



Maxine Looper Ledford

May 26, 1943 - October 23, 2021

Maxine Ledford, 78, of Marietta, South Carolina passed away on October 23, 2021. Maxine was a lifelong resident of Marietta and was a highly praised science teacher for Greenville County Schools for 35 years.

After graduating from Slater-Marietta High School, she went on to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree from Winthrop University, and received her Master's degree from Furman University. She was also a member of Alpha Delta Kappa, the International Honorary Organization for Women Educators. Most of her teaching career was spent at Monaview Junior High, Parker Middle School, and Lakeview Middle School. Many of her closest friends began as colleagues where she taught. She had a passion for teaching and touched the lives of hundreds of students over the course of her 35 years in the classroom. She often joked that she loved it so much, she had to retire twice. Even after retirement she was often found volunteering in classrooms and school libraries.

Maxine was a voracious reader and devoured novels at an astonishing rate. In addition, she was an avid collector of antiques and enjoyed decorating her home and her classroom for the next holiday season. The Christmas season was her absolute favorite time of year. Her Christmas trees were a sight to behold. It has been said that one tree in particular was cause for the great blackout of 1988.

Maxine is survived by her husband and high school sweetheart, Lawrence Ledford of Marietta, SC; her sister-in-law Carole Looper of Marietta, SC; nephews Cheney Looper (Shasta) of Dacusville, SC; Casey Looper (Elayne) of Marietta, SC; niece Cherie Looper of Berea, SC; Cameron Ledford of Greenville, SC; and several great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Rudy Looper and Edna Few Looper, and her twin brother, Max Looper.

Pall bearers will be Cheney Looper, Casey Looper, Cameron Ledford, Michael Looper, Lance Ledford, Phil Pittman, and Zeb Pittman.

Visitation will be held at The Howze Mortuary in Travelers Rest, SC on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. until 1:50 p.m. with the funeral service to follow in the Howze Mortuary Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Her burial will be at Mountain View Memorial Park in Travelers Rest, SC at 3 pm.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com.

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Burial

OCT **29**. 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Pauline Segar lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford* ”



Pauline Segar - April 19, 2022 at 08:37 PM

CS

“ *Carol Hamlett Stewart lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford* ”



Carol Hamlett Stewart - November 15, 2021 at 02:15 PM

SG

“ *I dearly loved Maxine, she volunteered in my library many hours and was a tremendous help to me. She was such a generous and loving person. We laughed so much together and I feel blessed to have known her.* ”

Susan Gray - November 08, 2021 at 03:22 PM

AR

“ *I am sad to learn of Maxine’s passing. I met her at Lakeview Middle and found her to be a very generous and knowledgeable colleague. I was very fortunate that she shared some of her wonderful recipes with me. And I always think of her fondly when I receive compliments on her “chicken” salad recipe.* ”

Ann Reid - November 07, 2021 at 05:31 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maxine Looper Ledford.*



October 28, 2021 at 07:13 PM



“ *I Love and miss you my dear friend. We sure had some fun times. RIP until I see you again.*



Sue Pittman - October 28, 2021 at 08:21 AM



“ *Maxine was a forward when the girls used to play 3 on 3 in the half court. She carried a comb in her sock and would comb her hair when the ball was in the defensive end of the court. She could beat a lot of the boys, and her hair was always in place.*

Roger White - October 27, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *I remember our days at Slater-Marietta High (The good ole days, graduating class of '61). Oh ! how things have changed since then. But we did have some good times back then, (Should have studied harder and played less). We have lost several of our classmates, but many remain and we need to have another 'reunion' soon.*
Richard Lee

RICHARD S LEE - October 27, 2021 at 10:38 AM

DY

“ ABSOLUTELY the BEST Science Teacher ever! I can not think of one Student at Monaview Junior High that was not in love with her class or her. I can't begin to imagine how many lives she changed for the better, always willing to give that “you can do anything you want to, if you want it bad enough”. She surely made a huge impact in my life. And then my Son's at Parker Middle. Rest now precious lady.

Donna (Hendrix) Yates - October 26, 2021 at 09:58 PM

BH

“ Mrs. Ledford was my science teach at Monaview Jr. High. She and Miss Walters the PE teacher were great friends..... she was always sweet and I remember she smiled alot!!!
Prayers for her family.
Beth Harrison'



Beth Harrison - October 26, 2021 at 09:48 PM

CT

“ Cheri And Junior Turner lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford



Cheri and Junior Turner - October 26, 2021 at 09:05 PM

TL

“ *Tammy Boswell Lykens lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford*



Tammy Boswell Lykens - October 26, 2021 at 08:39 PM

LP

“ *Larry&Joretta Pena lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford*



Larry&Joretta Pena - October 26, 2021 at 07:44 PM

GB

“ *Ginger Limbaugh Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford*



ginger limbaugh blankenship - October 26, 2021 at 06:43 PM

VP

“ *She was one of the best teachers that I could have ever asked for @Monaview! I have many fond memories of her! So very sorry for your loss!*

Vicki Nix Poston - October 26, 2021 at 06:21 PM

VP

“ Vicki Nix Poston lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford



Vicki Nix Poston - October 26, 2021 at 06:18 PM

LW

“ Linds Waltz lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford



Linds Waltz - October 26, 2021 at 05:57 PM

DW

“ Our hearts are saddened over the loss of such a wonderful sweet sister in Alpha Delta Kappa. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family during this time.
Deborah Walter, SC Alpha Delta Kappa
Chaplain



Deborah Walter - October 26, 2021 at 11:36 AM

JG

“ Janet Buchanan Gravely lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford



Janet Buchanan Gravely - October 26, 2021 at 11:32 AM

MC

“ I love and miss you our sweet Maxine. So thankful for your life, love, humor and generosity to me, the students of Lakeview, the Media Center and anyone whose life you touched.

Miriam Chamberlain - October 25, 2021 at 07:12 PM

BW

“ Betty Waddell lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford



Betty Waddell - October 25, 2021 at 06:57 PM

MT


“ My brother, James and I, adored Max and Maxine as they were the first new neighbors we met the day we moved on to Glenn St. They were very kind always to the 2 little kids who adored them. Lawrence you were memorable too! My love to all the family. Mary Lee (Guest) Thilman, Atlanta, GA

Mary Lee (Guest) Thilman - October 25, 2021 at 06:50 PM

SL

“ Maxine is solely responsible for handing me my first Janet Evanovich novel. Every time I went to visit her, she always asked about what I was reading and would send me home with a bag of books. I tried to read fast enough to keep up with her, but she out read me every time!

Shasta Looper - October 25, 2021 at 05:07 PM

 Penny Lillies

“ *Condolences to Lawrence and Cameron*

Penny Lillies - October 25, 2021 at 04:30 PM

GB

“ *Gaynell Looper Bayne lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford*



Gaynell Looper Bayne - October 25, 2021 at 03:05 PM

TB

“ *Tim Batson lit a candle in memory of Maxine Looper Ledford*



Tim Batson - October 25, 2021 at 02:44 PM

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