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Susan Yates Mills, 73 of Leesburg, Virginia passed on Thursday, April 9, 2020, at Heritage Hall in Leesburg, Virginia. Born Friday, January 10, 1947, she was predeceased by her parents William Lindsey and Dorothy Woods Yates of Apex, North Carolina and her sister Gayle Yates Reid of Winston Salem, North Carolina.

She is survived by her husband Wayne C. Mills of Leesburg, VA., son Jeffrey (wife Tina) Mills of Fort Ashby, WV., two grandchildren Joseph and Sarah of Sterling, VA, a brother David (wife Barbara) Yates of Graham, North Carolina and two nieces Tiffany McEwen of Mebane, North Carolina and Whitney Yates of Snow Camp, North Carolina.

Susan spent 35 years as a teacher and administrator after graduation from Campbell University with a bachelor's degree in 1969 in Elementary Education. She earned a Master's degree in Education from VPI in 1974. She began her teaching career at Sterling Elementary in 1969. In 1973 she moved on to become a Reading Specialist. She was chosen to help open Sugarland Elementary as an Assistant Principal in 1975. She entered the administrative field as Principal of Aldie Elementary School in 1978. Her next administrative post was the Alternative School at Douglass School as an Assistant Principal in 1982. Susan moved on to her next administrative post in 1985 at Sterling Elementary where she was appointed as Principal; the same school where she started her teaching career. She finished her career at Catoclin Elementary School where she spent the next 15 years from 1989 -2004 when she retired.

After retiring Susan continued working part-time for the Loudoun County Public Schools on special projects for the Personnel Department for the next 14 years.

She was an avid volunteer. After recovery from breast cancer in 2005 she helped to establish the Loudoun Breast Health Network in 2007. She spent the last 14 years raising funds to help breast cancer survivors who need financial assistance. LBHN is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Their mission is to assist residents in Loudoun County diagnosed with breast cancer through outreach and support.



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Another volunteer group that Susan was very fond of was The Ladies Board of Inova Loudoun Hospital of which she was a member and President of the organization at the time of her passing. For the past 10 years she was one of the chairpersons in the famously organized Book Barn at The Ladies Board annual Rummage Sale in October each year. She and her volunteers would organize about 40,000 books by author or subject, both hardback and softback and sell about half of them. Her volunteer worked tirelessly for a successful sale each year.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made on her behalf to the Loudoun Breast Health Network, P.O. Box 6154, Leesburg, VA 20178 or a charity of your choosing

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic a memorial service will be held in the future.



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DF

Donna Fortier posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Susan's passing. She was such a wonderful women and truly cared about those around her. I will forever miss our chats and her humor! We often laughed that we were soul sisters in another life. It is rare to find someone that committed their life to children the way Susan did. From her entire Mobile Hope Family, our kids and me, she will truly be missed.

May 19 at 4:09 AM

SC

Shirley Cameron posted:

Susan was such a great volunteer. The students at LCHS always loved when she came to visit and help out on a project.

May 13 at 11:26 AM

SG

Susan Mandel Giblin posted:

I always enjoyed seeing and working with Susan at the various health and charity fairs we would attend, representing Loudoun Breast Health Network (Susan) and Loudoun Volunteer Caregivers (me). Susan was always kind, warm, dedicated and shall be missed in the Loudoun nonprofit (and whole) community

May 3 at 8:59 AM

AD

Ann Doss posted:

Mrs Mills was principal at Catoctin Elementary when my boys were there. She managed that school with steady and loving care. I saw her on occasion over the next decade around town and she always remembered me so kindly! She was a great asset to this community and will be sorely missed! Ann Doss

April 23 at 4:43 PM

KA

Kathleen Acker posted:

Mrs. Mills was both our children's Principal, at Catoctin Elementary School back in the 1990's. What a remarkable individual she was. Our sincere condolences to each of her family members

April 21 at 2:01 PM



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Tammy Skov posted:

I did not know the name, but quickly recognized the face from Twice is Nice where I was a frequent shopper. Mrs. Mills was always so friendly and helpful at the shop and I was sad to hear this news. I am sorry for your loss and I will be thinking of your family during this difficult time.

