



Valerie E. Stewart

November 12, 1944 - March 6, 2011

Valerie Stewart went to be with the Lord Sunday, March 6, 2011. Born in Prescott, Arkansas, November 12, 1944, she was preceded in death by her parents Howard and Evelyn Stewart of Magnolia, Arkansas. She is survived by a brother Bob Stewart of Benton, Arkansas, sister Becky Matthews and husband Mike of Little Rock, Arkansas, and 2 nephews, Stewart Matthews and wife Kristy of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Scott Matthews of Denver, Colorado. She is also survived by a great niece, Steele Matthews, a great nephew, Riley Matthews, along with a host of loving and supportive friends and extended family.

Val graduated from Stephens High in Stephens, AR in 1962. She received her Bachelor's degree from Southern State College in Magnolia, AR, and a Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma.

Her life long career as a math teacher began in Blytheville, Arkansas in 1966. In 1971, she moved to Lancaster, Texas where she taught for 28 years. She taught the last 12 years of her career at North Mesquite High School. She also taught night classes at Cedar Valley Community College. Val loved teaching. The number of lives she touched and students she mentored is too numerous to count.

Val loved all things sports and the great outdoors. Her favorites were fishing, snow skiing and especially golf. She could recount to you every single shot she hit while playing Pebble Beach in 2005. She also loved to watch football and basketball games, especially if Arkansas was playing.

Anyone who knew Val realized what a generous person she was. Her first thoughts were always of others. If the love of friends could have healed her she would still be with us. She loved well and was loved well. She will be greatly missed by many.

Tribute Wall



“ I had Ms. Stewart for geometry, which was really hard for me. Nothing else in high school was hard, just math. I wasn't smart enough at the time to realize what a great teacher she was. I just thought of her as the one teacher who didn't think I was smart. But while others in these writings thought she gave no slack, she gave me the biggest break I ever had up to that point in my life.

We were having a test, and I did not know/understand/try hard enough to be prepared. I conned a kid into letting me look at his test, because heavens forbid I didn't pass a test! I thought I was sneaky enough, but the next day she asked me and that poor kid to see her after class (we both had received the same grade and missed the same questions...) She asked who copied off whom, and I immediately confessed. She let the other kid go, then told me how disappointed she was in me. Again, I wasn't smart enough to get that she really cared, so I just slid away, hoping she didn't report me to the National Honor Society and get me kicked off. It would've served me right, and yet she didn't report me. Right or wrong, I did learn from her, and seeing all of these posts, I realize just how much I missed by not opening my eyes.

Rest in Peace, Ms. Stewart. Thanks for being you.##imported-begin####imported-end##

July 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My name did not appear on my recent post. Don't know why there's an "M" at the beginning, or why there is a "T" after my "signature." The message may have "timed out" since I did get interrupted while I was writing to you. Do not fret about who Carol T is. It is I. Carol C. !!! Sending you every good wish!##imported-begin##Carol Cantrell##imported-end##*

June 06, 2011 at 06:57 PM



“ *Becky and Bob - - I have just today learned of Val's passing in March. I am so very sorry, and even this late, send you my thoughts and prayers. Val was always like some kind of Olympian to me - - good at EVERYTHING. As your "older sister," she tolerated all of us younger ones with considerable good humor! A lot better than SOME of the older kids did!!!*

I do know some of the grief you feel, since Denny died last November 1. Every time I can't think of the words to a song or the name of a relative or untold other things, I still have the urge to reach for the phone to ask her, or "whine" to her, or just have good conversation. So I am particularly mindful of your loss now.

It is so good to see the pictures here, and to note the names of your families. Congratulations on all of that, and I send best wishes to each of you.

Again, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I suspect you will miss her particularly through the summer, since she was so fond of the out-of-doors. I hope these memories will live forever with you, and always bring a smile to your heart.

