



Billie Sue Passmore

May 26, 1938 - April 1, 2021

PASSMORE, Billie Sue McCaffree.

Our beloved Billie "Sue" McCaffree Passmore was called home by her Savior on Thursday, April 1, 2021, after a short but fierce and courageous battle with breast cancer. Born on May 26, 1938, to Charles Mason McCaffree Sr. and Verlie Mae Stewart McCaffree, of Van, TX, Sue was raised in Van and graduated from Van High School in 1956. She attended Tyler Junior College for two years before transferring to North Texas State College in Denton, where she received her Bachelors Degree in English, with minors in French and social studies in 1960, and later received her Masters in English with a minor in education in 1970. Her first teaching job was in 1960 when she was hired to teach English by Bill Passmore, the bachelor principal of Richardson High School. Sue told her friends, "Just you watch, I'm going to marry him!" Six years later, on December 27, 1966, she did marry him. Bill and Sue Passmore made the Lake Highlands area their home for over 40 years. They raised their children, Jeff and Julie, there and became pillars of the community. Sue was "the Original Wildcat," having been the very first student teacher in a Lake Highlands school in 1959. Sue was first and foremost an educator. While her two children were young, Sue taught part time in the Dallas County Community College District. For a total of 25 years she taught English at Lake Highlands High School. Sue Passmore wasn't just any kind of teacher; she was the kind of teacher students still remember almost 60 years after they sat in her classroom—the kind of teacher who not only taught, but also inspired, cared for, challenged and loved her students. Sue knew she wasn't just teaching a room full of high school students, but potential future leaders, and her goal was to produce well-rounded, life-long learners and independent thinkers. Hundreds of students took her English classes and had their lives changed by her. During her career, Sue was awarded numerous accolades including: being one of the Top Ten Most Influential Teachers several times, and the RISD RISE Award for Outstanding Teaching Excellence. Sue retired from teaching in 1994 but never strayed far from her passion. From 1994 – 2004 she worked as a Student Teacher Supervisor for The University of North Texas and other teacher certification programs. Sue was a grammatical expert and did free-lance work editing textbooks, journals, academic papers,

and business documents. (She's probably looking down at this obituary with her red pen in her hand.) After retiring, Bill and Sue became leaders in state and local retired teachers organizations, educating and advocating on behalf of retired teachers. Sue served as Vice-President of both the Richardson and Texas Retired Teacher Associations; President of District X TRTA; and Chairman of the Pre-Retirement Education Committee and State Leadership Development Team. Sue and Bill lobbied state lawmakers tirelessly on behalf of Texas retired teachers. In 2008 they were awarded the TRTA's highest honor, the E.L. Galyean Service Award for dedicated and committed service to retired Texas public school employees. Sue also was active in Delta Kappa Gamma, a professional society of women educators, serving as President of the Delta Pi Chapter. Sue loved to travel and was always looking for a new adventure! She toured most of the US and all over the world. Sue would say her favorite vacation spot was wherever she was at that moment. Highlights included China, the Oberammergau Passion Play, and a 3 week tour of Scandinavia, the Baltics and Russia with her 13 year old granddaughter. Locally, Sue was an active member of First Baptist Church in Richardson for many years and more recently of First Methodist in Richardson, and also a member of the Richardson Woman's Club. Sue was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 40 years, Bill, and her parents. She is survived by a daughter, Julie Cincotta, and her husband, Tom; four grandchildren, Katie Passmore, Mamie, Garrett and Wyatt Cincotta; daughter-in-law, Mary Markey, and her husband, Jim; brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Phyllis McCaffree; aunt, Yvonne Stewart; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and several hundreds of former students in whose lives she made a difference. Visitation will be from 12:00-5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 7 at Restland followed by a private, family burial. A memorial service will be scheduled at a future date when Sue's life can be remembered and celebrated by her multitude of family, friends and former students. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to The Bill and Sue Passmore Scholarship Fund: Donations can be sent to Frost Bank c/I Bill and Sue Passmore Scholarship Fund attn: Mary Markey
15301 Dallas Parkway Ste 100
Addison, Tx 75001 Frost Bank.