April 17 at 4:38 PM



Ben Trittipoe posted:

Sincere condolences from the Trittipoe family (Nancy, Ben & Jessica, as well as her husband Jeff Shugars). So sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of Susan's life as part of LCPS, and we offer comfort in your time of grief.

April 17 at 10:30 AM



Sandra Derr posted:

I have fond memories of Susan when we all opened Sugarland Elementary in 1975. I am so sorry, Wayne.

April 17 at 6:25 AM



Melissa posted:

I worked with Susan when LBHN was a member at the MEC in Leesburg- she was always a delight to work with. I'm sorry to hear of her passing, my condolences to her family and friends.

April 16 at 12:34 PM



Joyce Davis posted:

I had the opportunity of going through 1 through 12 grades with Susan. We enjoyed each other and good to see each other at the reunions. Sorry to hear the passing of a lifelong friend. Prayers out to the family.

April 16 at 4:29 AM



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EH

Edgar B. Hatrick posted:

Susan Mills was a leader in so many venues that improved the lives of Loudoun's children and cancer survivors. When she took on a mission to improve lives around her we all knew that she would succeed. On behalf of our schools we are grateful for her career as a teacher and school principal. Even in retirement she continued to work on new teacher orientation and other personnel projects even as she pursued her volunteer efforts at Inova Loudoun Hospital. I don't think Susan ever turned down a request to serve and make life better for others. We share her husband Wayne's grief even as we remember the positive differences Susan made in so many lives of young and old alike. May God comfort her family in this time of loss.

April 15 at 7:28 PM

JS

Jenny Sexton posted:

Susan was such a bright light and helped me more than I was ever able to express to her, while I was mourning the loss of my mother to metastatic breast cancer. I volunteered with the Loudoun Breast Health Network because of Susan and to honor my mother. She will be missed, tremendously.

April 15 at 8:13 AM

BC

Betsy Coffey-Chaudet posted:

I was so very saddened to hear of Susan's passing. She agreed to partner with me on the System's Change project at Catocin back in '89/90. It was a learning experience for us both, but a joyous one just the same. Susan always had an ear to lend. I have many fond memories of Catocin. I have so enjoyed reconnecting with Susan in retirement. I admire her energy and dedication to all her various volunteer endeavors. What gifts she gave the community! Gone way too soon. Love you Susan - have fun up there! Betsy

April 14 at 12:22 PM

TN

Tasha Nava posted:

I loved Ms Mills! She remembered me years and years after leaving Catocin even got to meet 2 of my 3 kids! Prayer to the family. God Bless

April 14 at 9:22 AM



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MF

Marcia Herold Fausset posted:

My sincere sympathy for your family. Susan interviewed me at Sterling Elementary in 1980 as a speech pathologist. After many years and crossing paths at meetings, I have many fond memories. I caught up with her again at the Ladies Board Rummage Sale. She was so devoted to her many causes. Her laughter will be deeply missed.

April 14 at 4:49 AM

BD

Bob Devers posted:

Wayne and family, it was with great sadness that I learned of Susan's death. I enjoyed working with her over the many years she served as principal in her various schools. She always had a welcoming smile and the ability to make you feel at ease, regardless of the circumstances. She will be profoundly missed by all who knew her. Blessings and peace,

April 13 at 5:06 PM

AB

Adam Bell posted:

DEAR SUSAN YATES MILLS I SHE WORK AT SCHOOL I AT IDA LEE I AM MISS HER

April 13 at 4:47 PM

SK

Stephanie Knott posted:

Susan and I met while I worked in the LCPS Personnel Department. Susan often stopped by my office to visit with me when she was between interviews with candidates who wished to become substitute teachers. We also shared the common bond of Apex, NC, since I had just moved to Loudoun County from the Apex area. I enjoyed getting to know her better when we traveled to Pittsburgh together on a recruitment trip. Susan's optimism and can-do spirit will be missed. She was a bright light in our community for so many groups of people--students, educators, and those struggling with a cancer diagnosis.

