



## Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder

July 23, 1934 - December 27, 2023

Elizabeth Ann "Libby" Brawley Lowder, 89, passed away on December 27, 2023, in Mooresville, North Carolina. She was a deeply loved and cherished wife, Mother, Nana, sister, teacher, and friend.

Libby was born July 23, 1934, in Mooresville, NC, to the late Annie Houston and George Whitfield Brawley, Sr.

She graduated from Mooresville High School in 1952. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from Appalachian State Teachers College in 1956, where she met the love of her life Richard "Dick" Laurence Lowder. Libby and Dick married June 20, 1959, at Vanderburg United Methodist Church, and to this union was born their beloved daughter, Leigh Scarborough Lowder. Richard Lowder preceded her in death in 2016.

She is survived by her daughter, Leigh Lowder Whitfield and her husband Michael Gregory Whitfield (Greg). She is also survived by her two adored grandsons, Michael Gregory Whitfield, Jr., and Richard Lowder Whitfield. Her brother, George Whitfield Brawley, Jr., also survives and her niece and nephew Dale Whitfield Brawley (Donna) and Susan Brawley McGarry. She is also survived by her aunt, and lifelong best friend, Nancy Houston McClure of Wilson, NC, and many special cousins, great nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lowder was an educator of 40 years having taught at first West Mecklenburg High School post-graduation from college and then a year at Celeste Henkel before her 35-year tenure in the Mooresville Graded School District where she became an institution at Mooresville Senior High School. She taught generations of Mooresville High School students, as well as many Mitchell Community College students throughout the years, Business Education courses, most notably Typing, but her manners and professional business etiquette imparted knowledge and lessons that remained with her students for a lifetime. In addition to teaching business courses, she served in numerous club advisor roles through the years. She was a diligent instructor, and her students loved and respected her deeply. These relationships with her former students brought her, and her family, much joy, and the many cards, calls, visits, and well wishes helped sustain her in the last years of her life.

In addition to her service in public education, Mrs. Lowder worked for the Iredell County Board of Elections for over 30 years and appointed as a Chief Judge for Coddle Creek Precinct #3. She was appointed by the mayor to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Mooresville Housing Authority for 20 years.

She was a lifetime member of Vanderburg Methodist Church where she was baptized and married and enjoyed serving in numerous leadership roles including Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent and where her service will be held at Vanderburg Methodist Church on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at 3:00 pm, with burial to follow in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:30 - 2:45 PM prior to the service. Memorials may be made to Vanderburg Methodist Church General Fund or to the Lowder Scholarship Fund at Vanderburg.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Lowder family.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

JAN 3. 1:30 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Vanderburg Methodist Church  
1809 Charlotte Hwy.  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Vanderburg Methodist Church  
1809 Charlotte Hwy.  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Graveside Service

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM.

Vanderburg Methodist Church Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

WB

“ *Libby and Dick Lowder...what a pair of great people! Leigh, you know very well how wonderful they were as teachers, parents. I miss them both and I wish all the family only the greatest memories of lives well lived! Willie Beaver*

Willie Beaver - January 07, 2024 at 06:56 PM

LW

*Thank you, Willie. I greatly appreciate your kind words and thoughtful remembrance. I hope you know my parents held you in high regard, as I always have, as well. You are one of the great educators, too. With love and friendship,  
Leigh*

Leigh Lowder Whitfield - April 13, 2024 at 02:10 PM

AG

“ *Alec G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.*

Alec G. - January 02, 2024 at 06:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.*



January 02, 2024 at 02:33 PM

TT

“ The CHS Marketing Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.

The CHS Marketing Team - January 02, 2024 at 02:33 PM

MS

“ Mooresville Schools purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.



Mooresville Schools - January 02, 2024 at 11:51 AM

MS

“ Mooresville Schools planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.

Mooresville Schools - January 02, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ Beverly Holt lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder



Beverly Holt - January 02, 2024 at 09:54 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Lowder was a kind, positive person to be around. I was honored to know her as a student, and as a family friend. My condolences to her entire family.

Chris Stonestreet - January 02, 2024 at 08:38 AM

LW

Thank you, Chris. Mother would be honored you remembered her with such respect and with the kindest words. She loved all her students, who so often became dear friends.

Leigh Lowder Whitfield - April 13, 2024 at 02:34 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.



January 02, 2024 at 08:10 AM

LF

“ Love, The Bonnell Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.

Love, The Bonnell Family - January 02, 2024 at 08:10 AM

SV

“ Mrs Libby Lowder was a shining example of grace and professionalism! Her lessons and example helped me provide for my family and gave me a base upon which to build a career. My thanks and honor to her and my deepest condolences to her family.

Sandy Tolley Verley - January 02, 2024 at 06:49 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.



January 01, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ Leigh and Greg, I am in a state of shock. I had enjoyed your shared memories of your mom and your amazing family Christmas celebrations, she had such a glow about her face. I could truly tell that she adored her grandsons, and most of all, her daughter, and favorite son-in-law. It has been a delight to share in the past years memories of your shared Facebook Post from her residence, and the time she shared in your home. Your family is lifted up in our prayers as you walk this season of grief. May you all be comforted by the Father as he holds you in His arms, surrounding you with comfort and mercy. All of our love, Myra and John Howard

Myra Howard - December 31, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Leigh, so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. Keeping you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers.