With every good wish -

Love,

CarolT###imported-begin##M###imported-end##

June 06, 2011 at 06:53 PM



“ Val wasn't just a great teacher; she was a friend, confidant, coach, and mentor. Oh, and not only did she get us jobs at Sanger Harris, she drove us there and back summers and holidays. Val took my calls many a night from college on my way to a math degree. She will be dearly missed.##imported-begin##Lisa Gibbons Centala##imported-end##

March 25, 2011 at 04:16 PM



“ What a wonderful angel has joined in Heaven. Peace & comfort to her & her family/ friends!##imported-begin##Pat Perigo##imported-end##

March 23, 2011 at 06:22 PM



“ Ms. Stewart was a wonderfully Patient Teacher! I followed my Sister in High school, four years after her. I was athletic, & in the drillteam but, not as good in Math as my sister. Who became an accountant & now a Vp of title company in Dallas. I however was a cut up in class, not really disruptive but, not terribly focused. It was really because Math came hard to me! Ms. Stewart recognized that short comming. She worked with me & honestly, gave me the tools to fly through the college classes, I needed to get my degree. I graduated from Lancaster Elsie Robertson High in 1981. I graduated from Midwestern State University in 1985 with a BFA in Graphic Design, I also attended The University of Texas @ Austin, prior to graduating from MSU & went onto Ohio University to get my MFA in Photography. From there I worked for the Friends of Photogrphy in Carmel CA. Then I moved up to San Francisco, where I worked in the Digital Pre-press industry, taught at San Francisco City College & served as the corperate Curator for the Lurie Co.gallery space @ 901 Market Street in San Francisco, Ca. This is all to say, Thank you to Ms. Stewart, as Now I am Teaching at The Art Institute of Phoenix. Her extra efforts with me really paid off. I never struggled in math in college & I learned first hand, what it really is to be a good educator! Her kindness & ability to Teach is being passed onto other students to this day! May she be at Peace & with God now! Thank You Dear Val for all you Taught me!###imported-begin###Pat Perigo###imported-end###

March 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ ###imported-begin###Toni Trojacek Roden###imported-end###

March 17, 2011 at 10:40 PM



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March 17, 2011 at 01:06 AM



“ Dear Becky,
What wonderful tributes to your sister's name and life! I know that you are missing her. I am praying that your grief will be brief and will soon give way to great and joyful memories. Love, Pam###imported-begin###Pam Sharp###imported-end##

March 11, 2011 at 11:28 AM



“ I will always remember her kindness as a chaperone on our trip to Paris & Switzerland in high school and her toughness as a teacher! with my deepest sympathy###imported-begin###Vickie Mulder Derks###imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 10:10 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to her family and all her friends! She had so many friends that helped carry her through life...###imported-begin###Mary Maddox###imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 09:30 PM



“ Val was my roommate on several ski trips during the Christmas breaks. She was a wonderfully patient friend and traveling companion. We also had lots of fun at the parties at Pat Smith's house. She will be greatly missed. What a wonderful lady!###imported-begin###Marilyn Miller Lippincott###imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 08:31 PM



“ *What a great teacher and leader! I enjoyed having her as a leader of Student Council when I was in high school. We had lots of fun and laughter working on activities for the school. She was dedicated to her job, school and students. She will be missed!*###imported-begin###*Lisa Ragland Stagner*###imported-end###

March 10, 2011 at 06:31 PM



“ *To one of the greatest teachers, and person I have ever known. We will truly miss you, but we will have our many memories etched in our hearts/minds. RIP Ms. Stewart!*###imported-begin###*Gary Vest*###imported-end###

March 10, 2011 at 03:38 PM



“ *A terrific lady and outstanding educator.*###imported-begin###*Lanny Frasier*###imported-end###

March 10, 2011 at 02:26 PM



“ *Barb and I wish to send our deepest sympathy to my cousins and friends of Val. I will always remember her as the self appointed "mother" of the family cousins, always caring and looking out for us. I particularly remember her traveling to Ohio and pulling me aside to offer comfort on the passing of my mother. I wish I could be there with you all.*

love always

rick and barb sewell###imported-begin###*rick and barb sewell*###imported-end###

March 10, 2011 at 12:24 PM



“ *Our family was sorry to hear about Val's death. We extend our heartfelt sympathy. Val was a wonderful teacher, one of Lancaster's best! She had spark and loved her students. We want her family to know our thoughts are with you.*

