



Margaret "Maggie" Cunnion Newman

August 9, 2014

Margaret "Maggie" Cunnion Newman, age 57, died on August 9, 2014 after a courageous fight against cancer. She is survived by her spouse, James "Dickie" Johnston; sister, Maureen C. Graham; and brothers, Robert E. and Peter L. Cunnion.

Maggie leaves a 33 year legacy as an elementary school teacher, the majority spent in the Los Lunas school district. Her love of teaching, passion for children's education, and true devotion to making a difference one student at a time has had an enduring impact on the more than one thousand students and hundreds of fellow teachers that she encountered during her exemplary career.

Maggie was the true Nuevo Mexicana within the family, being the only one of four siblings to live in the Land of Enchantment almost continuously after graduating from the University of New Mexico in 1979. She especially loved being with her family and close friends and absolutely adored all of her nieces and nephews. Making others smile was one of Maggie's greatest blessings. Maggie was a hard-working, well-traveled, well-read, dedicated, artistic, scholarly, spiritual, caring, cultured, fashionable, kind, passionate, strong, fun, and incredibly brave character who found continuous inspiration from those that she loved and from the beautiful landscapes and magnificent sunsets of New Mexico.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends everywhere and will always be in their fondest memories.

A celebration to honor Maggie's amazing life will be held on Saturday, August 30, 2014, 11:00 a.m., at FRENCH – Wyoming. Should friends desire, a memorial contribution can be made in lieu of flowers to the Cuidando los Niños organization to help break the cycle of homelessness for children and their families at www.CLNKids.org.

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Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)

7121 Wyoming Blvd NE

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Tribute Wall



“ French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Margaret "Maggie" Cunnion Newman



FRENCH Funerals & Cremations - September 02, 2014 at 11:09 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Peach, Orange and White was purchased for the family of Margaret "Maggie" Cunnion Newman.



August 29, 2014 at 12:02 PM



“ As a longtime colleague of Maggie's at Katherine Gallegos in Los Lunas, I admired the high standards she set for her students. The atmosphere she created in her classroom positively and actively engaged all students. Maggie's willingness to go the "extra mile" with even the most challenging students made her a truly exemplary educator. Her smile and warm, positive attitude touched all of us who knew her. Maggie you will be missed!
Dave Hinman

Dave Hinman - August 28, 2014 at 12:06 PM

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“ I taught with Maggie for many years in LL. I will always remember the first day I met her over 30 years ago. She was walking down the hall, wearing a pony tail and she greeted me with her wonderful smile. She kept that wonderful smile even through the difficult times. I feel so blessed to have known her for she was an amazing teacher; always so down to earth and yet so positive. The last time I saw her was in May when a group of former teachers met her for lunch. She was still beautiful, positive, and so inspirational. She touched so many lives and she will be greatly missed.

Sincerely,
Annette Franklin

Annette Franklin - August 27, 2014 at 12:15 PM

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“ Mrs. Newman was my son's 4th grade teacher in Los Lunas - how he adored her! When he heard that she was ill he wanted to call and tell her to feel better-a rarity for a now 17 year old! She touched thousands of lives and not only cared for her students, she taught them to learn with passion. She will be missed. Thank you for sharing her with us.

Lynn Chavez - August 25, 2014 at 06:03 PM

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“ My deepest sympathy to especially Dickie and the rest of Maggie's family Maggie was one of the sweetest persons I have ever known. I miss you, Maggie. Sylvia O. Peterson

Sylvia Peterson - August 24, 2014 at 11:02 AM



“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

Harold Hamilton - August 22, 2014 at 03:11 PM