



## Bridget Veal

September 13, 1961 - September 10, 2016

### Obituary of Bridget Veal

Bridget Veal, 54, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, passed away Saturday, September 10, 2016, at Lane Purcell Hospice House in Sumterville, FL. She was born September 13, 1961 in Valparaiso, Florida. She was a member of United Methodist Church "The Church of the Fisherman" in Lake Panasoffkee. Bridget was a retired Principal from Lake Panasoffkee Elementary School. She was a 1979 South Sumter High Graduate then in 1991 she obtained a BS Degree in Elementary Education from University of South Florida and continued her education, and in 2002 received her Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies/Curriculum & Instruction from National Louis University following in 2004 with Ed. Specialist Degree in Administrative & Supervision from National Louis University. She held a Florida Educator Certificate in Elementary Education, Educational Leadership, School Principal and ESOL Endorsement. Her work history was Aug. 1991 - Teacher at South Sumter Middle; Aug. 1993 - Teacher at Lake Panasoffkee Elementary; Aug. 1997 - Teacher at South Sumter Middle; Aug. 2003 - Curriculum Coordinator, Wildwood Middle; Aug. 2005 - Assistant Principal Intern - Wildwood Middle; July 2007 - Administrative Assistant Intern at District Office; Feb. 2012 - Adult Ed. Principal; June 2012 - Sumter Alternatives Principal; July 2013 - Lake Panasoffkee Elementary Principal; and May 2016 she retired. Her supplemental positions included: Girls Basketball Coach, Girls Golf Coach,

Girls Volleyball Coach, Cheerleading Coach, Grade Level Chairperson, Science Level Chairperson, School Improvement Plan Chairperson, Publicity Chairperson, Summer School Coordinator, Positive Action Committee Chairperson, Curriculum Writing Team, Fair Booth Coordinator, SWAT Sponsor, Clinical Educator Trainer, Stephen Covey 7 Habits Trainer, Part-time Adult Ed. Teacher, and Board Member of FASA - Florida Association of School Administrators. Bridget was preceded in death by her father, Edsel Morrison, step-mother, Paulette Morrison, and brother, Stephen Morrison. She is survived by her mother, Billie Geer, Sumterville, FL; step-father, Ronald Geer, Sumterville, FL; step-daughters: Katherine Davis, Gainesville, FL, and Kelli Gray, Lake Panasoffkee, FL; brother: David Morrison, Lake Panasoffkee, FL; sister: Gina Salmans, Cimarron, KS; step-brothers: Philip Morrison, David Morrison, and Edsel Morrison, Jr., all of Punta Gorda, FL; and step-sister, Vicki Cordes, King George, VA.

#### In Lieu Of

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Bridget's memory to: Sumter Schools Enhancement Foundation (in memo line list Bridget Veal), 2680 W CR 476, Bushnell, FL 33513; Lane Purcell Hospice House, 2452 CR 526E, Sumterville, FL 33585; or St. Jude's Hospital for Children, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

#### Celebration of Life Service

There will be a Celebration of Life for Bridget Veal held on Saturday, September 17th, at 2:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church of Lake Panasoffkee with Pastor Marguerite Matthews officiating. All are invited to share in a fellowship meal in the fellowship hall following the service and please feel free to bring a dish to share.



# Tribute Wall

KH

“ Our thoughts are with Bridget's family. We're sorry for your loss. May you be comforted by the hope of seeing our loved ones again. "There is going to be a resurrection." Acts 24:15. Wishing you comfort.

K. Hope - October 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ To my Dear Dear Soul Friend, I thank God for putting you in my life, you will always be an inspiration to me, and live on in my heart. So many talks, laughs, cries, hugs and so much more...I will miss you girl. Thank you for being my best friend...my SOLE FRIEND <3 I Love You <3 Bridget above all else wanted everybody to know God and his peace, I will never ever forget or get tired of telling the story of her great inspiration of the Faith of a mustard seed. She has touched so very many and given so very much hope to all. She had truly found her purpose in life, which was to help others <3 I love you more

Melinda Etheredge - September 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Bridget Veal

melinda etheredge - September 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ ###GESTURE###

melinda etheredge - September 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *May the Lord Bless your family.*

Becky Knight - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ *May the Lord Bless your family.###GESTURE###*

Becky Knight - September 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *God Bless you Bridget and my deepest condolences to your family.  
###GESTURE###*

Dana Coleman - September 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *God Bless you Bridget and my deepest condolences to your family.*

Dana Coleman - September 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Bridget Veal was a fighter in every sense of the word and I have never seen such a valiant effort to fight this dreadful disease. She was a lover of family, friends and life! Bridget and her inspiration will be sorely missed! May peace be with you and your family!*

Joel Merritt - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *Bridget Veal*

Beth - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *Bridget Veal*

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**Dana Williams** - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DW

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**Beth** - September 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *My love for you always. ###GESTURE###*