Joy Smawley Derda

Joy Smawley Derda - December 31, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS SHE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED  
AUDRY HARRIS

Audry Harris - December 31, 2023 at 12:18 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.*



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December 30, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Walter and Lee Teeter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.*

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**Walter and Lee Teeter** - December 30, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.*



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December 30, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ *Bill & Denise Thunberg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.*

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**Bill & Denise Thunberg** - December 30, 2023 at 07:04 PM

JC

“ To the Family of Ms Libby Lowder:  
You all are in my thoughts and prayers! Libby was a good  
inspiration to all! She and Mr Lowder were such good teachers!  
Please know that if you all need anything, please call me. God  
Bless!

Jennifer Eakle Cook - December 30, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family  
of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.



December 30, 2023 at 03:16 PM

LC

“ My condolences to you and your family Leigh. Love and prayers,  
Lena Carlough

Lena Carlough - December 30, 2023 at 10:39 AM

JR

“ I loved her! She was my typing teacher in 1989-90. Loved seeing  
over the years in Mooresville. She always remembered me and we  
would have a nice chat. Had so much respect for her. Prayers for  
the family for your loss. ❤️🙏

Jennifer Rodgers - December 30, 2023 at 10:36 AM

CA

“ I will never forget Mrs. Lowder. She was my typing teacher and we all loved her. Class of '74. I was also honored to teach her grandsons, Micheal and Richard in preschool. She will be truly missed. Sending thoughts of peace, comfort and strength to you all.



Cindy Archer - December 30, 2023 at 10:18 AM

DP

“ I'll never forget Typing class with Ms. Lowder. My condolences to the family. MSHS Class of '82



Debbie Peebles - December 30, 2023 at 09:48 AM

CB

“ I'm so sorry Leigh and family your Mother was a very special person in my heart 💔. Love you Leigh. Cheryl Brown ☐☐

Cheryl Brown - December 30, 2023 at 09:35 AM

DG

“ Leigh, I am so very sorry to hear of your mothers passing. It's been many years since being with her, but she always warmed my heart when we were together. She was a real treasure. You are so blessed to have had your special, loving and devoted parents! Love and hugs being sent to you and your delightful family...Deborah Gentry

Deborah Gentry - December 30, 2023 at 08:08 AM

BR

“ Bobby Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder



Bobby Rodgers - December 30, 2023 at 07:15 AM

DC

“ greg and leigh and family,so sorry to hear of libbys passing. i remember her well from school and also in later years.she was also so nice and kind,very friendly to everyone.she will be missed. sorry cant be there,dave cook, bangkok thailand.

dave cook - December 30, 2023 at 02:16 AM

SM

“ Leigh, You and family are in my prayers!  
Your mother was a special lady and teacher and she will be missed by so many people! 🙏

Suzanne Markofski - December 29, 2023 at 08:08 PM

SB

“ Leigh, Greg, Micheal and Richard, I am heartbroken to hear of Mrs. Lowder's passing. She will be missed by so many. She was a wonderful teacher, mentor and friend to me and all of those students fortunate enough to have been taught by her. May God cover you all in His Grace and Comfort in the days to come. 🙏🙏  
Shelley Brown and Family

Shelley Brown - December 29, 2023 at 07:20 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder.*



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December 29, 2023 at 06:48 PM



“ *Sandra W Austin lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder*



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**Sandra W Austin** - December 29, 2023 at 05:08 PM



“ *Jaylene Fultz lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder*



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**Jaylene Fultz** - December 29, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ *Karen Smith lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder*



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**Karen Smith** - December 29, 2023 at 02:53 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder*



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**Cindy Jacobs** - December 29, 2023 at 02:35 PM

DT

“ *Donna Troutman lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder*



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**Donna Troutman** - December 29, 2023 at 02:30 PM

M1

“ *Mooreville High School Class Of 1967 lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth "Libby" Brawley Lowder*



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**Mooreville High School Class of 1967** - December 29, 2023 at 02:29 PM

CH

*My condolences to Leigh and family. I often tell people the most valuable class I ever had in any form of education was typing from Ms. Lowder in 11th grade. Those skills have helped me my entire life. She was a great teacher and person just like her husband, Dick, who inspired many a Mooreville student in the world of science. Good people.*

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**Cliff Homesley** - December 29, 2023 at 09:06 PM

BW

*I always considered Libby and George to be my cousins. Our families were all good close friends. Leigh, you are a sweet and lovely lady. And so were your grandmother Annie and your great-grandmother, Mrs. Brawley that I remember well. I know that you are aware of how special all of your family is and has been to me. Much love and God's blessings.*

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**Bill Wilhelm** - December 30, 2023 at 10:05 AM

BC

*A wonderful teacher and beautiful lady.*

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**Bobby Compton** - December 30, 2023 at 11:31 AM

BS

*Libby was a good friend and I will miss our visits here at the beach. My prayers go out to each of you during these most difficult days ahead. May the loving memories sustain each of you. I'm with you in thoughts and prayers!*

*Betty Stalls*

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**Betty Stalls** - December 30, 2023 at 01:08 PM