I write this with tears that will not yet fall, but are so in myself. I met Sherry when she was in second grade and I was in first. I knew her all through my 12 years of school at Bond and Louisville, and a couple of years after that. I have so many memories, there is not enough room. I spent the night with Sherry probably at least 50 times. We would get up and get ready to go to school; my vivid memory is that Sherry loved baby powder. She would be in a cloud of it while getting dressed. She was a 4'11" dynamic girl and woman. John, Sarah, and Caleb: I know your hearts are broken, and my thoughts and prayers will be with you. P.S. She reminds me of the song "She was a dancing fool!" What would I give to have just one-fourth of the energy she and I had together back then. My heart is hurting also, though I have not seen nor spoken with Sherry since college. Memories come flooding back in waves.
Sincerely, Linda [Fuller] Craft, Jackson, MS

Linda Fuller Craft - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Sherry's passing. Robert and I will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Gail Warner - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ Time to face the music armed with this great ifonrmtaoin.

Agatha - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ Oh Sherry, I just learned of the news. How can I ever express how you helped mold me? Thank you, my friend, for the fingerprints that you left on me as an educator and as a sister in Christ. I miss you! I write to Sherry because I picture you now, sitting at the feet of Jesus, still learning.
John, Sarah, and Caleb, I'm praying God's special graces for you--special graces that you never knew you needed until now. May the Lord sustain you and give you hope for today, then the next...
Deepest love and prayer to you all!

Dawn Lewis Gorman - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM



“ Sarah, Caleb and John - please accept the tardiness of my note - I was shocked to hear of Sherry's passing. I first met Sherry and Caleb on a trip to Italy and Greece, and later Sherry and Sarah came on a trip to Ireland with another friend Bunny, my daughter Kristy and myself - I've never been the same since. Her personality was so infectious and her laughter was so sincere and joyous - she truly enjoyed her life and her career; she was so proud of her work and extremely proud of Sarah and Caleb. She had a profound effect on my life, even though I have not spoken to her for quite some time now, which is regrettable. I know how you feel Sarah and Celeb; I will miss her so very much - her beautiful smile and laughter is now silenced, and that is very sad for me to think about, but what a wonderful memory I have that she was once a part of my life, and for that I am very grateful to have known such a beautiful woman, even if it was for just a very short time. Take care and please know that I am thinking of all of you during this very sad time and during the holiday season. Much love always.

Karen Nariskus - March 29, 2013 at 01:09 PM