



Sue Ferguson

May 12, 1946 - September 17, 2009

Sue Ferguson, 63, of Narrow Lake, MI died Thursday, September 17, 2009. She was born May 12, 1946, in Benton Harbor, MI, the daughter of Bob and Virginia Janca. She is survived by her daughter, Dana Ferguson (Charles Taylor) of Novi, MI; parents, Bob & Virginia Janca of Baroda, MI; ex-husband, Jim Ferguson of Lansing, MI; sisters, Roberta and Linda Janca/ David Braatz; dear friends, Linda Kloppe and Sharon Belka; many wonderful, loving cousins; and her loving, special pets, Jasper, Freddy & Franny. Sue retired in 2008 after 40 years of teaching, leaving behind a history of cherished memories of educating and participating in a variety of extra-curricular functions. She was an avid MSU sports fan, and enjoyed attending shows at the Wharton Center. Her favorite music to listen to included Show tunes, John Denver, and songs from the 50's and 60's. She enjoyed camping with her family, spending time with animals, and gardening and had a great sense of humor. Sue liked to give nicknames to people, and make people laugh. She was a member of Youth for Understanding, Friendship Connection, and the Baroda Bible Church, as well as Book Club, and German Club. Visitation will be Sunday, September 20 from 2-4:00 PM, and 6-8:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Funeral Services will be held at Pike Funeral Home in Bridgman, MI, Monday, September 21, at 3:00 PM, with visitation from noon until time of service. The family has suggested Memorial contributions be made to Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com

Tribute Wall

MA

“*Dear Ones: Your loss is shared by everyone who has known and loved Sue. She was a beautiful, fun-loving person. How fortunate we are that she was a part of our lives, for we will cherish the time we shared together. May the Lord bless you and keep you all in His care. We love you.*

Mary & Dave; Gladys; David & Amaris - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“*I had Ms. Ferg as a British English teacher in high school. Ms. Ferg would always meet everyone with a smile and had a good sense of humor. You could always tell she enjoyed working with students and of course teaching the subjects she truly enjoyed and loved. Ms. Ferg would always ask how the family was doing as she not only had myself and my siblings, but she also had my parents and their siblings in her class as well. I will never forget the first time I had her as a teacher she was going through the attendance and she got to my name and said "Oh no! Not another Cockroft. How many more are there?" I always found this very humorous along with all of the Cockroft family members. This would tell anyone that she was also very family oriented as well. She loved her pets as she would talk about them very frequently in class, or when ever we as a class would get her off subject. I enjoyed the class I took with her. The news of her passing was very surprising to not only myself but other classmates. On behalf of the Cockroft Families, we would like to send our prayers to Ms. Ferg's family during this time of need.*

Angela Cockroft - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Sue - you brought love, beauty of soul, heart and spirit into our lives the day you were born. We miss you terribly and live with the knowledge that we will be together again some day. We love you and cherish every memory of you.



Mother and Father - November 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ To Dana, I am so very sorry for your loss. I wanted to tell you that when Christina and Joe were in your mother's care I was never worried; I knew they were well looked after by a good and loving person. I always heard such nice things about your mother when the kids returned home and it made my heart glad. Thank you for sharing your mother with my children and being a friend to them. Sincerely, Kathelyn Sheedy

Kathelyn Sheedy (mother of Christina and Joe Tower) - September 28, 2009 at 08:03 AM

HT

“ I was shocked to see Sue's obituary in the paper today when I opened it. My sincere condolences to Sue's family and friends. When Greg and I moved back to Springport, Sue was one of the first people we ran into and Greg was so excited to see her again after so many years and to introduce her to me. Sue was so thoughtful at the time of Greg's death. Though I met Sue only a couple of times, all that I had heard about her came through in those few times. Through Greg's stories, I feel I knew her much better than I did. I can only imagine the loss you are feeling. My heart goes out to all of you.

Hugh Tomlinson - September 24, 2009 at 12:14 PM

LG

“ Our family was truly blessed to have your Mother as a teacher during their years at Springport Schools. She was a remarkable person.

Linda Gill - September 24, 2009 at 05:56 AM

KM

“ Reading through the messages sent, it helps us to realize what an amazing woman/teacher/friend Sue was to so many people who were fortunate to share in her life. As a fellow teacher, I especially can sense the great respect and love her students had for her. Not every teacher earns that kind of admiration! Our support, prayers and love go out to everyone in Sue's family. May you be able to smile with rich pleasure as you realize that Sue will continue to be a vital part of your lives.

Kathy and Tom Myers - September 23, 2009 at 01:42 PM

J(

“ I am probably one of the first students Ms. Janca taught when she came to Springport (class of 1974). We had so much fun in her class. She made us want to learn by making it fun. I loved her German Potato Salad. She had all of us out to her Duck Lake house many times. She always chaperoned dances, floats and parties for us. I will remember her always. Rest in Peace, Sue.

