



Connie Jean Vickers

February 4, 2013 - June 22, 2013

Vickers – Connie Jean, passed away peacefully June 22, 2013, surrounded by her family at her home after a brave six-year battle with cancer. She was preceded in death recently by her father Loren Clair Armstrong and mother Grace Armstrong, and by her husband Mark Vickers. She is survived by her sons Benjamin and Michael Vickers, daughter Kristin Hebert, son-in-law Brandon Hebert, and precious granddaughter Lily Claire Hebert, with another grandbaby Remy Hebert on the way; her sister Kathryn Sutherlen, and nieces Rachel Bombardier and Jennifer Vega, and their families.

Connie Jean Vickers (née Armstrong) was born in Beatrice, Nebraska on Feb. 4, 1948. She attended school in Beatrice and in Albuquerque before attending the University of New Mexico, where she earned a Bachelor of Education degree in 1970. She began her teaching career in Clovis at Bella Vista Elem., and taught in Albuquerque at Bandelier Elementary [which she also attended as a girl]. Her favorite teaching position was at Monterrey Elementary School in Roswell, where she taught first grade from 1996 to 2010. She was diagnosed with cancer in 2007, and continued teaching while enduring harsh chemotherapy treatments.

Connie wished to thank the staff of Kymera Cancer Center, especially Dr. Edgard Badine and the chemotherapy lab nurses Phil, Debra, Carrie, and Aleta; and Jennifer, the receptionist. She also wished to thank the staff of the

University of New Mexico Cancer Center and the nurses and nurse techs from Gentiva Hospice. At Connie's request, no formal memorial service will be held. Connie's greatest joy was teaching first graders to read, and, instead of flowers, she asks that donations be made to the Roswell Literacy Council. Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register at andersonbethany.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory

Tribute Wall



“ *Connie Jean Vickers*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I was thinking of her the other day. I decided to look into it, and searched until I found this online. I wanted to share my condolences, and my memories of her. Mrs. Vickers taught me when I was in 1st grade in 2007 or 2008. She was the kindest and most passionate teacher that I'd ever had, so much so that I still remember her, her name, and her actions. She fostered a deep love for reading in me, one that I still hold to this day, and always treated me with such kindness and patience. (I was a bit of a difficult kid.) I'm very saddened to learn about what happened to her. However, I'd like to let others know that she had a deep impact on the children that she taught, and that she put quite a lot of good into this world.*

Chris Marquez - August 04, 2021 at 02:43 AM



Thank you very much for sharing Chris, this means a lot to us!

Michael Vickers - October 07, 2024 at 03:37 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of your loss Ben, Michael and Kristen. I have thought of her often over the years. She was one of the kindest people I have ever known. She will always be in my heart.*

Love to all of you,

Doni Hardy

Doni - October 08, 2013 at 08:02 PM

MV

Thank you Doni, sorry to be seeing this so late! We truly appreciate it and we remember you well.

Michael Vickers - October 07, 2024 at 03:38 PM

DR

“ *To the Vickers and Armstrong family: I am so sorry to hear about Connie's passing. I have many fond memories from my childhood that included Connie. I was always excited when my parents said that Connie and Uncle Clair and Aunt Grace were coming for a visit. Please accept my condolences, she will be missed.*

Debbie (Armstrong) Rehnberg

Debbie Rehnberg - July 19, 2013 at 05:00 PM

WV

“ To Ben, Michael, and Kristen,

I am very sorry for your loss. Mrs. Vickers was my first grade teacher at Bandelier almost twenty years ago. I fondly remember Mrs. Vickers's room at the end of the hall. It was in that room that my love of reading began. I am touched to see Mrs. Newsom's comment below. I attended the first grade with her son Gary, and we remain friends to this day. Kristen, you may not remember me, but I remember you. You taught me how to correctly write the letter "K" and put a Band-Aid on my finger once.

