



Margaret Katherine Szakasits

February 13, 1940 - June 12, 2019

Margaret Katherine Lewis Szakasits, aged 79, of Fayetteville, Arkansas, died in Willard Walker Hospice at 12:20 am on June 12, 2019.

Mrs. Szakasits was born in Buckner, Arkansas to Ethelyn Futrell Lewis and Wyatt Lewis. She was married to Julius Szakasits for 59 years. She had been a teacher and then principal in Texas in the Cypress Fairbanks School District. She was loved by teachers and the students who would rush to hug her in the grocery years later. She retired and, with her husband Julius, came to live in Fayetteville, Arkansas to love and care for her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Julius Szakasits, her daughters Monika Szakasits and Maria Mullins, her son-in-law James Mullins, her grandchildren Margaret and Henry Mullins, her brother John Lewis of Eagan, Minnesota, and numerous nieces and nephews and their children.

Comments



“ Dear Margaret! Just saying her name makes me smile. We had so many good times at Matzke. She and Jane were marvelous to work with, along with Laney and Inez. The teachers were outstanding as she and Jane could pick the very best. Matzke was the place to be during those years. Margaret was never afraid to make fun of herself and act goofy. She'd make such funny faces. She made administrators real to her staff. What a great uplifting spirit. My condolences to her family, but know that heaven is a brighter place with her there.
Stevie Early Pudik

Stephanie Holland Pudik - June 18 at 09:28 PM



“ I am so thankful I became a part of the Matzke family while Margaret was the principal! Her sense of humor was out of this world! She loved her students and staff, and we all loved and respected her . Everything she wanted to do to help us all improve-we did it without question because we all knew she loved and believed in us as people and teachers. I never saw her without a smile or a hug for any student! All of us who worked along side Margaret will never forget her, and we are forever better for the experience!

Michelle Lloyd - June 18 at 10:30 AM



“ Margaret brightened every room she entered. Just the mention of her name, brought a smile to all who were privileged to know her. I remember Margaret at Matzke Elementary when I taught second grade. She was amazing!! She was always positive and nurturing to teachers and students. I am so glad I knew our sweet, sweet Margaret.
Bobbie McDonald



Bobbie McDonald - June 17 at 07:48 PM



“ My heart is breaking and at the same time full of wonderful, happy memories of Margaret. When I was interviewing to teach at Matzke Elementary, Margaret said that I could have the job if I could spell her last name. Yikes! I failed miserably but got the job.

Another time, I was being observed during my first year there and she knew I was really nervous so during the observation, she walked by my classroom window holding a huge sign that said "Don't Worry. Be Happy!" with a big smiley face on it. The next time that SHE did the observation as my assistant principal, I left snacks and a bowl of money on the desk where she would be sitting. She laughed so hard She could barely get through observing my lesson.

Thank you, Margaret, for brightening my life and the lives of so many others. I love you.

Sue McGeary - June 17 at 10:05 AM



“ My earliest memory of “Tootie” is when we went to Stamps to visit Aunt Polly and Uncle Wyatt. That was probably in the 50s. I also remember she and Julius at the little duplex in Little Rock when Monika was little. That was in 1963 I think. (I have pictures somewhere.). Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your family. Please keep in touch.

Mary K. Fultz Kinney - June 17 at 08:50 AM