



Mary Ann Vandevere

January 14, 1954 - May 30, 2013

Memorial services for Mary Ann Vandevere, 59, will be at 10 am Saturday, June 8, 2013 at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. Mary passed away Thursday, May 30, 2013, at her home.

Mary was born January 14, 1954 to Frank Wesley Vandevere and Willie Mae (Marcom) Vandevere in Roswell, NM. She graduated from Goddard High School in 1972 and graduated from New Mexico State University in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in special education. Mary taught Special Education in the Dexter School District for over twenty-five years and was awarded Dexter School District Teacher of the Year in May 1998. Mary loved her job and she loved her students. Her additional commitment to Dexter Schools included the International Reading Association, the school newspaper, sponsoring the Student Council for the Dexter Middle School, and organizing the sixth grade graduation each year.

Mary was a dedicated care giver, caring for her mother until her passing in 2002, as well as her sister until the day of her own passing. Mary's family remembers how she loved to sing while she worked; she will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Mary is survived by four siblings, Martha Gayle Vandevere Bond and her husband, Lerry of Carrizozo, NM; Frank Stanley Vandevere and his wife,

Deanna of Roswell, NM; Esther Kay Vandever of Roswell, NM; John Wesley Vandever and his wife, Lisa of Clarksville, Arkansas; her half-sisters, Kathryn Griffin and her husband, John and Vanda Nelson (Thomas 1997); numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great nieces and great-great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank Wesley Vandever 1915-1968 and Willie Mae Marcom Vandever 1915-2002, her niece, Erin Lea Vandever (1981-1981) and a dear friend, Wanda Stockton.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Ann Vandever*

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“ *Although our direct interactions with Ms. Vandever were limited, we still cherish the memories of those moments when we did. She was one of the most thoughtful and polite and "professional" members of the faculty at Dexter Schools. This valley has lost a great soul. Rest in peace Ms. Vandever. ~ Familia Carrasco*

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“ *Mary was a wonderful, caring and tender teacher. She truly displayed unconditional love and acceptance to all. I knew her from Dexter schools, I watched and admired her work with disabled children, she always gave of herself so freely. She will be greatly missed.*

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