My mother has taught at Bandelier for many years now, and she always had the highest opinion of Mrs. Vickers. She was truly an excellent educator, and her memory will remain in the hearts and minds of hundreds of girls, boys, men, and women who all were once seven years old and just beginning to open their minds to the magic that literacy brings. Please accept my condolences, and know she will always be remembered and loved.

William Vidmar

William Vidmar - July 17, 2013 at 12:20 PM

MV

Thank you William! I look back at these comments on my mother's birthday each year and it means the world to me and our family.

Michael Vickers

Michael Vickers - February 05 at 10:55 AM

RB

“ Rachel Bombardier lit a candle in memory of
Connie Jean Vickers



Rachel Bombardier - July 11, 2013 at 11:45 PM

JN

“ Dear Ben, Michael, and Kristen,

I just happened to see the obit in the newspaper about your mom and am so sad to learn of your loss. I remember her fondly. She and I always had a lot of fun walking around our section of Bullhead Park in Albuquerque. We would laugh about the stupidest things, especially what's wrong with the educational system, and she was the easiest person in the world to talk with. She was a wonderful mother, wife, daughter, teacher, and friend, always kind-hearted, fun to be with, open-minded, and gentle. I remember her telling me that once when she was teaching first grade, she felt a tug on her broom skirt. When she looked down, a first grader was blowing his nose into skirt. We got a good laugh out of that. Your mom always encouraged and supported me when I was switching careers to teaching. I know how proud she was of the three of you and wish that she was still around for all of you and your families. Connie taught my son Gary in first grade at Bandelier about 20 years ago and helped him become the voracious reader and success that he is today. I figure that she probably taught close to 1,000 first graders, which truly makes her an unsung hero. Please accept my condolences and know how much she is remembered. Fondly, Joan Newsom/ Albuquerque

Joan Newsom - July 10, 2013 at 08:43 AM

MV

Thank you very much Joan, we like to look back on these memories from time to time!

Michael Vickers - October 07, 2024 at 03:41 PM

MC

“ *Mary Alice Coleman lit a candle in memory of Connie Jean Vickers*



Mary Alice Coleman - July 09, 2013 at 01:03 AM

PG

“ *I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have always had fond memories of Connie and Mark when they shopped at the grocery store in Albuquerque. My thoughts are with you at this very sad time. Pat Garrett/Albuquerque*

Pat Garrett - July 08, 2013 at 12:03 AM

PH

“ *Kristen, Michael, and Ben, Your mom was very special to me. I will always cherish the times we taught together at Monterrey. We laughed and just had fun. Connie had my grandson in first grade (he is now going to high school) and her positive ways helped mold him into what he is now. I will miss her but will think her often she was the best.
Paula*

paula hoover - July 07, 2013 at 12:08 PM

GH

“ Dear Vicker's Family, your mom was one of the classiest women I have ever met. Her love, strength and passion for her family was truly amazing. I was blessed to know her and to share Kristen and Amy with her. She inspired me! We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Georgianna

Georgianna Hunt - July 01, 2013 at 09:48 AM

JP

“ Dear Kristin and Michael,

I was saddened to hear about your mother passing. I have alot of good memories of her. She was such a wonderful person. I remember how she use to get so upset at me though for going dove hunting. :)) You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Stay strong. I Love You guys. Joe Purcell

Joe Purcell - June 30, 2013 at 09:35 AM

MH

Connie and I shared many days together at Kymera. She was unfailingly kind, uncomplaining and generous in her cheer for others. I hope she and Lily had a chance to read together for that was one of her fondest hopes. We were all blessed by her sweet nature and beautiful smile. She leaves a legacy of love to her caring family - she was so proud of you. She will be greatly missed. God keep and comfort you all.

Mary Lou Hightower

Mary Lou Hightower - June 30, 2013 at 10:50 AM

BS

Ben and Michael,

Sorry for the loss of your mother. I remember both your mom and dad very well. They would come to the open house's at Wilson and made sure to stop by the gym to say hello. We at school immediately recognized what a great family the Vickers were. Again, sorry for your loss.

Coach Stackpole

Butch Stackpole - July 07, 2013 at 09:26 AM