



Carole LeFever

May 24, 2013

Surrounded by family and dear friends, Carole Lee LeFever's unique spirit left this earth on Monday, May 20, 2013 after a five month, courageous battle with ovarian cancer. Born in Bainbridge, MD, she was the daughter of the late Dr. Kenneth H. Heisey and Helen B. Heisey of St. Michaels, Maryland.

Carole graduated from Harrisburg Academy High School and was the third generation of her family to graduate from Juniata College, where she received a Bachelor's Degree in history. After teaching history in Port Royal, PA, she earned another Bachelor's Degree in Art from Millersville University. Carole was an infamously beloved art teacher and field hockey coach at Wheatland Junior High School for 33 years, retiring in 2004.

A true philanthropist, Carole's passion for people and culture was so tenacious it sometimes got her into trouble. A defender of the underdog and fierce advocate of civil rights, she was once jailed for her beliefs at the race riots in York, PA and stood strong during the Native American tax riot in New York State. She was closely involved with the Iroquois nation in New York State and the Navaho nation in the southwestern U.S., where she had many valued friends. Carole's mission to help the less fortunate led her to the Ivory Coast in Africa, where, in times of dangerous political upheaval, she conducted agricultural missions and donated computers.

An avid gardener, Carole organized the Demuth Plant Sale, a fundraiser for the Demuth Museum since its inception. At the time of her diagnosis she was helping to develop a memorial for African American war veterans with Crispus Attucks in Lancaster, PA.

She dedicated the last decade of her life to the support of her mother and care of her family's Eastern Shore home at Misty Point.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her son Alexander R. LeFever and grandson Xavier M. LeFevre of Lancaster, PA, a brother, David husband of Nikki Heisey of Harrisburg, PA, and a sister, Beth, wife of William Reidel of Falston, MD. She was lovingly cared for in the last months of her life by Jeff and Vanessa LeFevre along with close family and friends.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Carole's Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (corner of Orange and Pine Streets), Lancaster with Reverend Louis A. Butcher, Jr. officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. A private family interment will take place in Greenwood Cemetery and Carole's remains will be scattered in places around the world with which she had a special connection. Memorials may be made in Carole's name to The Demuth Museum, 120 E. King Street, Lancaster, PA 17602 or Crispus Attucks Community Center, 407 Howard Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17602 or Hospice & Community Care, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604-4125 or www.hospiceandcommunitycare.org.

Tribute Wall



“ *Carole LeFever*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *My mom wanted to come home, so we left the hoapstil and flew home to my brother's in NJ. He and his wife were away with their daughter, celebrating the birth of their first grandchild. We had a hospice team who came in once a day, but I became mom's full time caretaker. While it was exhausting, scary, and quite difficult, I am so grateful that I got to spend that time with her before she passed. But the sun still rises, and the birds still sing.*

Ashly - December 21, 2015 at 11:29 PM



“ *I was fortunate to have had Ms. LeFever for art for two of my three years at Wheatland Middle School ('99-'01). All these years later, I still remember her talent for energizing students and sharing her love of art. She never missed an opportunity to expand our horizons and encourage our curiosity and creativity. I hope it is at least some comfort to her family that her spirit lives on in so many students whose lives she touched and influenced.*

Gregory Kauffman - June 19, 2014 at 11:45 AM



“ *Carole has been a friend since Juniata College days where she stood out as a free spirit. Can that have been fifty years ago? She will be sorely missed.*

Ellen Coffman - June 06, 2013 at 09:17 AM

MB

“ I know I speak for hundreds of my classmates when I say that we are all very sad to hear about the loss of one of our favorite and most awesome influential teachers ever at Wheatland!!! I had her between the years of 91-94 and she was very sweet and creative. Just an awesome woman. I recently ran into her at Walmart after all these years, and now I wish we had more time to chat. I still have some art that I did in her class. RIP Mrs. Lefever.

Mandi Beck - June 03, 2013 at 04:15 PM

AB

“ I am so happy I had the chance to have Miss Carole Lefever as an art teacher at wheatland. She was a wonderful person and a great teacher. Miss Lefever will be sadly missed by all she touched with her teaching. My condolences to her family, thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in peace miss Carole Lefever and thank you for all you taught me I will never forget you.

Ann Bell - May 29, 2013 at 02:14 AM

MP

“ We were teenagers in the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Grace United Methodist Church in Harrisburg and then classmates at Juniata. Carole was always a free spirit with wide-ranging interests who brought beauty and love to this world. What a loss!

Maxine Phillips - May 28, 2013 at 11:12 PM

LE

“ miss Lefever was the most influential teacher..if you needed anything ..she was there.we need more teachers like her.she will be missed ..she was what the portait of a perfect teacher looks like..

lori emmerich - May 27, 2013 at 08:38 PM

TC

“ I had the privilege to have had Mrs. LeFever as my art teacher while at Wheatland during the early 70's.
She was a wonderful lady, I'm so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Thomas Casey - May 27, 2013 at 12:58 PM

BM

“ I'm so sorry about the loss of Carole. I have fond memories of babysitting Zander when they came to the Eastern Shore. She was always such a kind, pleasant person. My condolences to her family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Brenda (Schisler) Modugno - May 26, 2013 at 11:19 PM

CT

“ Mrs. Lefever was my art teacher and homeroom teacher for the 3 yrs I was at Wheatland. She was a loving and caring woman. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family & friends at this time.

Christelle Thaw-Bolton - May 26, 2013 at 10:55 AM