



Dr. Willa Drue Narkon

January 17, 1952 - September 26, 2018

Dr. Willa Drue Everhardt Narkon, age 66 of Mooresville NC, passed away in Phoenix, Arizona on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 in the comfort of her Mother, sister, brother and her daughter.

She was born on January 17, 1952 to Nell Branch Everhardt and the late Dwain G. Everhardt. Drue attended Mooresville Senior High School class of 1970 and then went on to Greensboro College where she obtained her B.A in Special Education specializing in the mentally handicapped. In 1978 she graduated from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with her Master's in Education (M.Ed.) specializing in Curriculum in Learning Disabilities. The greatest accomplishment Drue was most proud of was then obtaining her Doctorate degree (Ph.D) from the University of Hawaii in August of 2007 specializing in Exceptionalities. Drue was an outstanding educator and served our education community well. She spent 41 years as an educator in the special education field ranging from Special Education Teacher, Educational Diagnostician, Executive Director/Principal of Variety Club School, Hawaii; College Lecturer then retired in 2016 as Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Not only has she served as mentor and educator to many, she has researched and is published in her name in many respected education journals. In addition to all these accomplishments, Drue was awarded one of the most prestige honors, the "Francis Davis Teaching Award-Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching "at University of Hawaii - Manoa, 2002."

Complimenting her love for education, Drue was also a most loving, caring, gentle and humble soul. She was a dedicated mother, one who sacrificed everything to provide for her two children, Elizabeth and Andrew. Her bond with her daughter was strong...not a day went by where they did not converse regardless of the distance in between. Later that sacrifice and love passed onto her dear grandchildren, especially her buddy "MJ", oldest grandson from her daughter, Elizabeth. She spent most of her life in Honolulu, Hawaii and just recently moved back to North Carolina to care for her Mother, Nell Branch Everhardt. Drue was always caring and loving, and quite humorous although she made you think before you finally "got it". Her laidback demeanor was calming and effective. She taught her children how to live humbly, simple and to always strive to accomplish their dreams. Drue's work ethic did not go unnoticed. She worked hard until she retired and was ready to enjoy retirement. She was well respected by many and has left a legacy of hard work and commitment not only in education but also with her family and friends.

Drue is survived by her mother, Nell Branch Everhardt (Mooresville, NC), daughter, Elizabeth Narkon Vito (Matt Vito)- Phoenix, Arizona, son, Andrew Narkon (Tara Mapston Narkon) LeMars- Iowa, sister, Decie Everhardt – Cave Creek, AZ, brother Keye Everhardt (Ann Everhardt) – Birmingham, AL, 4 grandchildren, Maile Narkon (Andrew and Tara), MJ, Mamalu, and Malachi Vito (Liz and Matt) and a number of other loving relatives, very close friends and colleagues.

Services will be held in Drue's birthplace of Mooresville, North Carolina, at the Cavin-Cook Funeral Home on November 1, 2018, 2:00pm. An intimate burial with family will follow. A Repass will follow (4:30p.m.) at Drue's Mother's house.

The family wishes to thank all those who cared and prayed for our beloved Drue these last several months, and those who loved her as much as did her dear family. Psalm 17:1 (Drue's birthdate psalm) was among her favorite scriptures, "Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry. Hear my prayer—it

does not raise from deceitful lips". (NIV)

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Drue I remember you as a caring and kind person who loved all of her students with special needs. Lots of love former student, Loreene Akamine*

Loreene Akamine - November 18, 2024 at 03:48 PM



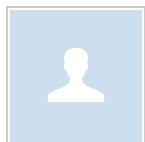
“ *Dr. Willa Drue Narkon*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Dr. Willa Drue Narkon*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Dr. Willa Drue Narkon*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM

LI

“ Merry Christmas in heaven my sweet mom. Miss u each hour of each day. There is this one bird that I see sometimes especially on my hard days, thinking that's you showing me that you are with me. I love when I see that bird, if I'm in my car I just pull over and talk to up to you, cry, laugh, smile,.pray,. Praying has been my strength lately and i know your pushing me each and every day. I love you so much and your buddy misses u. Tonight he looked up at the stars and said he wish he could see stars shaped in a heart so he could see you. Mj n you had a special bond no one would ever compare. We love u tutu.



