



## Elaine Iley Ferguson

February 16, 1948 - November 14, 2015

### Obituary of Elaine Ferguson

Elaine Iley Ferguson, 67, of Groveland, FL, passed away Saturday, November 14, 2015. Born on February, 16, 1948 to Goree and Thelma Iley of Center Hill, Florida, Elaine was a lifelong resident of Lake and Sumter counties. She was a born-again Christian and loved the Lord Jesus Christ. Elaine served as a school teacher and principal in Lake and Sumter Counties for over 30 years. She is remembered by her husband of 45 years, Thomas Virgil Ferguson Jr, of Groveland; son, Casey Ferguson of Bushnell, FL; daughter, Erin (Freddie) Moore of Linden, FL and three granddaughters, Caroline, Natalie, and Lydia Moore. She is also survived by her brother, Mark (Patricia) Iley of Center Hill, FL and her sister Judy (Jackie) Lovett of Bushnell, FL.

### In Lieu Of

In lieu of flowers please donate to: "Spanish Ministry in honor of Elaine Ferguson", Gant Lake Baptist Church, P.O. Box 369, Webster, FL 33597.

### Services

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015, 10 am at the First Baptist Church of Bushnell. Burial services will follow at the Linden Cemetery, Webster, FL.

# Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Sending my Condolences to the Family of Mrs. Elaine Ferguson..My Prayers are with you during this difficult time..May God Give you strength.*

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**Carla Duugs** - November 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *i worked many years ago with Elaine and always learned so much from her. She was such a kind, thoughtful friend. I am saddened by her death and my thoughts and prayers are with the family at this very difficult time.*

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**Margaret Kirwan** - November 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *With our deepest sympathies for your loss we share our love thoughts and prayers-Dominique, Mike Jenn and Julie Sanchez*

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**Dominique Sanchez** - November 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *We are so sorry for your great loss. Losing a mother is so hard. Please know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Alan and Karen Knight*

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**Karen Knight** - November 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Family. It is with a heavy heart of the news of your sweet wife, mother, and grandmother's passing, but I know that she in a more place with our Lord and no longer in pain. My are with you as lead the celebration of her life. Mom was first a friend, a teacher, and principal who I loved working under her guidance. M ay God richly bless each of you tomorrow. Love in HIS name. Carolyn Stokes

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**Carolyn Stokes** - November 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Mark, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May God hold you and your family in the palm of his hand and console you during this time if grief. Gretta and Ralph

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**Gretta Ballard Shay** - November 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Casey and Erin, I was saddened to hear of your mother's passing. She was a true educator and a wonderful mother. I know because I saw the results in the children she raised and the children she taught. May her memory make your days easier. Love, prayers, and hugs, Mrs. Campbell

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**Pamela Campbell (Worley)** - November 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Casey, Please accept comforting prayers from our family. We know she is rejoicing in heaven and free from pain. Ruby Hewitt, Joe Hewitt Family, Patricia Hewitt Duane Family.

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**Ruby Hewitt Family** - November 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ Tom, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We are SO sorry for your loss. Bill & Eli Spring Warrior, FL

Bill and Elise (Eli) Jones - November 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TE

“ Our family is sending to your family our heartfelt sympathy for your loss. We will continue to keep your families in our prayers.

Tootsie and Ralph Eldridge - November 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Tom, We are so sorry to hear of Elaine's passing. God needed another angel. She is no longer suffering and is celebrating with Jesus. Remember the good times and cherish all your favorite memories. Everyone at Spring Warrior has kept you all in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to do so. We miss you and send you our love, hugs, & prayers.

Mike & Brenda Ferros - November 18, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Elaine Iley Ferguson

Maritza Matos & Patricia Wells - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jim&Martha Goff - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ I am so sorry for the passing of your love one. I meet her a few times, threw the schools. She was a wonderful lady. May her family find peace, knowing she is in the arms of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Cynthia " Crickett" Bullock Hickman - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ So sorry to hear about your MOM. I will continue to Pray for you and your family. May the Lord Bless you always. Becky

Tim & Becky Knight - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Ferguson Family: Please accept my sincere condolences. It breaks our hearts when death separates us from the ones we love so much. The Bible reminds us that God sees our pain and sorrow and promises that soon death will be done away with.(Isaiah 25:8) He will heal our broken hearts by resurrecting our precious loved ones to life again.(John 5:28,29) Until then, I hope the memories of Elaine and these promises from God comfort you in the days to come.