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**Rebecca Ann Crichton((Thornton)** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *So sorry for your loss...God bless your family...###GESTURE###*

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**Anne Liggett** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

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**Gina & Bruce Salmans** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EM

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**Edsel Jr. & Jacquie Morrison** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JE

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**Jeremy** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JE

“*Bridget Veal*

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**Jeremy** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AG

“*She was one of the greatest teachers out there. She wasn't there for the money, she was there for us. Mrs. Veal kept me from giving up in high school after I went through a rough time in my life. My prayers are with her family. I love you Mrs. Veal, heaven gained another angel. RIP*

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**Amanda Gates** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BA

“*To Bridget's friends and family, my sincere and most heartfelt condolences. Bridget was a friend of mine in high school and a better friend to my older sister, Belinda. I was the side kickt because I was a little younger, but I remember her beautiful face and smile like it was five minutes ago she was always happy. I'm so happy she knew the Lord because that means I get the opportunity to see her in her healthy body again; even more beautiful than the one you left behind. To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord. Safe journey, sweet friend.*

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**Brenda Ayala** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EM

“*Bridget Veal*

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**Edsel Jr. & Jacquie Morrison** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I worked with Bridget for a year when she was the principal of Sumter Alternatives. She would go for chemo treatments before school. On her treatment days, you could tell that she didn't feel good, but she rarely missed a day of school. I was always impressed with her don't give up attitude, love for kids, and always encouraging them to be better students. There are many kids that will be better people because of her encouragement. With deepest sympathy, Mike and Peggy Wood

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**Mike Wood** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Bridget you were such an inspiration and a light to me. You saw things in me that I didn't see in myself. You gave me the best gift in life one could have and that was your friendship and love. Rest in peace you beautiful angel you will truly be missed.

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**Genia swartz** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GS

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**Gina & Bruce Salmans** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ *So sorry for your loss...God bless your family...*

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**Anne Liggett** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ *May eternal rest be granted to her, o Lord and may perpetual Light shine upon her in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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**Barb Didjurgis** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ I will forever be grateful for knowing you, Bridget. Thanks for all the laughter & love you shared with me and my children. I am so proud of your life and accomplishments. You were a blessing to so many who are left missing your smile and enthusiasm. RIP

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**Rebecca Ann Crichton((Thornton)** - September 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ My love for you always.

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OR

“ Bridget Veal

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**Olivia Rodriguez** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

OR

“ Ms. Veal was an amazing teacher and made a huge impact on my middle school experience. She will be greatly missed by many people and I send my condolences to her family. May she rest in peace. Olivia Rodriguez

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**Olivia Rodriguez** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

QL

“ To friends, family, co-workers, classmates, students, and former students you have my deepest sympathy and remorse for the loss of a great woman friend mother grandmother daughter cousin God be with you in this troubled time

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**Quentin Latimer** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *bridget sure will be missed I knew her when she was a little girl her family lived next door she was one of my kids love an miss bridget.*

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**liz bailey,ferrero** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Deapest sympathy. She will be greatly missed and leaves behind a great legacy*

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**Patty Baker Pell** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Bridget Veal*

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**Tommie Deaner** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Bridget has shown us how to really live a life with amazing faith in God. She has shown us love in action through such true care of her students and family. I will so miss her laugh and that smile!*

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**Kathy Carlington** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ *My heart is saddened by the transition of my schol mate. My prayers ate with the family and our school friends*

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**Gloria Boone** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ *When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure!! I cherish all the memories we had with you B, from cruises to golf games or just sitting around telling tales. Your memory will live on in our hearts forever. God received another angel. Keep on fishing dear friend and Sista!*

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**Beth Veal Irving** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ *Bridget Veal*

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**Pat Antcliff** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ *I will miss this beautiful lady, One of my favorite Nieces. Love to the rest of the family sorry I cannot be there. Love always Uncle Shorty and Aunt Carol*

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**Edwin Jonas-Morrison** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *Bridget Veal*

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**Jean Mounger** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *My Prayers & thoughts go out to the Veal Family. She was such an inspiration to my daughter in Middle School. She touch all her Students in such a positive way. She will be missed by all that knew her. RIP ~*

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**Jean Mounger** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *May the Lord give your family peace knowing that the Lord will welcome anotherAngel. Till we meet again!*

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**Jean Seay** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *You fought hard, now you can rest. My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*

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**Stella** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Bridget, Will miss your smile and loving face,always happy and and ready to do what ever you could to help. God has a wonderful angel*

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**Ruth Faulkner** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Sorry about your great loss, She will always be in our hearts she was wonderful to work with also to have as a friend. When my husband was at hospice she came to visit me during her lunch break. Love you ! RIP : my friend*

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**Joanne Panzetta** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ *Condolences... God bless and may she rest in peace, she will be missed.. prayers for strength and peace of heart for all family and friends*

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**PENNY ROBINSON** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Much loved by all...She will be sorely missed...*

