



LaVerne H French

May 8, 2018

LaVerne French, age 94 of Cresskill, NJ, passed away on Tuesday, May 8, 2018. She was born LaVerne Harper to the late Charlotte Harper Jones and Luther Harper on July 14, 1923. LaVerne attended Tenafly High School then she went on to receive a Bachelors Degree from Jersey City Teachers' College followed by a Masters Degree from Columbia University, focusing in the areas of childhood education. LaVerne's lifelong passion for education took her to teaching early childhood in Baltimore, New Jersey and New York. She retired from the North Rockland School District in New York having dedicated many years teaching kindergarten in West Haverstraw, NY and Garnerville, NY. LaVerne was an early supporter and served as director for the Head Start Program in Haverstraw, NY. LaVerne was a member of the Alpha Kappa Gamma, an honorary international organization for women educators for over 25 years and remained a member at her passing. LaVerne's passion for education continued throughout her life through teaching and supporting programs for childhood education through participation and gifts. LaVerne believed strongly in the commitment to Jesus Christ which led to the betterment and support of all lives and was a generous provider of her support and aid to anyone in need. We shall miss her devotion but rest as she sits with her Lord. She was married to Donald Erskine French who died in Jamaica after 11 years of marriage. LaVerne is survived by her four children Pamela French Summers of Whitman, MA; Donald Luther French of Cresskill, NJ; Kathy French Cunningham of Milton, MA and Robin Steward and her sister Grace Cabral in California. She also leaves 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren along with numerous nieces and nephews. LaVerne will be missed by her many friends and extended family. The arrangements for LaVerne's passing shall be at Barrett Funeral Home in Tenafly, NJ with the wake on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 7-9pm and services at Barrett's on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 10am and burial at Brookside Cemetery in Englewood, NJ at 11am. Donations may be made in her honor to your local school organizations to continue to carry her torch for the enrichment of early childhood education. For further information visit <http://www.barrettfuneralhome.net>

Cemetery

Brookside Cemetery

425 Engle St

Englewood, NJ, 07631

Events

MAY **Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM

18

Barrett Leber Funeral Home

148 Dean Dr, Tenafly, NJ, US, 07670

MAY **Service** 10:00AM

19

Barrett Leber Funeral Home

148 Dean Dr, Tenafly, NJ, US, 07670

Comments



“ I'm sorry to hear about Laverne. I have fond memories of her. My heartfelt condolences to the French family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Henry Vinson JD



Henry Vinson JD - May 22, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ Dear Pam, Kathy, Donald, and Robin;
MY deepest sympathy for the loss of your mom.
Her strength, confidence, empathy, and love shined through, touching my life, and that of many others.
Thank you Aunt Laverne for showing me the good side of a sometimes very cruel world.
May the Lord embrace, and bathe you further in his love.
May everyone seek comfort knowing she is by your side.
Amen.

Joan Christman - May 18, 2018 at 06:11 AM



“ Dear Pam, Kathy, Donald and Robin,

So sorry to hear about the passing of your mother. She was mom, teacher, friend and helper of many and I know she left a big mark on my life as she did many others. Please know that I keep you all in my prayers and I am thankful that she is finally in the arms of the Father whom she worshipped so enthusiastically her whole life.

I have fond memories of you all but mostly of playing backgammon in the park with Robin. Take care and know that I am thinking of all of you and your families.

Teresa (Murray) Bradley Bays

Teresa Bradley Bays - May 17, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ Hi Pam, Kathy, Robin and Don.

I am so sorry to hear about your mom passing. My very deepest condolences to you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you guys. I just want to give you hugs and kisses. She was a wonderful mom and she was great to me as adopted mom and teacher. Teaching me very young how to read and being there through all my ups & downs. And all the laughs we used to have in the backyard. Sorry I could not make it. But I'm there in spirit with you guys. I love you so much. Xoxo

Love NancyAnn Kraus- Davenport

895 Main Street Apt 5

Hackensack, NJ 07601

(Ps.) I'm on Facebook



NancyAnn Kraus Davenport - May 17, 2018 at 06:13 PM