Judy Kirk (Pombier) - September 22, 2009 at 04:09 AM

SH

“ Ferg instilled in me a love for British Literature and it has only grown stronger over the years. She always made me laugh and I remember when she was carrying Dana, she insisted she was a girl baby...SHE would not carry a boy baby...She was a wonderful lady, a cherished teacher/educator and a faithful friend. RIP Ferg, you were a beautiful lady inside and out. Sheila Hamilton, SHS Class of 1981.

Sheila Hamilton - September 21, 2009 at 09:28 AM

CT

“ Mrs. Ferguson, or Fergie to those students that loved her. I had her for English and German between 1980 and 1984. She was a wonderful teacher and person. She will be greatly missed. We laughed a lot in her class, but I believe that helped us to learn more. Dana you and your family will be in my prayers. Chris Taylor

Christine Taylor - September 21, 2009 at 08:45 AM

SC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Dana and the entire family. Mrs. Ferg was one of my favorite teachers while in high school. Ferg always gave me a smile and a "thought for the day." My four children have all had Ferg and felt the same. Ferg came to my daughters graduation open house's with dictionary in hand as her gift. :) I last had the chance to speak with Sue when the class of 77 had our reunion. What memories we spoke of that weekend! God speed Ferg, you are now with our friend and your's, Greg Mitchell in Heaven.

Sandra Hamilton Courter - September 21, 2009 at 03:22 AM

M1

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the friends and family of Ms. Ferguson. She was a cheerful lucky go teacher at Springport High School. Lord only knows how many lives she touched.....I'm sure she's smiling looking down from heaven, the greatest place to be! May God Bless you through these tough times. I know Sue Ferguson was truly loved, liked, and truly respected I'm so sorry for your loss, Mike Van Dyke and family Firefighter/EMT Venice, FI

Mike Van Dyke Springport class of 1984 - September 21, 2009 at 02:38 AM

BL

“ We are very sad to hear the news of Ferg. Leaving us so soon, She was a beautiful person and had a great sense of humor, She taught my husband who Graduated in 1977, Myself in 1984 and both of my daughters in their high school years, She always had a smile and Was so caring and loving with my daughter when her Dad died. We will always remember Ferg, With a smile and Thank God for sharing her with us.. Go in Peace! We will love you always, Beth, Tori and Jess

Beth and Tori Brasseur, and Jessica Linnabary - September 20, 2009 at 07:35 AM

TT

“ I dont know where to start,Sue you left us before your time!! hope God will keep your soul until his appointed time,then you will have the hope of the resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord.You were a Wonderfull,Beautifull person so full of Life.A very Special person that you only meet wonce in a lifetime.Im so much a better person for knowing you.Rest in peace-I will always Love You! Tim



Timothy Tower - September 19, 2009 at 10:09 PM

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Timothy Tower - September 19, 2009 at 10:37 AM

DD

“ Dear Dana and family, My sincerest sympathy to all of your. Your mom was a great woman, fun to be around, and the Spartan games won't be the same without her. I'll cherish my Spartan ornaments she gave me for the my tree, and will think of her often. She will always be with you. Blessings to you all and rest in peace, Sue.

Diane (Curtis) Davis - September 19, 2009 at 08:29 AM

BL

“ Dear Dana and Family, My sympathy to you and I am so saddened with this news.Sue was a great teacher to work with and great just to be with.Peace be with you.

Bill Linabury - September 19, 2009 at 03:27 AM

DM

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ms. Ferguson. I graduated in 2006 and had the pleasure of having her for 3 classes during my time at Springport High School. She always had a smile on her face and truly cared about her students. She was full of passion and she shared that passion with her students. German and Brit. Lit. never had a dull moment. My thoughts and prayers are with Ms. Ferguson's family. Know that she is with God and is at peace. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." ---
-Psalm 30:5 Peace be with Ms. Ferguson, her family and friends, and all whose lives were touched by this special woman.

Danielle Martinez - September 18, 2009 at 12:59 PM

JC

“ I am so sad about Sue's death. Sue and I taught English at Springport High School many many years ago....at that time, we shared rooms joined by a folding "screen/wall" and sometimes, when our classes had done particularly well on a unit or a test, we would pull back the wall, bring in food, and even play a little euchre. In this day and age of GLECS and tests and accountability, this could not happen. Sue and I shared a love of reading and kids and books and movies. Just recently we both retired and even rode together as Grand Marshalls in last year's Homecoming Parade. Every Christmas, when I put one of her homemade ornaments on the tree I will think of her. Go with God, Sue.

Jill Cline - September 18, 2009 at 10:56 AM

JE

“ You will be missed, Ferg.

Jerome - September 18, 2009 at 10:31 AM