Beth Galbreath Fortier

Mary Ann Galbreath##imported-begin##Beth Fortier##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 12:06 PM



“ My deepest and sincerest sympathy and prayers to the Stewart family in the lose of a wonderful woman of God. It was a pleasure getting to know Ms. Val working with her and for her at North Mesquite HS. Many times she would come drag me out of my office for my assistance in helping her with anytype of technology in her classroom. I was always willing to help. :) Anything for a sister Razorback! She was a thoughtful good hearted person and will be truly missed.

I don't know the author of this poem, but I thought of it for Ms Val.
God bless you.

"God Saw You Getting Tired"

*"God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be
so he put his arms around you
and whispered,
"Come to Me"*

*With tearful eyes we watched you
and saw you pass away
and although we love you dearly
we could not make you stay.*

*A Golden heart stopped beating
hard working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best. "###imported-begin##Jennifer
Lamb###imported-end##*

March 10, 2011 at 11:24 AM



“ *What wonderful, giving, patient, caring sole Val was to all her students and friends. She gave and cared so much about helping and teaching others! Our family's thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Our world could use so - so many more Val's !!!##imported-begin##Jill Lemmond##imported-end##*

March 10, 2011 at 10:24 AM



“ *Mrs. Stewart: You will forever be remembered by those whose lives you touched. Would that we had more teachers like you in public schools today, because if we did, students would be learning, and schools would be of much better quality.*

As an educator, I have learned the value of holding students to high expectations, and you were part of that legacy. Thank you for helping me to become what I am today.

R.I.P. and may your soul know the Mercy of God.##imported-begin##Dennis L. Landes##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 10:11 AM



“ *Val was a very special person who made a difference in all the lives she touched. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Joyce North##imported-end##*

March 10, 2011 at 08:57 AM



“ *My condolences to the family. Val was a very special person to a lot of people. She will be missed.##imported-begin##Tony LeNoir##imported-end##*

March 10, 2011 at 07:18 AM



“ *I was blessed to know you, and I treasure the fond memories that I have. You were very influential in my life. It doesn't seem possible that you are gone. I will miss you!*##imported-begin##*Jennifer Card Hackler*##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 12:35 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless you all.*##imported-begin##*Fran Brasher Givens*##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 12:04 AM



“ I had the pleasure and privilege of having Ms. Stewart for Algebra II my sophomore year at Lancaster High School (1979-83). As a freshman, I had heard all the "horror stories" about being in Ms. Stewart's math classes, and how difficult she was, as well as how she gave no slack to anybody, for any reason. Needless to say, I was petrified as I walked in that first day my sophomore year.

I must say, the rumors were true! She was difficult, and demanding, and didn't cut any of us any slack. Her idea of cutting us a break was to assign a couple of odd-numbered practice problems from the text (those are the ones that have the answers in the back of the book).

But, despite the fact that she held such a high expectation of all of us, and demanded nothing less than our very best, she had a genuine sense of caring and warmth that exuded from her in everything she taught. She would spend however much time it took after school, or before school, to help a student (this one, many times) finally grasp the concepts of that given unit.

I remember vividly being called out into the hallway one day during class for her to tell me that she was shocked that my mom had actually CALLED HER about my grade in class (it wasn't very good--can you say "slacker"). She told me that she had told my mom the truth--that I was slacking and not doing what I was capable of doing. She also told me that she wasn't going to do anything about it. Why?

Because she informed me that my mom would be taking care of it that afternoon when I got home, and that she had been assured that I would "fly right" from then on. I did.

I eventually grew to love Ms. Stewart, and thought of her as one of the BEST teachers ever to have the privilege of teaching me. LOL!! It was actually I who had the privilege, if truth be told.

My first teaching job was at LHS (1988-90), and Ms. Stewart was a terrific mentor and resource, both for help as a rookie--even though I taught in the English dept.--and as a source for inspiration to help me convey that same passion for learning to my own students.

