



Debra Fae Tapley

November 30, 1955 - May 20, 2019

Debra Fae (Jukes) Tapley was born in Visalia, California in November 1955. She is survived by her loving husband, Richard Tapley; her three step-children, Patricia Tapley Garcia, Teresa Christian, and John Tapley; her brother, Richard Jukes, and thousands of children she impacted the lives of while teaching English literature for 37 years. A fiercely loyal friend to many, and an ardent advocate for her students, she improved the lives of those fortunate enough to know her. Her counsel and critical writing instruction propelled many Tulare Union Senior Class students into the universities they had dreamed to enter. Giving them the tools to learn, and to make a positive impact of their own in the world, is part of her great legacy. Her other loves included being a wife and frequent traveler, making friends wherever she went: England to Hawaii to Jerusalem, France, Greece, Canada, and so many more. In every facet of her life, whether teaching, friendship, or family, God was always at the center of her life. She was generous to a fault, giving much, and requiring responsible use of her gifts. Her wish for you is to know she has a strong faith, and is still here, taking on the joy and adventure of this next step.

Her Celebration of Life Service will be at Parkside Chapel in Visalia, on June 1st at 4:00 PM, with reception to follow in the fellowship hall. Internment service will be at Visalia Cemetery on June 3rd at 10:00 AM. Condolences can be made to www.salseranddillard.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Parkside Chapel
3200 E. Walnut Ave.
Visalia, CA 93292

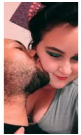
Tribute Wall

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“ I am one of the thousands of children loved by Mrs. Tapley. I know I do not speak for myself when I say Mrs. Tapley was like a mother to all of her students, she wanted everyone to succeed and know they are loved. She will be dearly missed but lives on forever in the thousands of hearts of those who loved her.



evelyn - June 06, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ My senior year mrs. tapley always helped me with anything and everything, I wish I could have thanked her one last time ❤️

Mya Dennison - June 04, 2019 at 11:27 AM

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“ My beautiful bride Debra was a romantic. She was also an English Literature teacher for 37 years. She loved being married, and also sharing her life with many friends, collecting them everywhere she went. Her creative efforts went above and beyond the usual and was generous with her time and skill. She traveled as often as her budget and time would allow, and loved to read detective novels, but usually could puzzle out the ending before finishing half the book. She worked through physical challenges herself, and admired character strength in others. She cared for others deeply, feeling everything but not letting that deter her from planning and guiding the success of her students, often working long into the night, grading or making projects like pillowcases for them.

Richard G Tapley - May 29, 2019 at 07:56 AM

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Richard Tapley - May 26, 2019 at 09:02 AM