



Lu Ann Staheli

April 27, 1954 - February 9, 2015

Lu Ann Brobst Staheli was born April 27, 1954 to Robert Brobst and Helen Marie Hefner Brobst in Alexandria, Indiana, she was the youngest of four children.

Lu Ann was an avid reader as a child and because of her love for reading she became a teacher an author and a mentor. She taught school at Payson Junior High School for 33 years she influenced directly over 6000 students during that time, she became the school librarian two years ago. To quote her it was her dream job to be surrounded by books, by children who loved books and by children who hadn't realized how much they could love books. She was always a staunch advocate for her students, it was said of her, if you have a problem with the student give Mrs. Staheli five minutes and she will tell you what the students reading level is and how to help the student learn how to love to read. Lu Ann was also a very gifted writer, she wrote and published 13 different books, this multi talented lady wrote for the young adult, middle grade, educational and romance genres. She wrote a weekly article in her local newspaper regarding literacy reading and book reviews to help children to learn to love to read. Lu Ann was also a professional editor who worked on publications that appear on the New York Times bestseller list as well as USA today and other LDS book bestsellers. It was said by one of her peers that she was one of the best that they had ever worked with. She was also the recipient of many writing awards. She received Best of State twice for two of her publications, she was a recipient of the League of Utah Writers Golden Quill Award, she was also president of the League of Utah Writers. She also received numerous educational awards, the Christa McCullough Fellowship, National Board of Education, the Utah Best of State for best teacher K-12 Nebo school district English teacher of the year she was English department head for Payson Junior High School for over 15 years.

But most importantly she was a mother to five wonderful sons Carl Steven, Tommy James, Chan Michael, Kent Douglas and Zachary Robert Staheli each one of them coming at just the right time that God wanted them together.

She married her sweetheart Michael Douglass Staheli December 17, 1994 in Glendora,

California he adored her for 20 years.

She is survived by her husband; sons, previously mentioned, and brother, Donald Brobst, of Muncie, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert Brobst and sister, Sue Blake.

Funeral Services for Lu Ann will be held Thursday, February 12th, at 12:00 noon, at Spanish Fork South Stake Center, 820 East Canyon Road, Spanish Fork, Utah, where a Visitation will be held prior form 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Interment in Spanish Fork City Cemetery, 420 South 400 East, Spanish Fork, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

Cemetery

Spanish Fork City Cemetery

420 South 400 East

Spanish Fork, UT, 84660

Events

FEB **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Spanish Fork South Stake Center

820 East Canyon Road, Spanish Fork, UT, US

FEB **Funeral Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Spanish Fork South Stake Center

820 East Canyon Road, Spanish Fork, UT, US

Comments



“ She loved her students and always demanded excellence from them through encouraging them to always better themselves
She raised 6 beautiful boys to become great men.
And loved her wacky husband unconditionally
I miss her

Mike Staheli - December 13, 2017 at 10:09 PM



“ LuAnn was my English teacher and Creative Writing teacher in Junior High (over a decade ago) in Payson, UT. I am now student-teaching to finish my certification to become an English teacher and she is my main inspiration for choosing this career path. I will never forget all the practical knowledge she taught, along with content knowledge she taught. Not only was she an incredible mentor to me in the roughest years of my adolescent life by encouraging me and giving me a creative outlet to express my voice, but in my adult life she has continued to be a mentor and guide. When she found out I was taking Creative Writing classes through University she continued to encourage me which made all the difference in the world because through her encouragement I felt empowered. That was something LuAnn always did, was empower her students to find their voice and then share their stories and their truths. I will never forget that and I will strive every day of my life to do the same for the people I come in contact with and the students that I will teach and mentor.

I recently just submitted an abstract for financial funding for further research through my university. I had no clue what I was doing and then I remembered back to my Creative Writing class I took from LuAnn when she taught us about the formatting of formal letters and submissions to corporations. That is the true legacy of LuAnn is that no matter how long ago it was that you knew her, she had a lasting impact on your life. I was blessed to have learned from the best, and my goal is to impact my students every day the way that she impacted me. She will forever be missed and forever remembered.

Kathryn LeBaron - February 12, 2015 at 10:54 AM



“ I remember when Lu Ann was a young,rookie English teacher in the room 103 across from mine in Rockville High School, Rockville, IN. She was a happy full-of-life person who never knew a stranger. I and many others have never forgotten her and were saddened by her passing. She had a big heart and everyone, staff and student, cared dearly for her back at old Rockville High School. I also remember how much our Superintendent Larry Gambianni like her both as teacher and friend. She was a good person, honest and friendly. I only wish I had kept in touch with her.

Sincerely,
Stephen J. Jones
Former English Teacher RHS

Steve Jones - February 12, 2015 at 01:35 AM



“ Such a sweet, kind, and thoughtful lady She will be missed greatly.

--Cindy Novak

Cindy Novak - February 11, 2015 at 09:57 AM



“ A remarkable woman and I will miss her.

Susan Phelan

Susan Phelan - February 11, 2015 at 09:49 AM



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