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Cemetery

Restland Memorial Park
13005 Greenville Avenue
Dallas, TX, 75243

Events

APR 7 **Visitation** 12:00PM - 05:00PM

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Comments



“ "No legacy is so rich as honesty."- William Shakespeare

Sharon Stacha - September 05 at 11:46 AM



“ Her sisters from Delta Kappa Gamma, Alpha pi Chapter, Texarkana, Texas, send our sincere sympathy to the family of this outstanding educator.



Shelia Cook - April 18 at 08:55 PM



“ The chapter of Gamma Eta of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International sends our condolences to the family of Billie.

Debbi Ball - April 18 at 03:05 PM



“ I remember this dear lady!!! Vicki Davis, PSP TSO Delta Kappa Gamma

vicki davis - April 14 at 04:59 PM



“ Ms MacCaffree was inspirational and beloved. She taught me at LHHS a great many things, including the pleasures of critical thought in the world of ideas. She was a superb teacher and a model for me. Her life was a gift to us all.

Sandra Lynch - April 11 at 10:13 AM



“ Sue was a great individual, excellent educator and a gifted educator. Education lost a wonderful person.

Bob Stamps - April 07 at 08:04 PM



“ We are so grateful that Sue Passmore taught our children. The parents, we knew just prayed that their students would have Mrs. Passmore as their teacher. She was a master in her profession and an exemplary example for her students to follow.

Thank you Sue Passmore, for all the students you have helped find their way during their confusing adolescent period of growing up. We will miss you.

Carol Jean and Walter Dunlap

Carol Jean Dunlap - April 07 at 03:51 PM



“ I have so many memories of Billie Sue from long-ago days in Van, and, fact, of the entire McCaffree family. God bless her family at this time of sorrow.

Robert Rhodes

Robert Rhodes - April 07 at 02:42 PM



“ Many condolences. Mrs. Passmore was my teacher at LHHS, and she was so kind to me when I was very sick and missed a lot of school. I'm a teacher now, 30 years later, and I have tried to pay her kindness forward with my own students. I have never forgotten her. I wish I had told her the impact she has had on me and now my own students.

Cheryl Duffus

Cheryl Duffus - April 07 at 11:35 AM



“ Sue was foundational to those who attended Lake Highlands. She is now home. Condolences to the family and many friends she has left behind.

George Hatt - April 07 at 11:19 AM



“ Sue Passmore had a special way of touching everyone she came in contact with. We are so blessed to have had her in our lives for so long. As one of her former students she inspired me in my career as a journalist and later independent documentary filmmaker. Sue will be missed by everyone who knew her. Norman "Jed" Riffe

Norman Jed Riffe - April 06 at 06:07 PM



“ Craig Hatfield and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Billie Sue Passmore.



Craig Hatfield and family - April 06 at 11:28 AM



“ Love, Kristi, Rus, David O, Sam purchased the Loving Grace for the family of Mrs. Billie Sue Passmore.



Kristin Padley - April 05 at 07:12 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Billie Sue Passmore.



April 05 at 04:03 PM



“ My sincerest condolences go to Sue's family and friends. I, like most on this wall can say ditto, ditto and ditto about feelings for Sue. I have many memories of her from high school to current. She has been my inspiration, rock and friend. I loved her zest for living as she explored so many parts of this Earth on trips and bringing back numerous pictures and stories to share with friends and family. Sue was very proud of her children, grandchildren with their accomplishments plus accomplishments of her former students.

I remember when I met her for lunch at her favorite Italian restaurant. The food was delicious and the catching up was delightful. Upon leaving she excitedly wanted to show off her new car, laughing that at her age she never expected to be getting another car, but a DART bus had hit her car and totaled it.

She will be missed but never forgotten as long all her former students continue to use good grammar and spelling.

Lynn Hale - April 05 at 04:02 PM



“ Rest well my dear friend. I am going to miss you

Noeleen - April 05 at 03:37 PM