



Martha Evelyn Love

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Obituary of Martha Evelyn Love Please share a memory of Martha to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. View Tribute Book Martha Evelyn Bickley Love, 88, was born on July 4, 1931 in Dallas, Texas and passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2019 in La Porte, Texas. Martha is preceded in death by her husband, William Sydney Love, Jr. and parents, Simon Stokes Bickley and Mattie Woods Bickley. Left to cherish her memory is her son, Lloyd Love and wife, Susan of Pasadena, TX; daughter, Evelyn Love and Mark Davis of Jacksonville, TX; grandsons, Connor and Blake Love of Pasadena, TX and Marcus Hunter II and wife, Jackie and Mitchell Hunter of Dallas, TX.; brother, Tom Bickley and wife, Nancy Beckman of Berkeley, CA. as well as a host of other family and dear friends. Martha grew up in Houston until the age of 14, when after the passing of her mother, Mattie Woods, Martha lived with various relatives in Texas and in Georgia, while her father, S. Stokes Bickley sought care for her as he traveled for the family business. During her childhood and teenage years, she bonded with family in Georgia, and stayed in close contact throughout her life. She was close to many cousins including Winona Shuman, Nancy Wood Anderson, and Christine Shuptrine of Georgia. Martha learned to adapt and find connections with people wherever she was. Her skill in relating to a wide variety of people served her well and was a blessing to many over her entire life. Martha studied at Southwestern University, initially pressed by her father into pre-med. She met her husband Bill and began a wonderful adventure of marriage with him in 1951. They both transferred to UT Austin where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in 1957. Following Bill's time in the Service, they moved to Port Neches, Texas where she began teaching. They moved to La Porte in 1963 and began their family. She began working with the La Porte ISD in 1967, where she was a classroom teacher and later became an administrator. She focused her classroom teaching on elementary and special needs students. She was



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especially fond of her time as assistant principal and then principal at Bayshore Elementary. While working full-time, she earned her Master of Science in Education at UH-Clear Lake in 1980. Additionally, she earned certifications in counseling and mid-management administration. After retirement, she returned multiple times to serve as an administrator to fill in for vacant positions and she also mentored new teachers and tutored students in reading. She worked with the La Porte schools for over fifty years. Her love of people, indomitable spirit and energy made her a greatly loved presence in La Porte. She firmly believed that you made friends by serving others, and she lived by that principle. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Rotary, the Citizens Advisory Council and a stalwart member of the informal “retired teachers’ breakfast club.” With her husband Bill, she worked tirelessly to support the La Porte Neighborhood Center. Throughout her life, she was a loved neighbor to both old and new residents, and tutored children well into her retirement. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Martha’s honor to the La Porte Education Foundation, PO Box 1272, La Porte, Texas 77572 or call Charlotte Penny, executive director, at 281-604-7038. A Memorial Service for Martha will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at First United Methodist Church, 9601 W Fairmont Pkwy, La Porte, Texas 77571. A reception will follow in Angel Hall and then interment to follow at 2:00 PM at Grandview Memorial Park, Pasadena, Texas.



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DW

David Whitmore posted:

Evelyn and Lloyd, I am sorry for your lost. I hadn't seen your mom in an extremely long time but I remember that she was nice to me and in fact much nicer than I deserved. I pray she was at peace and that you and your families are too.

August 17 at 7:00 PM

BB

Bill Bentley posted:

Martha Love was an amazing and inspiring leader. Her overriding characteristic was her positive attitude. She was a very warm, kind and helpful person who touched and influenced so many lives during her long and productive career in education. I consider myself blessed to have met Martha and witnessed her in action at Bayshore Elementary School where she was a source of encouragement to students and staff alike.

August 8 at 7:00 PM

PO

Pat And Donna Oconner posted:

Martha touched many lives. She loved every kid, no matter the behavior or circumstances. An amazing role model, you will be remembered and missed.

August 7 at 7:00 PM

CW

Charles And Madelyn Wilder posted:

Martha will always be in our hearts and greatly missed.

August 6 at 7:00 PM

LF

Louise Faulkner posted:

Dear Lloyd and Evelyn, So sorry for your loss. Your Mother and Father were great roll models. Loved them both !! She touched so many lives and really made a difference in this world. We know you will miss her. You and your families are in our thoughts and prayers. Ronnie and Louise (Compton) Faulkner Wimberley, Tx.

August 5 at 7:00 PM



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CG

Charlie And Sandy Goehring posted:

Lloyd, Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your dear Mother. We pray you will find comfort in her life well-lived. Trusting God will be with you and your family at this time. Love and Prayers, Charlie and Sandy

August 2 at 7:00 PM

PS

Pam& Jim Stout posted:

So sad to hear of Martha's passing. What a blessing she was to our community and especially the children she nurtured and mentored throughout her career. Our son was one of the many students who benefited from her wisdom. We will always be grateful for her guidance as we navigated an education system with which we were unfamiliar. RIP Martha happily reunited with her beloved husband Bill.

August 2 at 7:00 PM

RT

Rita Richardson Tucker posted:

My heart is sad. You were my teacher then my co worker you were a loving person in both roles to me. Heaven has another wonderful loving and caring Angel. You will be greatly missed you taught a lot of us how to love and care about others thank you. RIP you will be missed.

August 2 at 7:00 PM

PH

Paul Hickenbottom posted:

To Martha's family, it is with great sadness that I learn that my friend Martha has passed away. I have known both Bill and Martha for almost 50 years. Having moved to La Porte in 1970, I had the opportunity as Fire Marshal, to work with Bill, he as a City Commissioner and Martha as a school administrator. They both welcomed me and my family and told me if there was anything they could do for us, to let them know. In all the years I have known them this friendship has never changed. God be with you during this very trying time in your lives.

August 1 at 7:00 PM

JM

Jackie Mcrae posted:

Morris and I would like to extend to Martha's family our thoughts and prayers. May you find peace in knowing she is now in a better place. Love and prayers, Morris and Jackie McRae

July 31 at 7:00 PM



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Vickie Gillum posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family & friends that loved her. She will be missed but remembered with love & respect. My two son went to BAYSHORE & I worked for Martha at Bayshore. She was a wonderful leader, boss, relatable to all, and supportive lady. She made my experiences with her a blessed & joyful time. I will always remember her with love and affection. Again deepest sympathy from the entire GILLUM FAMILY. Sorry we will be unable to tell you in person.

July 31 at 7:00 PM



Becky Bacon Gilbey posted:

Bill and Martha Love were two wonderful people. They raised two lovely children, Lloyd and Evelyn. What a blessing to know all of these beautiful people. Prayers and hugs fir you guys.♥♥ Evelyn and Lloyd yall are true testiments of thes awesome parents.

July 31 at 7:00 PM



Nancy Ojeda posted:

It was my honor to have had Ms. Love as my student teaching Principal at Bayshore! I will never forget my time with her - specifically how if a student came to school without a coat on a cold day, they were sure to leave with one! What a wonderful woman!

July 31 at 7:00 PM



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