



# Martha Jeanne McCracken Agee

January 9, 1933 - May 31, 2022

Martha Jeanne McCracken Agee was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, and friend. She died peacefully on May 31, 2022.

She was born on January 9, 1933, to Russell and Lottie McCracken. She is preceded in death by her parents as well as her loving husband, Dr. Jake Agee.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Kim Agee (Janie), Mignonne Scarbrough (Spencer), Chandra Weeks (Don), and Dr. Eve Agee (Scott); her seven grandchildren; her sister Ann Ashton of Virginia; and her brother-in-law Aaron Agee of New York.

Martha attended the University of Arkansas, where she was a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She earned a Bachelor of Science of Education in 1954, a Master's degree in counseling in 1965, and an Educational Specialist's Certificate in 1972.

Martha worked for Fayetteville Public Schools for the majority of her career. In 1972, she and Dr. Carmen Lierly founded Uptown School, an alternative learning environment for students who were in danger of dropping out. Uptown also offered pregnant students the only opportunity to continue their education at that time. Martha served as the director of Uptown School from 1989 until her retirement in 1996.

Martha was also a member of Asbury Class at Central United Methodist Church, Altrusa International, PEO, Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Winers and Diners dinner club. She was honored as an Outstanding Woman by Washington County Women in History and in the Fayetteville Public Education Foundation Hall of Honor.

Her life will be celebrated at a memorial service later this summer. Donations in her memory may be made to Fayetteville Public Education Foundation and/or Fayetteville Public Library.

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Your mother was a wonderful person. Even after all the years had passed since I did my Undergraduate internship at Uptown Scholl she still remembered and asked about me. What she did for so many of Fayetteville students will forever be cherished. Thank you for sharing her with so many. May God keep you in his loving care. With deepest sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort.

Daren Marshall  
Cane Ridge , TN



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Daren Marshall - June 18 at 03:32 PM

MH

“ I am sorry for your loss. It is amazing that mother worked for Mrs. Agee for 30 years doing babysitting and light housekeeping. Martha was so kind to mother and Mary. Mary always enjoyed her visits at the nursing home and the good snacks she brought. You children were special to mother and Mary. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Martha Stokes Hurst of Flippin

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Martha Hurst - June 08 at 10:19 AM

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“ Martha was one of the kindest and most genuine people I have been blessed to know. I never heard her say an unkind word to anyone. She devoted her life to family, education, and service to this community. Martha belonged to Altrusa International of Fayetteville for decades, and through that organization provided help and support to families and individuals across Northwest Arkansas. She touched so many lives, it is hard to find anyone of note in Fayetteville who doesn't know who she is. I'm so proud to call her my friend.

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Teresa Bevis - June 07 at 03:56 PM

CB

“ Martha and I became friends in our teens, and remained friends all these years. She was a sweet person and I will miss her .....lunches, sharing memories, lazy day phone calls....life will be less enjoyable without her,, but I know she is happy now with health restored and reunited with Jake. Carolyn Banks

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Carolyn Banks - June 07 at 09:08 AM

KF

“ Every thing she has done for public education in the Fayetteville school district will forever be remembered and cherished. I wish she could know how much she changed my life as well as my husband, son, daughter and so many more. Rest in peace now, knowing you saved so many lives through education.

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**Krystal Fields** - June 07 at 04:42 AM

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*I remember Martha Ann when she and her family lived In Blevins, Arkansas Her dad was the shool supenterdent. I was a very small child then. Her Sister Ann was a plate mate of mind.They lived just across the street. Definitely a very long time ago. Paul Stephens*

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**Paul Stephens** - June 19 at 05:49 PM