



Connie Melinda Bancroft

February 23, 1957 - September 14, 2019

Connie Melinda Bancroft, age 62, a resident of McDonald, passed away Saturday morning, September 14, 2019 at the family residence. Connie was the daughter of the late Lillie Christine Ramsey Bancroft and John Paul Bancroft. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, George and Millie Bancroft and McKinley and Bertha Ramsey and her sister, Joann Bancroft. Connie was a graduate of Bradley Central High School, Cleveland State Community College and Lee University. She received her Masters Degree in Education from Trevecca in Nashville, Tennessee. She served 38 years as a 3rd grade teacher at Prospect Elementary School. Connie was a member of the Red Clay Reading Association, Bradley County Education Association and the Tennessee Educators Association. She was also a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma and Kappa Delta Pi Fraternity's. Connie was a member of Bancroft Church of God where she taught Sunday School and served as Children's Church Director.

Survivors include her aunt, Frankie Beaty; her sister, Peggy Burris and her husband Virgil of McDonald; the light of her life, nephews Chad Burris of McDonald and Colby Burris of Cleveland; special nieces, Rachel Burris and Sarah Burris; her great nephew, Caleb Burris; her great nieces, Morgan Burris and Lillie Burris; and numerous cousins also survive.

The Remembrance of Life Service will be conducted on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 11:00 A. M. at the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Chapel with Reverend Ronnie Branham, Terry Caywood and Steve Montgomery officiating. Interment will follow in the Lee Cemetery in McDonald with Chad Burris, Colby Burris, Caleb Burris, Steve Montgomery, Moe McCormick and Doug Roberts serving as casket bearers. The family request in lieu of flowers, Memorials be made to the Prospect Elementary Library, 2450 Prospect School Road N. W. Cleveland, Tennessee. The family will receive friends from 4:30 until 7:30 on Monday and Tuesday at the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Chapel who has charge of the arrangements. You may share your condolences and your memories with Connie's family at <http://www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com>.

Comments



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. The greatest teacher ever .



Danny gates - September 20, 2019 at 10:10 PM



“ My kids loved Mrs. Bancroft, & she loved them. She never forgot them no matter how much time went by. We are saddened by her passing, but we know she is resting in the arms of our Savior.

Susan, Alex, & Rachel Owens - September 18, 2019 at 08:31 PM



“ That should read Susan, Alex, & Rachel Owens

Susan, Alex, & Rachel Owens - September 18, 2019 at 08:34 PM



“ Ms. Bancroft was my third grade teacher and she was the best! I think about her often and send my prayers to her family and friends. She was always so supportive of her students and so encouraging. Her mom was also my assistant kindergarten teacher. The students that were fortunate to have them in their classes were truly blessed.

Becky (White) Coleman

Becky Coleman - September 18, 2019 at 09:43 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Connie's family and loved ones. We were best friends in grammar school. I have fond memories of visiting the farm. I moved away at age 19, but we kept in touch from time to time. She sent a beautiful church night light to me when my mom passed away 9 years ago. She was a beautiful person inside and out. Always a smile for you.

Greta Artman - September 18, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ I had the pleasure of caring for Connie for the last several months. She was always smiling and always had a pleasant word and positive thoughts for other patients and for the nurses. She was such an inspiration to me in her fight and in her love for the Lord. I'm so proud that I had the opportunity to know and care for Connie. I will certainly miss her.

Karen Duncan - September 17, 2019 at 07:18 PM



“ Peggy and family, mom and I will be praying for you. Connie will be missed by so many. I only wish we lived closer so that we could have visited more often. Just loved her sweet smile.

Ramona Gillespie

Doris Hopkins (Bancroft)

Ramona Gillespie - September 17, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ Ms. Bancroft was my third grade teacher, She was always kind to her kids and made sure everyone was treated fairly. She was truly devoted to making a difference and she had a wonderful impact on my life. Most important lesson she taught me was you can always choose to be kind. Her Mother, and my Grandmother Mrs. Edwards taught kindergarten together. My grandmother and our entire family have always cherished them both as dear friends. Ms. Bancroft never missed a Christmas card as Grandma always looked forward to hearing from her, it brightened her day. We were all blessed to have known her and called her a friend.

Miranda Fulbright Flannigan - September 17, 2019 at 04:22 PM



“ Connie was in my homeroom all four of high school. She was sweet and kind to everyone, She was a true witness for her Lord Jesus. Later I saw her at Prospect and was happy she found her calling in teaching. She will be missed, but heaven rejoices at her home going.

Kathryn Ervin - September 17, 2019 at 03:27 PM



“ Brian and Jessica Smith purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Connie Melinda Bancroft.