April 13 at 4:59 AM



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CW

Carolyn Winters posted:

I met Susan years ago when my Alumnae organization volunteered at the LBHN Survivor's Retreat at Loudoun Hospital. We loved Susan's thoughtfulness and dedication to helping women in our community. We volunteered with her every year since. Years later, I volunteered at the Book Barn. Then joined LBHN at the Annual Flower and Garden show to raise money and awareness for LBHN. I loved Susan and her energy and amazing smile. She welcomed everyone and was so easy to be friends with. I am heartbroken that she is no longer with us. Praying for her and her family. May she rest in peace.

April 12 at 10:09 PM

JT

Jessica Titus posted:

My sincere condolences to all of her family. I am very blessed that I had the opportunity to meet her. Such a wonderful, sweet lady, that always made time to talk and check on you.

April 12 at 6:31 PM

CH

Christine Dvorznak Holzerland posted:

Mrs. Mills gave me 4 things that I will be forever grateful for: my first job fresh out of college and very inexperienced and naive, her stated trust that I would make, and learn from, my mistakes, the family away from home that Catocin was, and the very best friends I could ask for. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends.

April 12 at 4:29 PM

SC

Stacey Bornarth Collins posted:

My heartfelt sympathies to Susan's family and prayers for God's grace and loving mercy to help you through this difficult time. My first memories of Susan were as my 4th grade teacher, but her presence in my life would make itself known at the most profound times. She had a very special bond with and love for my mother Norma Bornarth which carried over to our entire family. I will forever cherish her words of wisdom, her hugs, and her love. Thank you God for placing her in my life and for the blessing she was to so many. -Stacey Bornarth Collins

April 12 at 9:40 AM



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SW

Sandy Williams lit a candle in honor of Susan.

Very difficult to learn about Susan's passing's. Enjoyed being with her so much at our 50th Apex High School Reunion. She looked awesome, laughing, talking, simply being Susan. Susan was fun in school and I have some great memories of her. My heart breaks for you, especially at this difficult time. Sandy Williams



April 11 at 7:02 PM

BG

Beth Gilbert posted:

I extend my deepest sympathies. Susan was kind and caring, a beautiful soul so full of love and grace. I'm so glad I had the chance to work for her. She will be missed.

April 11 at 6:26 PM

RD

Rosanne Durand posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Susan's passing. I first met her when my daughter attended Catoclin Elementary School and I often volunteered there. My daughter Victoria loved her. She will be sorely missed by all the Loudoun Retired Teachers.

April 11 at 4:26 PM

CT

Cathy Travis posted:

I am so saddened to hear of Susan's passing. She hired me for my first teaching job and greatly impacted my career. I learned so much from her. May God give you comfort and peace during this most difficult time.

April 11 at 3:39 PM

JL

Julie Moorhead Lyon posted:

Mr.Mills,I am saddened to hear of the passing of Susan. I have very fond memories as she was a great mentor to me over the years. Her laughter and passion for life were admiral. Lifting you up in prayer at this very difficult time.Julie Moorhead Lyon

April 11 at 2:47 PM



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CS

Carol Shackleford posted:

Wayne, I am so sorry to hear of Susan's passing. She was a dear friend, colleague, and mentor. Keeping you in my thoughts.

April 11 at 12:19 PM

TW

Tom Woodall lit a candle in honor of Susan.

I am so saddened to learn of Susan's death. I will always count her as a dear friend and finest of fellow educators. I could always share with her ideas, opinions, lots of laughs, projects, advice, and experiences. I remember the hundreds of times we'd look to each other to help discuss decisions and seek advice. My prayers and thoughts are with Wayne and David and those they love. God bless.



April 11 at 11:16 AM

RN

Rachel Newell posted:

Dear wAyne and family,I was so saddened to hear of the loss of your dear susan. She and I went way back.... to 1974 when we taught together and then on to a few other schools where she was my principal or the principal of my daughters, margAret and. Mary price. We all in the price- Newell family send you our most loving and deepest sympathy at this time of huge loss. Like our precious savior, Jesus, May she be resurrected to a life of continued service in heaven.All my prayers and love to you and all your family,Rachel (price) Newell

April 11 at 10:49 AM



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CT

Carol Thomson lit a candle in honor of Susan.

