



Lanell Davidson Wassum

February 3, 1946 - October 4, 2013

Memorial services for Lanell Davidson Wassum, 67, of Athens, Alabama will be Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church of Athens, Alabama with a Life Celebration-Reception to follow in The Beasley Center next to the church. The Reverends Dr. Jimmy Bassham, Dr. Andrew Wolfe and Dr. Mac Chapman officiating. Mrs. Wassum, who died Friday, October 4, 2013 at UAB hospital, was born February 3, 1946 in Sylacauga, Alabama, to Air Force Chief Master Sargent Lanoit Davidson and Nell Guy Davidson. Lanell was a bright child, did well in school and formed many lasting friendships because she loved people. She graduated from A.G. Parrish High School in Selma, Alabama in 1964 and from Birmingham Southern College in 1968. While attending college she met Al Wassum, a Birmingham Southern faculty member and the school's baseball coach. They were married immediately following her graduation. Lanell taught three years in Tennessee prior to the couple moving to Athens. She was a science and math teacher at Athens Middle School for 26 years. She loved teaching and took the first group of Athens Middle School students to Dauphin Island on a science studies trip in 1982. Illness brought about her retirement from teaching. A liver transplant in 1993 and a kidney transplant, with a kidney donated by her daughter in 2009, gave her 20 additional years of life. She was active in her church and community and following her retirement from teaching worked part time, first at Cluxton's Jewelers in Athens and then at First Methodist Church in Athens. She was preceded in death by her father,

Lanoit Davidson. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Al Wassum; daughter Missy Wassum Greenhaw and husband, Lanier Greenhaw; grandsons Guy Greenhaw and Ben Greenhaw; son Matt Wassum; grandsons, Cole Wassum and Drew Wassum; mother Nell Davidson; sister Peggy Davidson Smith; brother, Lou Davidson, all of Athens; brother Ken Davidson and wife Cheryl Davidson of Smiths Station, Alabama; sister-in-law Ellen Wassum Wheeler and husband, David Wheeler of Bristol, Virginia; several nieces and nephews; and countless friends and former students. Memorial should be sent to First United Methodist Church, 208 W. Hobbs Street, Athens AL 35611 ; to the Lanell Davidson Wassum scholarship fund at Birmingham Southern College, P.O. Box 549003, Birmingham, AL 35254; or a charity of your choice.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ To the Wassum family, I want to offer my condolences in the death of Mrs. Wassum. She was my Science teacher and Homeroom teacher in the 8th grade at Athens Middle School. She was a fine educator with a real heart for her students, and I am a better person from knowing her and having her for a teacher. May God bless you all.

John Carwile - December 01, 2013 at 06:32 PM

BO

“ What a Lovely LADY she was, so adored by husband and children may GOD ease your pain and give you comfort.
God Bless,
Fred, B.J., Aaron, Jeremy, and Mark O'Dell

B.J. O'Dell - October 16, 2013 at 10:07 AM

JA

“ Al, I am so sorry for you loss. I am praying go you and your family. May GOD's amazing love, mercy, and grace comfort you in this season.
Love in Christ Jesus,
Jean

Jean Aldridge - October 12, 2013 at 11:00 AM

RS

“ My heart aches for your loss. She was a beautiful lady both inside and out. May God be with you all through this extremely hard time.

Ruth Southers - October 11, 2013 at 07:55 PM

MS

“ *My Prayers Are With Your Family. May God Give You Comfort And Peace Through This Difficult Time.*

Margaret Ann Chance Strickland - October 10, 2013 at 10:34 PM

MS

“ *We will miss you, dear friend.*

Mike and Debbie Staton - October 10, 2013 at 02:32 PM

KF

“ *Missy, So sorry to hear about your Mom. You and your family are in my prayers. In Friedship, Kay*

Kay Fair - October 10, 2013 at 12:43 PM

TB

“ *Missy, I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. - Tiffany Burgess-*

Tiffany Burgess - October 10, 2013 at 12:40 PM

DM

“ *My sincerest sympathies. In the short time that I have known Matt, I can only imagine that Mrs. Wassum was a wonderful person and mother.*

Dianna Marshall - October 10, 2013 at 10:26 AM

RR

“ *thinking of your family during this time*

royce richardson - October 09, 2013 at 09:22 PM

ML

“ *Missy, I am very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Marla Sims Lovell & Family*

Marla Lovell - October 09, 2013 at 03:53 PM

CH

“ *Our deepest sympathys go out to your family. I knew of the family and had ms.wassum as my math teacher when i was à young man and loved her to pieces. Also knew Matt and just wanted to let the family know youre in our thoughts and prayers. Corey Hudson w/ Sick Call Program*

Corey Hudson - October 09, 2013 at 08:36 AM

LM

“ *You and Your Family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Larry/Peggy Mitchell - October 08, 2013 at 09:47 PM