Lee Anna Davis



July 27, 1936 ~ February 8, 2021

Lee Anna Billeaudeau Davis, an esteemed and respected Baton Rouge educator, was called to her heavenly home on Monday, February 8, 2021 at the age of 84. Graveside services were held Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at Roselawn Memorial Park in Baton Rouge with Brother Ray McCon of Walker Baptist Church officiating services.

Lee was born July 27, 1936 in Mamou, Louisiana to Howard and Libbie Billeaudeau. Full of pride for her rich Cajun heritage, one of her favorite topics was the Courir de Mardi Gras in Mamou.

Lee was a graduate of St Joseph Academy, Class of 1954. Throughout the years, she delighted in joining classmates for monthly luncheons at Portobello's.

Lee earned her Bachelor of Science in French and Social Studies education from Louisiana State University in 1966. Notably, she also earned a Master of Education in Administration and Supervision from LSU in 1970. She taught French and Civics at Broadmoor High School and Tara High School where she was beloved by her students. Committed to improving education within her community, she later worked in an administrative position at the East Baton Rouge School Board office.

After retiring, she took her talents to the political arena, where she was elected to the Democratic State Central Committee.

Outside of work, one of Lee's enduring loves was LSU football. A favorite memory was reliving the time she and John attended the famous Halloween night LSU football game and watched Billy Cannon's famous touchdown run! She was a #1 fan during the Tigers' perfect season and their 2019 National Championship. Geaux Tigers!

Busy as she was, her most treasured job was spoiling her grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and great-nieces and great-nephews. She was always happiest when enjoying her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John William Davis, Jr., her sister, Jacqueline Billeaudeau Labat, her parents, Howard and Libbie Billeaudeau, inlaws John W and Effie Davis, and her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; Ike and Emma Eisworth, Rocco and Marian DeBenedetto, and Helen Carlin.

Lee is survived by her daughters, Johanna Speights and husband Larry, Patricia Shuffield and husband Rick; brothers-in-law Wade Labat and Wilfred Carlin, grandchildren Rebecca Meliet and husband Jared, Lisa Ramsey and husband TJ, Lara Speights-Marcano and husband Jhodig, John Pat Speights, Cori Speights, Mary Speights, Rebecca Henry and husband Jason, Lacy Norris and husband Jason, and Kim Shuffield; great-grandchildren, Jackson, Easton, Gracie, Lizzie, Carter, Reid, Lawson, Cade, Clyde, Travis, Clara, Jacob and Isabella; and numerous nieces and nephews including, Michèle Wilks, who faithfully called on the way home from work and made weekend visits with Ryan and Camille.

Lee's adopted family at Fidelis Care III provided her with exceptional care during her last years of life. Our family will be forever grateful for the compassion shown by those amazing caregivers; these individuals, along with Compassus Baton Rouge hospice personnel, were a blessing to both Lee and our family.

In lieu of flowers, we kindly ask that donations be made in Lee's name to the St. Joseph Academy Foundation, 3015 Broussard Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70808 or to your favorite charity.

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