Sadly, we don't have enough Ms. Stewart-type teachers in education anymore. I blame education for that. She, and the many others who carried the same outlook and expectations for their students, are few and far between these days in the classroom. And that, dear friends, is OUR loss. Those of us who were blessed to be a part of Ms. Stewart's class though, can say loudly and proudly, "We GAINED, and are the better for it because of such a fantastic teacher and mentor!!"

Thank you, Ms. Stewart.##imported-begin##Dennis L. Landes##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I had Ms. Stewart for Algebra 1 my freshman year at Lancaster High School....The day I picked up my schedule and saw that I had Ms. Stewart, I was scared to death...I had heard horror stories about how hard she was and that she cut no slack for anyone. It was not long before I realized that math was not my thing. I had a total mental block when it came to formulas. Constantly, Ms. Stewart was telling me "you have to use the formula...just because you have the right answer doesn't mean you get it right without the formula." I spent the majority of the year sitting next to her desk and visiting her after school. I managed to pass her class(not my highest grade ever)only because of Ms. Stewart's love for math and her students. However, at the time I am not sure I truly realized how much she loved teaching and loved each and everyone of her students, including me.

Many years later when I took College Business Calculus, I made an "A" the first person I called was Ms. Stewart, I wanted her to know that all of her coaching and never giving up on me had meant a lot to me and had paid off. When I called her, I could tell that she was as excited as I was.

My older sister and I both had Ms. Stewart for High School Math, it wasn't until many years later that Ms. Stewart and our mother became very close friends. Attending many basketball games and sporting events together and spending summer vacations together with several of their friends. Not only was she a special friend to my mother but through my mother, she became special to my sisters and I and even our children. She treated our children like they were here own nieces and nephews. She knew NO strangers and loved everyone she came in contact with.

Ms. Stewart touch the lives of many people throughout the years. I am blessed for having had the opportunity to have her in my life.

Ms. Stewart you will forever by missed!!##imported-begin##Dawn White##imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am 34 years old and Val has been a part of life and family for all 34 years of that time. My mother Pat Smith starting teaching with Val at LHS around 1978 when I was 2 years old. Val is one of those people in my life who made me who I am today. She was a second mother to me and loved our family very much and we loved her just as much.

I can remember growing up she would always say "Hey kiddo, Whats going on" She was always so interested in us kids and what we were up to and how could she help us or just what is going on in our lives.

I want to share one of my funniest stories about Val.

By the time I was in High School it was clear that I wasn't the brightest crayon in the box when it came to math. My junior year I did not pass the TAAS test the first time around. I had to take a math remediation class and was lucky enough to finally have Val as a teacher for this class. Now these remediation classes are a lot different than your advanced placement classes. The kids in these classes are you class clowns and just a little bit rougher around the edges than what Val would be teaching in her calculus classes, but none the less she would approach and teach this class with as much zest and zeal as any other class maybe even more.

Now to the good part of the story. By the way Val was always about business in class there was never any cutting up , playing or wasting time. One day while Val was trying to get class started a little mouse came out of the air vent and ran across the floor. All the kids in class started yelling and screaming and jumping in the chairs, including Val. Well, finally the mouse went back into the vent, we finally all calmed down but were still shakin up a bit. Val got order back in the room and we started our lesson for the day.

Well seeing as how I have known Val all my life I figured I could get away with this one little trick with out getting into too much trouble. I just had to do it. So I slowly reached down under the desk and touched the girls leg in front of me like it was a little mouse.

Needless to say this girl screamed bloody murder and jumped sky high into her chair. The class boiled over into up roars and all Val could do was look at me and start to laugh all the while trying to

hold back showing any emotion. Her face was red and she was laughing. She just kept looking at me and thinking you stinker. I kept laughing and she did to. On this day we had some fun, wasted some class time and I think for once in her career Val lost a little of her composure in front of her class. (But only for a minute though) She quickly got us settled back down again and it was off to work. The second time I took that test to my surprise I made a perfect 100. That is due to the time Val invested into me, everyday in that class, and everyday afterschool that she tutored me at my house. And I thank her for that and I thank God for putting someone like Val in our lives and on this earth to show us how to live with a caring and generous heart.

