



Dr. Bobbie Lanell Batchelor McFatter

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Bobbie Lanell Batchelor McFatter was born June 15, 1930, to Thomas Canon and Mary Fay "Dovie" Harper Batchelor in Ringgold, Louisiana.

Bobbie grew up in Bienville Parish and graduated from Ringgold High School. She entered Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, LA, in the fall of 1947, graduating with a B.S. degree in Vocational Home Economics in August, 1950. For the next 14 years, she taught home economics in Beauregard Parish schools: Sugartown, Merryville and DeRidder. In 1965, Bobbie became the Beauregard Parish Home Economist with the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service (LCES), and served in this capacity for 5 years. In 1970, she was promoted to the position of Clothing Specialist in the central office of LCES, housed on the LSU campus. Bobbie earned her Master's and Doctor's degrees in Adult Education at LSU in 1972 and 1976. In 1977, she became LCES Home Economics division leader, supervising the state home economics staff. At this time, she also joined the LSU graduate faculty, and for the next 10 years taught an adult education graduate course each semester, while supervising student research and serving as major professor as they prepared thesis and/or dissertations. In 1987, Bobbie became state leader of LCES home economics, and in 1990, she retired after 25 years with LCES.

In 1950, Bobbie's first job took her to Sugartown, LA, (an early pioneer community in Beauregard Parish) where she lived for a year, and met and married her husband Don in 1951. She moved to DeRidder, Beauregard Parish, LA, in 1951 and lived there until 1970. She moved to Baton Rouge, LA, in 1970 when her husband, Don, received a promotion to Chief of Fire Control for the Louisiana Forestry Association. After retirement, she and Don moved back to DeRidder.



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Bobbie is survived by one daughter, Donna McFatter Miller, husband Wade Miller of DeRidder, LA. Two grandsons: Stacy Miller, wife Melissa of Pitkin, LA and Mark Miller, wife Kari of Dry Creek, LA. Five great grandchildren: Ashley, Josh, Lindsey, Jay and Ryan.

One brother: Malcolm Batchelor, wife Barbara of Ringgold, LA.

Bobbie was preceded in death by her parents, T.C. and Dovie Batchelor, and her husband of 62 years, Donald Lee McFatter.

The family would like to thank Dr. Chris Granger, the staff and nurses at Westwood Manor Nursing Home and Beauregard Memorial Hospital for their care and compassion during Bobbie's illness.

Visitation will be held Nov. 4, 2017 at Labby Memorial Funeral Home in DeRidder, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. A private burial service will follow at a later date.

Bobbie was a member of First Baptist Church of DeRidder. She served in the field of education most of her adult life. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the DeRidder First Baptist Church Academy or the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home in Monroe. Friends may send their condolences to Bobbie's family at labbymemorial.com.



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Loretta Young Simmons posted:

My favorite teacher of all time. I graduated from Merryville, La. 1962. She went the extra mile for her students. I am still sewing just the way she taught me. She visited her student's home during the summer. Imagine a teacher doing that today. My condolences are with you & your family
Loretta Young Simmons

November 23 at 7:00 PM



Jane Honeycutt posted:

Bobbie was a lovely person and a true professional. I enjoyed working with her and profiting from her knowledge and experience.

November 9 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Kim & James Nugent

November 5 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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