We were saddened to learn of Susan's passing. Our deepest condolences go out to Wayne and their family. Susan was my (Carol) Assistant Principal at Sugarland ES when I got my first teaching position with LCPS in 1977. She encouraged me to pursue my Administration and Supervision endorsement. As a result, she became a valued Mentor, Colleague and friend. Susan's hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence touched the lives of so many in all regions of the County. We were honored to have worked with her. She will truly be missed. May she rest in peace. Wayne and Carol Thomson Clermont, FL (Formerly of Purcellville, VA)



April 9 at 5:46 PM

RP

Rhonda Phillip April 14 at 11:39 AM

Wayne - sending love and prayers to you and the family. Susan was such a positive and caring person. She will be missed. She shared many stories with me about her family. She adored each and everyone of you. She had been apart of my life for forty years.

DC

Delores Creech April 13 at 6:18 AM

Wayne and family - my sympathy for your loss. Susan was always a pleasure to work with. She always had a smile and we shared many laughs. She will be missed.

KE

Kelli April 12 at 5:02 PM

My heartfelt condolences to all who knew Susan. She was such a lovely and dedicated woman. LCHS VB Team worked with her for many years regarding our Think Pink Breast Cancer event. Rest In Peace

CK

Cherie Krisa April 12 at 10:16 AM

My deepest sympathies to you, Wayne and to your family. I first got to appreciate Susan's wit when she attended countywide guidance meetings while at Douglass Alternative school. Recently, we formed a greater friendship attending the LRTA meetings, I will miss her greatly. God bless you, Susan. a gracious and loving woman.

SW

Sheryl Weitzel April 12 at 6:29 AM

Dear Wayne, We are so sorry to hear of Susan's passing. Although we didn't know her as a great teacher and principal, we did appreciate her as a dedicated volunteer and a wonderful, friendly customer with a great smile and an even better laugh. We will miss her. Andy, Sheryl, Annemarie, Mimi, and all the gang at Andy's

VH

Vie Herlocker April 11 at 2:23 PM

Dear Wayne, I am so sorry to learn of Susan's death. She was a jewel in the LCPS community and a person I admired and respected greatly. My prayers are offered for you and your family. Vie Herlocker



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DP

Diana Parks April 11 at 2:10 PM

I am so saddened to hear about Susan's passing. She was an amazing person and I feel so honored to have had the opportunity to know and work with her. Such a sweet, loving and caring lady. She will be truly missed by all. Diana Parks

EB

Ellen Bawiec April 11 at 2:04 PM

loved Susan's enthusiasm and organization at the Book Barn. She was a beautiful friend. Ellen Bawiec

KS

Kimberly Smeltzer April 11 at 12:52 PM

Got to know Susan at my position as Secretary of Elementary Education at North Street. I admired her strength in running a school, yet her down to earth, caring nature. She would often come into the office and chat with me. A great lady! Mr. Mills and family: my deepest sympathy!

JK

Julie Kerico April 11 at 12:36 PM

So sorry to hear about Susan's passing. She was my teacher in 4th grade and I had the privilege to work in the clinic at Catoctin for several year while Susan was Principal. She was full of life and will be missed so greatly.

JM

Jayne Meadows April 11 at 12:12 PM

I am heartbroken at the loss of a dear friend who had a positive impact on so many lives including mine. Our friendship was truly a blessing. Rest In Peace sweet Susan. You will be missed by many. My heartfelt sympathies to Wayne and your family. May their memories of you and your love sustain them during this difficult time. ❤️ Jayne

BG

Beth Gilbert April 11 at 8:52 AM

I extend my deepest sympathies. Susan was kind and caring, a beautiful soul so full of love and grace. I'm so glad I had the chance to work for her. She will be missed.

DC

Diane Creamer April 11 at 7:44 AM

Worked for many years as Susan's secretary at Catoctin Elementary. So sorry to hear this very sad news. Prayers if comfort to Wayne and the entire family.

MI

Matthew D Britt Iv April 11 at 6:06 AM

I am deeply saddened to learn of Susan's death. She was a phenomenal administrator and woman. My condolences to Wayne and the family. God will take care of you. Matthew D Britt IV

BM

Barb And Ed Modzelesky April 10 at 9:21 AM

To the family of Susan, we are very sorry for your loss. RIP Susan.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Susan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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