Val was so special to me that I cant even express it in words. Everyone that met her is a better person for it im sure.

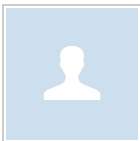
Val we love you and you will be missed. Daniel###imported-begin###Daniel Smith###imported-end##

March 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ SHE WAS A VERY GOOD TEACHER. SHE WILL BE MISSED.###imported-begin###janice choina###imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 11:06 PM



“ We are Don & Rebecca Yates. Our children were students at Lancaster High School from 1974 thru 1980. Mrs. Stewart taught each of them, we still have stories to tell. She was very helpful to each and took no nonsense. We, as parents and student appreciate her dedication and patience.###imported-begin###Parents of Karie, Pat,Laurie, & Teresa Yates###imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 10:33 PM



“ Val will greatly be missed as a co-worker and smiling face. ##imported-begin##Janet PhillipsSimmons##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 09:56 PM



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March 09, 2011 at 02:20 PM



“ Val will be greatly missed!
We love you Val!!!!##imported-begin##Jessica Smith
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March 09, 2011 at 02:02 PM



“ Rest in peace Val. You will always be remembered and missed by so many people. ##imported-begin##Susan Gary Brandon
Knee##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 12:51 PM



“ What a wonderful individual, friend, teacher and mentor. One of the most generous souls I have ever met. She is at peace and is once again whole. ##imported-begin##Rebecca Housden##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 11:18 AM



“ Ms. Stewart was a huge help to a frightened, first year teacher. The week before school she calmed my nerves, gave me advice, and donated various teaching supplies. She was an outstanding teacher whom her students loved very much. I will definitely miss her in the North Mesquite hallways.##imported-begin##Sabrina##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Val was a very caring and giving person- she was always willing to help me with math when I was taking college courses. I am honored that I got to know her.##imported-begin##Lisa Jones##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 10:28 AM



“ Ms. Stewart taught me geometry and trig at LHS. She was tough, but expected the best we could give her. That's a life lesson I've never forgotten.##imported-begin##Nannett Odom Morrison##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 09:57 AM



“ I knew Val for 10 years as teachers at North Mesquite High School. I truly admired her as a gifted and dedicated teacher but I was greatly blessed by her genuine faith and friendship.##imported-begin##Wayne Hanson##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 09:45 AM



“ Sorry to hear about Val. We used to play golf together every weekend. I know she was loved and respected by many.##imported-begin##Claudia Browning Anderson##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 09:00 AM



“ We at North Mesquite will miss Val.##imported-begin##Paul B. Richardson##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 06:58 AM



“ I consider Val one of my dearest friends. Even though we have been apart for some 35 years, we have stayed in touch all that time. I feel like I have lost a sister. So glad to have had her in my life. Now rest with angels!##imported-begin##Karen Alexander##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 12:28 AM



“ I met Val shortly after my husband and I moved to Lancaster where I taught English at Lancaster High School. Val and I became like sisters and I fondly remember the few short years that we taught school together before I moved to Tulsa then on to Huntsville, AL. Val was a selfless person always thinking of others before herself and she thought of her friends as her family. I remember going to football games every Friday night with Val, having parties at each other's houses, eating Mexican food especially at teacher in service days and just sitting and laughing at all the things our students tried to pull in class. Those were special days to me. We have stayed in touch now for over 35 years. I am so glad that she as in my life and I will miss her dearly.##imported-begin##Karen Alexander##imported-end##

March 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We miss Val so much already!##imported-begin##mike & sheila mcbride##imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 09:31 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ms. Stewart was a fantastic teacher who touched a lot of lives.##imported-begin##Lisa Williams##imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 08:08 PM



“ Ms. Stewart was my Geometry teacher and I always felt like I learned more in her class than many. She was a great communicator who was always willing to help and explain until we understood.

As a principal, I would take all the Val Stewarts on my staff I can get.##imported-begin##Mike Farish##imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 06:56 PM



“ Becky,

So sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Paladino##imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 12:23 PM



“ Val Stewart was a family friend and also my geometry teacher. She was a rarity - fun, patient, kind, generous, encouraging, and full of integrity. She was also one of the best teachers I ever had, even though geometry was not one of my favorite subjects. She was a quality teacher. If schools were full of teachers like Val, there wouldn't be an education problem in this country.

At home my sister used to sing a song about Val, "Oh, Stew! We like you! We wish there could be more people like you!"

I remember her smiling and eager to "do life."

Her passing is sad, but there's a place in my heart that's sunny because of her. Her memory will continue to be a role model for many - myself included.##imported-begin##Dana Cleveland Konop##imported-end##

March 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I can't call her Val, as the only thing I would ever dream of calling her is a very respectful Ms. Stewart. She was one of my favorite high school teachers, even though she was by far the toughest. I was quite lucky to have Ms. Stewart in both Geometry as a sophomore and Trigonometry/Differential Calculus as a Senior. She was a great teacher who never gave up trying to teach me higher level math, even though we both knew it just didn't sink into my non-logical brain. I teach now, and hope that I am even half the teacher she was.

Rest in Peace, Ms. Stewart.##imported-begin##Lisa Williams##imported-end##

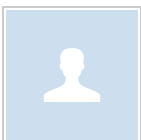
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“ Great friend and teacher.

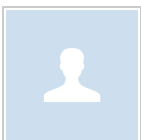
I wrote life story "What a Friend!"##imported-begin##Karen Cleveland##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 10:20 PM



“ Rest in peace. Stephanie Wiley##imported-begin##Stephanie Wiley##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 05:10 PM



“ I had Miss Stewart for trigonometry (1990-91) and calculus (1991-92). She was great teacher, and Lancaster High School was a better place with her in it.##imported-begin##Bill Morton##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 12:57 PM



“ So sorry for her passing. She was always a giving & caring person who will be missed. She always put others before herself.##imported-begin##rusty sewell##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 12:01 PM



“ Val became a good friend to our family when we were all very young. Val taught Math, and I taught English at Lancaster High School. We did the usual teacher things, but after school, we were just close friends.

Val tutored our daughters in math after school, and then we would all run a few miles or play some basketball and then go to Brahms for icecream. Or Val would come to our house and we would bake Lebanese flat bread, bake a cake or make something cool to drink. It really didn't matter; we just had fun. And the big thing is we never seemed to get tired. Those were the good old days for sure.

Val got us interested in skiing when our younger daughter Dana was in the first grade. That first trip to New Mexico was a real learning experience. Just learning to stand up on skis was a big accomplishment, and then getting on and off the ski lift was another big one. But Val was a good teacher and very patient. Our daughters Karen and Dana learned quickly and were soon on their own. And it didn't take Don and Me much longer.

One trip is especially memorable. Val got knocked down and hurt her sholder. The on-slopes medics thought she needed to see a doctor. My husband Don and his brother Phillip took her into town to a clinic. The doctor put her arm in a sling with special instructions about caring for the sprain. While Val was being treated, Don and Phillip were having wheelchair races in the basement of the clinic. They did manage to get safely back to the motel, but Val's skiing was curtailed for the remainder of that trip. We had wonderful ski trips every year until out girls went to college.

After we moved into Dallas, we didn't see Val as often. However, we have always keep in touch, even after we moved to Granbury. Val has always been one of our dearest friends. We will always cherish her memory.##imported-begin##Carol Cleveland##imported-end##

March 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *"We Did It All" story was submitted by Carol Cleveland##imported-begin##Carol Cleveland##imported-end##*

March 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I knew Val while growing up in Lancaster long before I had her for trigonometry at LHS. Val spent a lot of time at our house. Regardless of what we were doing, we always had more fun when Val was there. Val fit right in, and we considered her part of our family. After I moved to Austin, I didn't get to see her much, but my Mom always kept me informed about her.*

I really can't even begin to tell the fun stories of all the projects and things we did. She was such a great friend. Just thinking about her makes me happy.##imported-begin##Karen Cleveland##imported-end##

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