JC - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ My prayers are with the family at this difficult time. I apologize that I will not be able to attend the service but I will be out of town. May the Lord God comfort you and ease your sorrow. Love to the whole family. Jenifer Chilcote

Jenifer Chilcote - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Thoughts are with you in your time of sadness

sheri roberts - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Elaine and I taught together in the 70's at the old Clermont Elementary. She was a lot of fun to work with and an outstanding educator.

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**Jeanne (Teal) Connelly** - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SR

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**sheri roberts** - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Maritza Matos & Patricia Wells** - November 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Luis Contreras** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

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**Stephen Wade** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Tammy Moore** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JI

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**Jennifer Iley** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**edward an judy stephens** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Luis Contreras** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *Our prayers are with you all. Elaine is smiling down on you with The Lord and all the Holy Angels from Heaven. Though we are saddened she isn't physically with us, we celebrate her new life that's pain free. May God Bless all of you.*

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**Mac & Lynn Armitage** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *My Condolences to the family. So many good memories come back to me from 5th grade. She was great teacher.*

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**Aida Cuevas-Morales** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Tom, Thinking of you and your family and praying for comfort during your time of grief. Elaine will be greatly missed.

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**Jim and Jody Rowntree** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Elaine was such a beautiful person that loved her family and friends. She will be missed by all. Sending prayers to the family for comfort and peace during this time.

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**Sandra Stoll** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Prayers and thoughts are with the entire family.

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**Gail Merritt** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Elaine Iley Ferguson

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**Tammy Moore** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Dr. Ferguson's family. I had the pleasure of having Dr. Ferguson as my principal as she hired me for my first teaching position. She will always be remembered as a caring and kind leader to the teachers and children she worked with. She will be greatly missed!

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**Carrie Christensen** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Mrs. Ferguson was one of the earliest people to spark an interest in me for going into education. Prayers for her family.

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**BJ Gamez** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Elaine Iley Ferguson*

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**Stephen Wade** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Love knows no boundaries. While Elaine is no longer physically with us, his/her spirit is always around us. My deepest condolences.*

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**Jenn Sanchez** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *My deepest sympathy for each of you in the loss of this precious lady who loved Jesus with all of her soul. She will always be remembered for her kindness and love for her family. She will be greatly missed, but we can find comfort in her healing in the presence for our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

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**Betsy Wilkinson** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ We have known and loved the Iley family for many years. My family ate Sunday dinner with them several times during the years Daddy was pastor of Tuscanooga Baptist Church, where they attended. Many of Elaine's relatives attended there also, including her grandfather, uncle, aunts and cousins. Jeff and I were married in 1955 and a couple of years later we purchased the farmhouse and land where Thelma and Goree's family lived. At that time, Elaine was nine years old. I'm sure their family made a lot of good memories at that house, as our family did during the time we lived there. At present a grandson is renovating the house and soon I hope more good memories will be made there. Fast forward to a chance meeting in a waiting room; in talking to a lady there, Mrs. Ferguson, I learned that her son (Tommy's) fiancé lived in Center Hill and she had the nicest family - they had invited her to Thanksgiving dinner - but she was uneasy about finding where they lived. It was Elaine and I assured Mrs. Ferguson of the easiest way to get there. Elaine made an outstanding contribution to this community as teacher and principal and was loved by many. She "fought a good fight, finished her course and kept the faith; now is laid up for her a crown of righteousness that the Lord will give to all that love his appearing". May our Great Comforter give you strength and peace in the days ahead. Love to all.

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**Carolyn and Jeff Odom** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ Those who love us never really leave us.

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**Jennifer Iley** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Unfortunately I did not have the privilege to teach with Elaine. Almost from the beginning of my teaching at Mascotte I heard comments and conversations about her and what a positive impact she had as a fellow teacher and cohort of the staff members. I got to meet her, spend time with her and even meet some of her family. For that I am grateful . Her legacy is the wonderful and lasting memories she created for so many people who were blessed to know her.

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**Norita Anderson** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ So very sorry for your loss. Moms are very hard to let go but I pray knowing she is in a better place and without pain eases your heart ache. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Linda Lamoreaux

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**Linda Lamoreaux** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with all your family. Kathy and Leroy Smith

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LC

“ *Rest in peace my dear beloved cousin and friend. You will be remembered by all that love you. Heaven is sweeter today. Heaven's gain.*

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**Linda Strickland Crawford** - November 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM