



Juana Leah Schoff

November 7, 1939 - April 5, 2018

CANAAN — Juana Leah Schoff, 78, passed away at the Coös County Nursing Hospital in West Stewartstown on Thursday, April 5, 2018.

She was born in West Stewartstown on Nov. 7, 1939, and was raised and educated in the local schools. Juana was a 1957 graduate of Canaan Memorial High School, and graduated from Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vt. in 1961, where she excelled as an athlete in softball, soccer and basketball.

For many years, she was a well-known school teacher and athletic coach to many students in the Northeast Kingdom. She began her teaching career in North Troy, then in Canaan, and finally in Newport from where she retired in 1999. Working with children was her passion and she was loved by all her students. Juana received many accolades and awards for her work, including being inducted into the “Athletic Hall of Fame” at Lyndon State College, and the Orleans/Northern Essex Hall of Fame. In 2006, Governor James Douglas presented her with the Vermont “Governor’s Award” for Community Service.

Juana was always involved in her community, giving of her time and talents. She was a member of the Canaan Historical Society, served as a trustee for the Canaan cemeteries and supported all community events and the local sports teams.

She was a very active member of Delta Kappa Gamma International Society for Key Women Educators for 48 years, taking leadership roles in the Epsilon Chapter in the Northeast Kingdom as Corresponding Secretary, Chair of membership committee, Communications, Personal Growth, Professional Affairs, Hospitality and Fundraising.

She enjoyed snowmobiling and won several races for the Border Riders Club. Juana was an accomplished trumpet player, a talented wood carver, and she loved to go fishing, panning for gold and camping at the beach. Her garden, from which she gave away much of what she grew, was her passion. She looked forward to spring when she could harvest the fiddlehead ferns, dandelion greens and wild onions.

Juana is survived by Joel (Ruth) Fearon and children Jodi Fearon, Jason Fearon and Rebecca Fearon; Shellie (Michael) Bresnahan and children Kevin Bresnahan, Moira Gagnon and Brian Bresnahan, Rosalie (Bruce) Hawes and children Torri Lanier, Traci Scherer and Jonathan Hawes; Janice (Tom) Jackson and children Linda Hutchinson and Scott Jackson; Mary Fearon and children Mark Fearon and Dean Fearon.

She is predeceased by her parents Josephine and Perley Fearon, brother James Fearon, favorite aunt Bernice Fish and dear friend Polly Carney.

The family wishes to thank the staff at the Coos County Nursing Hospital for the wonderful care shown to Juana these past several years.

Memorial calling hours will be at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook on Friday, April 13, 2018, from 5-8 p.m. A memorial service will follow the next day, Saturday, April 14, at 2 p.m. at the Grace Community Church in Canaan. A private interment in the Canaan Village Cemetery will be

held at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy in Juana's memory may be made to the Canaan Recreational Park, P.O. Box 159, Canaan, Vt., 05903; or to the Grace Community Church, Gale St., Canaan, Vt. 05903.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Cemetery Details

Canaan Village Cemetery

Christian Hill Road, VT Route 253
Canaan, VT

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 13. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home
103 Main Street
Colebrook, NH 03576
(603) 237-4311
info@jenkinsnewman.com

Service

APR 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

Grace United Methodist Church
Gale Street, VT Route 114
Canaan, VT

Tribute Wall

JO

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Miss Schoff's passing. She was my second grade teacher at Hillside Elementary School, and was my all time favorite teacher. I went to visit her at the school many years ago, after I had graduated, and was happy she remembered me. She was a wonderful and positive person.

JR Ovitt
Rutland, VT
(Formally from Newport, VT)

JR Ovitt - June 07, 2018 at 10:47 AM

SC

“ I went to school with Juanie and graduated with her in the class of '57. I always liked her as she was a good friend and would help anyone. After I moved away from the area I would go back to visit. When I saw Juanie she took the time to vivit and catchup on news. Years ago I moved to Florida, so haven't made it home for years. R.I.P. Juanie.

Stanley Crawford

Stanley Crawford - April 27, 2018 at 11:26 AM

SH

“ Jaunie was one of the most giving, caring people I have known, she would literally give you the shirt off her back. Our family was very blessed to have had her in our lives. RIP until we meet again! Jon, Sherri, Jazzy and Hunta ❤️

Sherri Hawes - April 25, 2018 at 07:39 AM

DS

“ So sorry to hear about Juana,s passing. There are many memories about North Troy and Canaan on sports. Juana was a great athlete and was one of the first to be inducted into the Orleans-Essex Athlete Hall of Fame. May she rest in peace.

Dr. Durward and Lorraine Starr

Dr. Durward and Lorraine Starr - April 12, 2018 at 03:04 PM

LK

“ We were sorry to learn of Juana's passing. She was one of the most outstanding athletes in the history of Canaan sports. As a teacher, coach and community leader she was a superb role model for everyone. Canaan has lost an icon and she will be missed.

Pat and Les Klinefelter

Leslie Klinefelter - April 12, 2018 at 10:19 AM

MC

She was loved by many and will be missed God has another angel by HIS side Janice Cauller Swarens and Colette Bouchard Coats

Micheline Colette Coats - April 12, 2018 at 04:14 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Juana Leah Schoff.



April 11, 2018 at 01:26 AM

LC

“ *Lois Charron purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Juana Leah Schoff.*



Lois Charron - April 10, 2018 at 01:44 PM

MB

“ *To Juana's family.*

We are so sorry to hear of her death, although it has been years since we last saw her. She has always been an integral part of the Canaan Community and it saddens us to hear of her death. Juana taught my younger children and they have wonderful memories of her. My older children remember her as well when she visited us on the farm.

We remember her many lively visits to our farm in Canaan and many times, after the family made their own way in the world, her name and fond memories were not far away from us.

Again, we are sorry to hear of her passing and she will forever remain a wonderful memory in our lives.

May you rest in peace, Juana, you truly deserve the rest.

Mildred Badger and Family

Mildred Badger - April 10, 2018 at 08:51 AM

AM

“ *Annette Mailhot lit a candle in memory of Juana Leah Schoff*



Annette Mailhot - April 10, 2018 at 08:34 AM

KC

“ *So many memories, such a big impact on my life as well as the lives of those who were lucky enough to know her. Rest easy now Juan. Love you always. Keenan Carney*

Keenan Carney - April 09, 2018 at 11:10 PM

JM

“ *RIP Juanie, remember you well. A wonderful person.*

John & Sue Morrissey - April 09, 2018 at 08:51 PM

RS

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to the Schoff and Fearon families. I did not know Juana personally but it is clear that because she helped so many people in her life, she is now reaping the fruits of her cheerful labors. My prayers go out to her family.*

May God bless you Juana, and may you now rest in His arms!

*Rita (Lanctot) Starbard
Milford, CT*

Rita Starbard - April 09, 2018 at 04:53 PM

BC

“ Sorry to hear of Juanie's passing. I grew up with her on Powerhouse Rd in Canaan. She was a kind person and a wonderful friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with her.
Bob Congdon

BOB CONGDON - April 09, 2018 at 11:51 AM

GL

“ We are so sorry for your loss! Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gilles & Priscilla Lambert - April 09, 2018 at 11:09 AM

KI

“ My deepest condolences to the Schoff family. Juana was my 2nd & 3rd grade teacher and I will always remember her as being kind, fair and great teacher. And what a beautiful smile she had. I will remember her as a positive force in my life always.

Karen Irvine - April 09, 2018 at 09:29 AM

AD

“ To the Schoff family;
My sincere sympathies to you all. I remember her giving rides back to Newport with my sisters Linda and Marlene at Sacred Hear High School,
every Sunday afternoon, while they were attending school.
A wonderful and good hearted lady, indeed.
Sincerely,
Alain Dupont

Alain Dupont - April 09, 2018 at 07:26 AM

SM

“ Will remember all the fun times we had. Sending sympathy to the families. Sue Miller

Sue Miller - April 08, 2018 at 07:28 PM

JD

“ We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

— Winston Churchill

Juana had a rich life. A life of giving. A true role model. She influenced my life in so many ways. So thankful, so sad. Jim Daley

Jim Daley - April 08, 2018 at 04:53 PM

Joanne Gilbert

“ She was one of the best teachers I had she made a big impact in my life. She will be a BIG miss in the community

Joanne Gilbert - April 08, 2018 at 12:19 PM

JB

“ Josh And lola Boire lit a candle in memory of Juana Leah Schoff



Josh and lola Boire - April 08, 2018 at 11:40 AM

JC

“ *Jan Corliss lit a candle in memory of Juana Leah Schoff*



Jan Corliss - April 08, 2018 at 10:53 AM

CF

She worked for my dad at ray's snack bar what a class act!!! Rest in Peace, say hi Louis when you see him in Heaven!

Celine Frechette - April 08, 2018 at 11:31 AM

WN

Our deepest condolences to Juana Leah's family! The community will always remember Juany as a doer and dear friend.

Walter & Suzelle Noyes - April 08, 2018 at 12:49 PM

FS

My condolences to Juana Leah's family she did so much for children and community, she took me fishing and to Canada to fill her Saab with corn for cookouts, later worked on the cemeteries with her, she would drive from Newport to watch the games, great neighbor RIP.

Frank and Sheila - April 08, 2018 at 05:52 PM

LC

Juana Leah was my roommate for a year and a half at Lyndon Teachers College. She and Rosalie were roommates, but one night Juana and I thought that we should room together ,so we put her in the room with my roommate MaryLou.

Juana was also my Maid of Honor.

I offer my condolences to her family. She was one -in-a-million and her memory will always be with me.

Lois Charron

Lois Fortune Charron - April 08, 2018 at 06:25 PM