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**Jessie Woodard Jr** - September 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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LB

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**Lainey Brannen** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

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**Sue Rice** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ *Heaven is brighter with you there. You will truly be missed.*  
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Vickie Scofield - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Cheryl Cole - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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Vickie Scofield - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Tho I was shocked since I moved 5 years ago, i have always known Bridget to be a whole harted caring, loving, and fun person. The world lost a wonderful person, But Heaven has Gained a wonderful person. Rest now Bridget, You have truly earned it.*

Tina Graves - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ *Our thoughts and our prayers are with Bridget and family. Bridget will be missed and I am sure she is in a much better place. I know she has touched multiple people's lives in a very special way and at the end of the day that is the most you can hope for!*

Patrick Demianenko - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *My deepest condolences. Bridget will be missed.*

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**Carla Feathers** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SO

“ *Cousin sorry we did not get the opportunity to be very close; however, kinship creates its own closeness. Red in peace beautiful cousin God finished your mansion.*

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**Shirlion Odom** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I love and miss you mrs veal. Your best student from lake panasoffkee elementary..*

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**Lainey Brannen** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Our deepest condolences at this time of grief. I have known Mrs veal for a very long time. She taught me in middle school and was my daughters principal at lake panasoffkee elementary. My daughter was very fond of her infact when I told Lainey she had passed away she started crying and stated i loved her and she loved me. Everyday my daughter didnt go to mrs veal and give her a hug in the mornings mrs veal would come to her classroom to find her. She was an outstanding woman. May she rest in peace.. Love the Brannen family.*

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**Tosha Brannen** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I have admired Bridgett's determination and stamina for several years. She had a lovely smile and was always an inspiration to all. May she find the peace and health that was missing from her heart on this earth in the arms of our Heavenly Father.

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**Patricia Mauldin** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Bridget Veal*

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**Sue Rice** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *Prayers and thoughts for family and friends. I was privileged to have worked with her at Church of the Fisherman. She was a fine Christian person. May God bless you.*

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**Sue Rice** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Bridgett's family. She was an awesome teacher and really helped me with Sam when he was in middle school. Even came and did home bound teaching at my home. She was so dedicated. She will be missed.*

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**Pam Floyd Tompkins** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Bridget's smile and positive outlook will always be remembered. She was one of the strongest people I knew. We'll miss her here, but how wonderful that she is healthy, whole, and blessing all of us with her smiles from above.*

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**Molly Everett** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ I only got to know Bridget in the last couple years thru a mutual friend, Tonya Merritt I had the honor of going to her home several months ago with a few other ladies to pray for her. Bridget's faith was strong and she knew she'd be healed whether it was here or in heaven. Her battle is over and she has won. I pray the Lord will comfort her family and friends during this sad time.

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**Angie Cole** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Our girls loved her at LPES. She was a wonderful person. She is and will continue to be greatly missed.

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**The Perkins Family in Wisconsin** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Rip mrs veal. You were my favorite teacher and my sons principal for a short time. You inspired so many lives. I wish i could attend the services but i am in hawaii. Condolences. Gone to soon.

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**Megan lovett hardenbrook** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My deepest sympathy to all of Brigetts family and friends, especially her mother, Billie.

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**Lynda Bennett ( Sargent)** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Bridget Veal*

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**Charlotte** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Bridget Veal*

Charlotte Meyer - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Bridget, you are free, no more treatments, doctor visits or tests; you're whole and healed! I'm so happy for you. But many will miss you! Love you!*

Charlotte - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ *Bridget Veal*

Cheryl Cole - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Forever in our Hearts!!*

Cheryl Cole - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Bridget you are the strongest person I have ever met. I thank God for having met you. Tomorrow, on Sept. 13th, have your first CANCER FREE birthday in Heaven with Jesus. You will always be my SweetPea and I will be your Sunshine!!*

Cheryl Cole - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bridget Veal*

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BN

“ *Bridget is in heaven with the angels doing what she does best; teaching children. She was my encourager in continuing my education in elementary education. I will remember you always!!*

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**Barbara Nesselrotte** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *For embodying the spirit of Christ for so many. For trusting His plan. For loving so well. I thank you. See you on the other side, my friend.*

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**MerryAnne Melin** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ *As one of many Bridget Veal's friends. I have to say how impressed I am at her accomplishments she achieved. The person she was to help people of our community on a constant basis was also as impressive. Only thing I think needs to be added to that long list is an "avid fisher" who pretty much out fished anyone who was lucky enough to enjoy a trip with her on the lake. She will be missed so dearly in many people's hearts she touched throughout her travels. She also was great dog lover and we had a special bond through our dogs . So many times my dog "Bullit" would know the road when we turned on..it was going to visit Bridget with Bonnie & Hermie. Bullit new she was a Special person because of his love & excitement to see Bridget. Your heart lives on in my memories we shared.*

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**Daniel Etheredge** - September 12, 2016 at 12:00 AM