



Verna L. DeLuce

June 12, 1946 - February 10, 2021

Verna DeLuce June 1946 – February 2021, Married 46 years to Buddy DeLuce

Verna was a rare and one of a kind soul - Christian, Wife, Mother, Daughter, Servant, and Friend. She was an amazing person who always focused on helping others and left her mark on countless lives. The world is a darker place today without her light and she would want anyone reading this to simply have a blessed day in Christ.

The creative writing teacher with “an idea a minute” would want us to go off the beaten path with this final assignment. We don't want to miss anything, so here we go!

Jesus, His hands and feet, Buddy, prayer warrior, strength, selfless, Andy & Erin, Alan & Lauren, JaNean & Jullian Pollitt, her grandbabies Harry & Hazel, G to her Bubby and Sissy, “We Love you G-Pap”, Mother & Daddy, Mark, Cindy, Jen, Ben, Grayden, Lennon, Eric & Stacy, Jim & Lisa, Ben, Clay & Mallory, Hailey, Amanda & Kayla, the Actons, Buddy’s co-pilot, Smithville Christian Church, Emmaus, Chrysalis, go-for, working harder and longer than everybody, life-changing trip to Israel to walk where Jesus walked, Hawaii, Bellows Beach, Diamond Head, Pearl Harbor, proud Navy wife, God first and then country, cooking for the masses, hosting 40+ for parties, music, piano, playin’ in the church band, hymns, praise and worship, teacher extraordinaire, non-stop librarian, Tri-North, Fairview, Summit, huge heart for all kids, Amor

Family Camp, Dean & Amy, Rick & Cindy, compassion for those in need, Our Savior, bracelets galore and rings to match, trendsetting fashion sense (from Goodwill), her mission, Godmother, unshakeable foundation, boundless grace, wisdom, morning devotion, family dedication, traveling with Buddy for thousands of miles while reading aloud to him, watching Wheel and Jeopardy in the evening with Buddy by her side, the Church, BOLD living for Jesus, fierce LOVE for others. Luvubye.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Smithville Christian Church on Saturday, February 13, with open friends and family reception from 3-4:00 pm and a service to follow at 4:00. A live streamed link for the service can be found on the Smithville Christian Church website www.smithvillecc.org. A meal will be served after the service, with a take-out option available. Covid19 protocol will be followed. In lieu of flowers, donations to Smithville Christian Church in Verna's memory are appreciated.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Smithville Christian Church
7280 South Fairfax Road
Bloomington, IN 47401

Memorial Service

FEB 13. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BF

“ Verna impacted my life in the short years we taught together at Divernon, IL. She was a powerhouse of energy and took that small school district by storm. From poets, to book authors, to completely moving the district library, no child or teacher ever walked by her without growing. From countless laughs and tears, Verna impacted every person, adult or student. She pulled me in to knowing her family in Mt. Vernon and Alsey, IL and the dynamism of the Sheets family. Her logo for life should be , "She Cared". I am more than grateful that our paths crossed. She will rattle all those she touches in the afterlife.

Barbara Fuhrwerk

Barbara Fuhrwerrk - February 20, 2021 at 11:05 AM

MM

“ Verna was such a wonderful unique human being. I taught with her so many years ago at TriNorth & absolutely loved her. My favorite memory was her clown costume! What a difference she made in this world! ❤️🙏❤️

Maureen Martin - February 14, 2021 at 11:14 PM

JP

“ We were blessed to have been neighbors of Buddy and Verna for many years. Verna had the biggest heart, as many have shared. Undoubtedly she will leave a huge void, but a lasting legacy as well. Buddy, Andy and Allen, our hearts are heavy for you and we are praying that the God of compassion and comfort will carry you through your suffering and loss.

With love and prayers,

The Passanisi's

joanne passanisi - February 14, 2021 at 07:52 AM

CJ

“ My condolences to Buddy and family. Verna was a beautiful soul. I'm so blessed our paths crossed when we lived in Bloomington and worked at Fairview. Great times and great memories. Thoughts & prayers for y'all now and in the days to come.

Cathy Jennings - February 13, 2021 at 06:31 PM

LT

“ I met Verna at Tri North. It was at the beginning of my teaching career, and I wanted so much to emulate her. She related to the kids where they were, communicated high standards and expectations and made it clear to each student that she had complete confidence in that student's capability to meet those standards. Her energy was boundless, and she gave the kids everything she had. I hope I did half as well. Thank you, Verna, for what you gave the kids, and the wonderful role model you were to me.

Libby Torphy - February 13, 2021 at 05:28 PM

SH

“ Verna was such a joy to teach with on the Tri-North faculty. She brought the whole school together with her special projects that involved each discipline teaching around a theme. Those were such happy times. My sympathy to Buddy and the family.