Brian and Jessica Smith - September 17, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ What a blessing she was I miss her beautiful smile and her attitude, she was a wonderful person you could see the Lord shining in her life each time I saw her. I loved her very much and will see her someday soon.

Jimmy Goodwin Family - September 17, 2019 at 01:07 AM



“ Jimmy Goodwin's Family

Jimmy Goodwin Family - September 17, 2019 at 01:09 AM



“ Kevin Thompson lit a candle in memory of Connie Melinda Bancroft



Kevin Thompson - September 16, 2019 at 10:34 PM



“ I knew Connie from Delta Kappa Gamma, she was a very kind person with a sweet and gentle spirit...

Martha Kidwell - September 16, 2019 at 09:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Connie Melinda Bancroft.



September 16, 2019 at 09:38 PM



“ Robbie Richards lit a candle in memory of Connie Melinda Bancroft



Robbie Richards - September 16, 2019 at 08:35 PM



“ Connie is our cousin and has been a dear friend since our first meeting some 20 years ago. Our grandmother was Maude Bancroft. From the first time we met there has been a most positive connection and from reading the notes below it is clear that many have shared that experience. Since that visit so long ago, we have been able to talk on the phone at least once a month and often more. She was always cheerful and gracious and those phone calls are wonderful memories. My condolences to Peggy, Virgil and the rest of the family. Please know you are all in our prayers.

-- Gary Van Horn, Independence, Oregon, and for our Sister Roberta Roche' of Vancouver, Washington and Brother Neil of Woodland, Washington

Gary Van Horn - September 16, 2019 at 08:20 PM



“ Barbara clingsn ellis

barbara clingan ellis - September 17, 2019 at 04:24 PM



“ There is no words to express what a wonderful person and family that Connie was and her family she was my cousin she lived a very christain life she was an inspiration to all Heav

barbara clingan ellis - September 17, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ Heaven has a new angel

barbara clingan ellis - September 17, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ Both her and her late father Paul, were two of the most sincere, caring, trustworthy, hard working, respectful and much much more to a complete stranger in the community when I came to town. I adored her father, we would sit in his car and his stories would take me back to a time when "handshake over the fence" was as good as a legal document. I will miss Connie more than others will ever see in me, as I feel heaven is richer, while I will experience the sorrow and loss that many of the community will certainly share. The world has lost a true "Southern" woman of moral fabric, far and few between. Love to all of those who knew her, only those could understand...

Anonymous - September 16, 2019 at 07:58 PM



“ Connie was one of the sweetest people I've ever known. A great Christ like personality.

Myles Howard - September 16, 2019 at 06:43 PM



“ Miss Bancroft taught my children and grandchildren at Prospect. I truly appreciate and thank her for all she has done for the children. She was such a special and caring person. She has my highest regard as a teacher. I feel she really loved and cared for them all !! She will be sadly missed . Kim Webb-Howard

Don - September 16, 2019 at 04:48 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Connie Melinda Bancroft.



September 16, 2019 at 04:44 PM



“ 45 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jim Rush Funeral Homes - September 16, 2019 at 03:13 PM



“ Of all the people I have come across in my life Ms. Bancroft left the greatest impression. I occasionally through the years stopped by her class room just to see her. I will miss her but will never forget her.

Andy Riddle - September 16, 2019 at 03:10 PM



“ The McCormack family loved Miss Connie B! Connie and I taught third grade together for 27 years. Our friendship spans over 40 years. The Bancroft family is our "adopted" family also! Connie will always be loved and greatly missed. Heaven has an "extra special angel" watching over all of us!

Vivian McCormack - September 16, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ I'm completely heartbroken!!! She was such a sweet and wonderful teacher! If I had something on my mind talk to ms Bancroft! She was a blessing in my life and I'm gonna miss her she was my 3rd grade teacher years ago , and I'll turn 30 this December, we have known each other for a long time !!!! I love you so much Mrs. Bancroft and I am going to miss you!!!!

keisha baker - September 16, 2019 at 01:26 PM



“ Ms. Bancroft was my 3rd grade teacher and my all-time favorite teacher! The year I was in her class she painted the room purple and every one LOVED it! She had a portable record player and a student could bring a record of their choice to play on their birthday. My family moved out-of-state during Christmas break my third grade year and Ms. Bancroft sent me a Christmas card for nearly fifteen years. She was the most encouraging teacher who sincerely loved her students.

Ami Whaley Coley - September 16, 2019 at 01:20 PM



“ Love Ms Bancroft. She was my 3rd grade teacher, my son's, and my daughter's teacher. Her mom was my kindergarten teacher. She was an amazing teacher. Her students was always like her children. She was truly a blessing from God. Breaks my heart. You touched so many lives. You truly will be missed by so many. And always loved. But not forgotten.