Lizzy - December 23, 2018 at 11:27 PM

LI

“ Thinking of you always mom, didn't want to leave your hometown. I miss you so much. I still look at my phone looking for calls and texts from you wishing and hoping they come. Miss your voice mommy.



Lizzy - November 04, 2018 at 11:06 PM

DC

I have been off the internet and just learned of your Mom's passing. I am so sorry for your loss, Liz. Your Mom was one of a kind and she will be remembered for the kind and loving person that she was. The Cho 'Ohana

DIANE CHO - November 19, 2018 at 01:01 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. Willa Drue Narkon.*



October 26, 2018 at 08:23 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dr. Willa Drue Narkon.*



October 24, 2018 at 05:59 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Willa Drue Narkon.*



October 20, 2018 at 03:05 PM



“ *Liz and family,
We are so very sorry for you loss. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to get to know your mother. She was an incredible woman, and so very proud of you, Liz. She will always be with you. We love you!*

Kristy Reischman - October 16, 2018 at 08:26 PM

RR

“ Will never forget sitting with her at faculty meetings and her saying the darnest things under her breathe that would leave more laughing. Am so sad about this Liz. Praying for you.

Rachelle J Reed - October 16, 2018 at 12:10 AM

JN

“ When I heard that she passed, I was heartbroken. You have my deepest condolences. She was a remarkable person. About 35 years ago, when I had trouble while attending college, she helped me to get through because of her experience in education. I was truly blessed with her. Rest in Peace.

Joe Narkon - October 11, 2018 at 05:52 PM

JS

“ You all have my sincere sympathy. Drue made the world so special. I remember all the fun times we had so many years ago when Andrew and Liz were little. We laughed a lot. Then later, when I went to Hawaii every 7 or 8 months, I always spent some time with her. She was a true Hawaiian gal (wahine). She loved it there. I am just so sorry. May the good Lord Bless and keep you.

Janet Narkon Springs - October 11, 2018 at 05:33 PM

LI

“ Liz lit a candle in memory of Dr. Willa Drue Narkon



Liz - October 10, 2018 at 02:17 PM

MA

“ *Many childhood memories at Drue’s house. She was a truly kind and wonderful person.*

Mary Jane Dry Adams - October 07, 2018 at 05:14 PM

JL

“ *Had forgotten the Willa in Drue’s name. We had many good times and a lot of laughs at MJHS AND MSHS. She was quite the educator and I will forever regret not seeing her one more time. Glad to hear of Decie’s whereabouts.*

My heart is heavy but will see her in another life.

Jane Lowrance Burch



J Lowrance - October 05, 2018 at 08:35 PM

JM

I’ve known Drue all my life. She was my dear, zany friend who always prodded me to great adventures and kept me laughing! I’m so glad I will see her again!

Janet Reece Moore - October 06, 2018 at 10:37 PM

LV

“ There are many many memories that I share with my mom, but I cherish all the memories she made with my boys and I. Mj was definitely her buddy. After she retired and moved back to North Carolina she came back to Hawaii for Mjs preschool graduation and we did so much while she was home. We had our first mother/daughter pedicure something I will never forget. We took the boys to the water park, luau, ate food and just had so much fun!!! I was so happy she was moving to AZ because I always loved being near my mom. We may have but heads, but not a day went by where I didn't call her, or speak to her, she was my number 1 go to. I called her everyday after work to discuss my day, challenges, and just enjoyed having an intellectual conversation with someone who understood education and working with kids. I miss you so much mom. I love you, coo coo for coconuts!!! Much love my sweet mom.

Liz Vito - October 05, 2018 at 08:10 PM

NR

“ I loved her. What a gift she was

nancy henderson russell - October 05, 2018 at 07:41 PM