Sheila Henry - February 13, 2021 at 11:50 AM



“ Buddy, Alan and Andy I am so sorry for your loss. I had the privilege of teaching with Verna at Tri-North Middle School. Her kindness, energy, creativity, and love of teaching was unsurpassed. She truly made a difference in so many lives, young and old. Verna will be greatly missed by those that knew her. Sincerely, Teresa Kinder

Teresa Kinder - February 13, 2021 at 10:17 AM

KG

“ I worked with Verna at Tri North and will never forget the school Christmas party she hosted one year at her home. Sometime during the evening she read an hilarious passage, that I assumed she wrote, about her day of preparation for the party starting with something like getting up in the morning and harvesting and pounding the wheat for the bread she would make later after she finished weaving the placemats, and so forth...getting all her ideas from Martha Stewart! She was so funny and had us in stitches! It was not unusually to have her bringing joy into our lives though as all of you know. She was a unique loving friend and colleague.

Kitty garlock - February 13, 2021 at 09:43 AM

AP

“ We are heartbroken and will deeply miss the ball of energy, Jesus love, fierce compassion and unparalleled advocate that was (and still is) Verna.

Our lives are forever changed,
The Pantauws

Andrias & Carol, Abby & Joshua Pantauw - February 12, 2021 at 11:33 PM

CJ

“ Mrs. DeLuce was my teacher at Tri-North. I loved being in her class and always appreciated her feedback. She was the kind of teacher who always motivated you to do your very best. I remember giving her a scarf for Christmas and she acted as if it was a treasure! My sympathy to her family.

Cymme (Hardy) Jent - February 12, 2021 at 09:35 PM

DS

“ I remember Verna and Buddy from the time they attended Sherwood Oaks Christian Church....they were an amazing couple. Verna was so involved with our drama group years ago that we had...."Son Shine"....she was excellent in whatever she did. Later, I understand she became a very good clown. So very sorry to hear of her death. Very nice obit. written by some family member in today's paper. Buddy and family: you have been on our SOCC prayer list....of which I am one of the prayer warriors....God comfort you, Buddy.and be with you through this difficult time. Dianne Shewmaker, from SOCC

Dianne Shewmaker - February 12, 2021 at 03:34 PM

DA

“ Fuzzy and Dee, Emmaus friends, are saddened to say goodbye to such a great woman of faith. Please know you're in our prayers, Buddy.

Dee Allison - February 12, 2021 at 01:59 PM

BH

“ I'm so glad I got to meet Verna on our trip to the Holy Land in 2020. She was a very special lady. My love and sympathy go out to Buddy at this time.

Barb Hochgesang

Barb Hochgesang - February 12, 2021 at 12:28 PM

JR

“ Buddy , Alan @ Andy so sorry for your loss, she was a lot of fun to know and be around. Thinking of you and my prayers are with you.
Joan Ray

Joan Ray - February 12, 2021 at 11:17 AM

GK

“ Buddy, Sincere condolences. Jan & George Kreager

George Kreager - February 12, 2021 at 10:54 AM

BL

“ I am sorry for your loss, family and friends of Verna. I had the distinct joy of working with her at Tri-North and at Summit Elementary. She was funny, loving and she made her library a magical place for anyone who entered. I am glad that I had the privilege to know her. Sincerely, Bess Bohon Lee

Bess Lee - February 12, 2021 at 10:10 AM

EG

“ I'm so sorry to see Verna has passed. She was an invaluable mentor to me when I was a teacher, and then later I became a librarian as she was also. She truly brought out the best in all she touched and maintained her sense of humor in every situation. This is a great loss to our community. Sending peace to her family and friends.

Betsy Gray

Elizabeth Gray - February 12, 2021 at 08:56 AM

PS

“ The love and light of Jesus, her Savior, shined so brightly in Verna, you couldn't miss it! Loved her in just the short time I met her and knew her. The trip to Israel is something you never forget and I feel fortunate to have shared this experience with her and Buddy and all of our group.

Pam Sharp - February 12, 2021 at 08:14 AM

LS

“ Verna and I served together on several MCCSC committees over the years. Her energy and commitment were amazing. The last time I saw her, she was wearing a Cat in the Hat hat at a school board meeting. That was Verna: never afraid to put herself out there and speak her mind.

Linda Scott - February 12, 2021 at 05:11 AM

TC

“ I only met Verna a couple of years ago. She joined the Courtside Ministries and would come to offer to pray with people going into or past the Justice Building. I LOVED when she prayed. She really talked to God! So sorry for the loss.

Tanya Chasteen - February 11, 2021 at 08:04 PM

BZ

“ Verna loved Jesus, her family and her friends, and we loved her right back. Until we meet again you will live in my heart. Betsy

Betsy Zbinden - February 11, 2021 at 07:25 PM

SR

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Sandra Rainey - February 11, 2021 at 06:06 PM

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Sandra Rainey - February 11, 2021 at 05:57 PM

FB

“ What a wonderful friend and teacher!!! I feel so blessed to have had her in my life! Earth will never be the same, but heaven has gained a jewel! Sending my love to the fsmily.

family. Baker - February 11, 2021 at 05:45 PM

DW

“ The one thing that is foremost in my mind is Verna's smile. She was a caring and loving friend that I had the privilege of knowing. Working Emmaus and Chrysalis walks with her was always an adventure. I know she's already finding her niche in Heaven. God bless her family as they deal with their loss. Hugs and prayers.

Debbie Wease - February 11, 2021 at 04:55 PM

SW

“ *She was always a joy to work with on Emmaus walked. Will miss her greatly. Prayers to her family.*



Sue Walker - February 11, 2021 at 04:13 PM