April Howard - September 16, 2019 at 09:03 AM



“ I’ve had the privilege of knowing Connie for many years, but it wasn’t until Santek became Prospect’s BEST partner that I truly became Connie’s acquaintance and, then, her friend. I’ll always remember accompanying Connie and the students when we delivered the annual Thanksgiving food baskets to the less fortunate. I’m reminded of the verse in Proverbs: “...She opens her hands to the poor and reaches out the needy...” (31:20). I also recall how her students’ creative art projects excelled above the norm during our annual art contest. She always spoke lovingly and respectfully about her students, bringing to mind Proverbs 31:26 ‘...She opens her mouth with wisdom and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue...’ but, foremost, I will always remember Connie as a Godly woman who died to self and lived her entire life for the Lord: ‘...my old self has been crucified with Christ. it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God who loved me and and gave himself for me...’ (Gal. 3:20) Connie was completely filled with God’s grace and love for others. She was a living testimony to her Savior and, today, the angels are rejoicing and singing as the Lord welcomes her through the gates of Heaven and says, “Well done, my good and faithful servant!” I’ll miss you, Connie Bancroft! Thank you for having a profound and lasting impact on my life! Cheryl Dunson

Cheryl Dunson - September 16, 2019 at 08:53 AM



“ Connie was a loving, giving and caring person. She and her family are one of a kind who leaves a mark wherever they’ve been and on whoever they touched. She is will be greatly missed.

Charity Mroz - September 16, 2019 at 06:28 AM



“ Connie was always kind and had a smile for everyone.

Teresa Moses - September 16, 2019 at 05:39 AM



“ She was my 3rd grade teacher as well, and by far my favorite teacher ever, I’ll be forever gr for her teaching and kindness, she was always fair and taught us well, from all the crafts to all of our studies, she leaves a lasting impact reaching multiple generations of students and families, she will be sorely missed!

Adam Murphy - September 16, 2019 at 01:18 AM



“ Miss Bancroft was my 3rd grade teacher at Prospect. I also had her mother for kindergarten. They were two of the best teachers ever. Throughout the years I have always remembered Connie and the impact she made on my life as a teacher. She never forgot me, everytime I would see her she would always call me by my name and ask how I was doing and how my family was doing. She was the sweetest lady.

Lisa Hyler - September 16, 2019 at 01:13 AM



“ She was my 3rd grade teacher and was very sweet i loved her class she always greeted everyone with a smile i used to Live not to far from her and would go to her house to visit now she is a beautiful angel

Autumn casson - September 16, 2019 at 12:11 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Ms Bancroft was a wonderful person. I was fortunate enough to have her as my 3rd grade teacher. She was always one of my favorite teachers. I joined her class half way through the year and she helped me feel welcome and part of the class. I will always remember her.

Carmen Shannon - September 15, 2019 at 11:33 PM



“ Being friends from first grade. I spent time at their farm, spending the night, looking down the well...being on the farm. Then my memories of all the strawberries we got from their farm, and all the times I sat and plucked the heads getting them ready for the freezer. She was the most gentle, sweet spirit I've known. And a reflection of her beautiful mother whom I loved to hug!! She was the sweetest, Mrs. Bancroft... Lily. May you join each other in heaven and be happy on the front porch in your rocking chairs, watching down on us all. I am comforted by that.

Greta Artman - September 15, 2019 at 11:00 PM



“ I had for 2nd and 3rd grade. I had moved to TN halfway through 1st grade and was still having a hard time fitting in when I came to her class. She went out of her way to make me feel welcome. She was so kind, caring, and one of those teachers you never forget! She was not just an awesome teacher but a person too! She will be missed and God worked through her greatly! May God comfort the family!

Tammy (Jones) Matthews - September 15, 2019 at 10:42 PM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I served on a couple of committees with Connie, and she was a sweet lady. She cared about the students.

Carol Sullivan - September 15, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ She was my 3rd grade teacher and was very special to me! She taught me so much she was such a great person.

Ashley Swaggerty - September 15, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ One of my most favorite teachers from elementary school. She was always very nice.

Will Crowden - September 15, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ She taught my son in third grade. He had a difficult time and she went above and beyond to help him. Most of all she just loved him. I was also fortunate enough to work with her for a few years. Our whole family will love and miss her always.



Jeni Wright - September 15, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ I am honored beyond any worthiness to be a relative of this woman. The light of the Resurrection shone from her.

Clint Bancroft - September 15, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ Sandy and Mary Lozano purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Connie Melinda Bancroft.



Sandy and Mary Lozano - September 15, 2019 at 08:33 PM