



Ms. Alice Faye Polk

October 8, 1937 - October 29, 2014

Alice Faye Henigan Polk, age 77, of Salisbury passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at Autumn Care of Salisbury.

Alice was born October 8, 1937 in Luling, TX, the daughter of the late Joseph Elzie and Hazel Marie Henigan. She was one of seven children, all living.

Ms. Polk received her B.A. in Art from LSU in 1972. She taught art in Prescott Middle School and Capital High School prior to her retirement from East Baton Rouge Parish School System. She had an artist's view of the world and frequently observed details missed by others. She had a deep appreciation for beauty in nature, and enjoyed flowers, plants, trees and animals. She was funny, wry, and well loved by many. She also made a wicked gumbo. Despite suffering from years of physical debilitation, Ms. Polk had a strong, kind and enduring spirit. In 2012, Ms. Polk relocated to Salisbury, North Carolina after living in Louisiana for 60+ years.

Ms. Polk was preceded in death by Jody, her beloved canine companion who literally saved her life on several occasions.

She was married and divorced from Jimmy Womack (deceased). She was also married to Col. James S. Polk (deceased). She enjoyed a very happy late-in-life marriage to Col. Ernest Graves (deceased).

Ms. Polk had 5 children: Jim Womack (Ruth) of Bastrop, LA, Steve Womack (Raynetta Morris) Buchanan Dam, TX, Sheila Womack (John Doherty) Salisbury, NC, William Polk (Kerri Ryan) of Philadelphia, PA and Peggy Polk (Steve Prudhomme) of Baton Rouge, LA.; grandchildren Jessica Gianelloni, Richard Womack, James Polk and Vivian Polk. Ms. Polk had many friendships that spanned decades including Don and Yvonne Fuller, Judy and Joe Kotrlík and Arlene and Neil Kestner among many others. She made special friends at Oak Park Retirement Apartments in Salisbury including Jean Kesler, Anne Hollifield, Joy Leonard (deceased) among many others.

A memorial service will be held in Louisiana at a later date.

As her health declined, Ms. Polk moved to Autumn Care Rehabilitation Center where she received compassionate, competent and loving care from the exceptional staff for the last 9 months of her life.

Tribute Wall

AA

“ Sending love and prayers to the beautiful, kind, and talented Ms. Faye and her family.
Growing up next door to her in Baton Rouge was such a special pleasure. I loved getting to enjoy her art room with her. I remember getting to join her family making kid art projects one day. It was such a terrific treat! She was so encouraging and thoughtful. She always radiated such peace and grace. And we will miss her very much.
Keeping you all in our thoughts and hearts,
Amy Allen & Family
Baton Rouge, LA

Amy Allen - November 10, 2014 at 01:44 PM

PM

“ Sheila,

So sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you and your family during this time of sorrow. Please extend our sympathy to the rest of your family. Please let us know if you need anything.

Your friend always,

Pat Morgan

Patricia Morgan - November 05, 2014 at 10:28 AM

BC

“ We are so blessed to have known Faye and will always remember her as a true southern lady with such a sweet and gentle spirit. And thanks to her sharing her roux recipe, we will always think of her while enjoying our homemade cajon gumbo.
To Sheila, John and family, May your tears of sadness soon turn to smiles of joy as you remember all the wonderful times you shared with Faye. We know she's smiling on you.

Pam and Brian Cobb
Knightdale, North Carolina

Brian and Pam Cobb - November 03, 2014 at 03:21 PM

GW

“ Genia Walton lit a candle in memory of Ms. Alice Faye Polk



Genia Walton - November 03, 2014 at 02:31 PM

DV

“ Sheila and Family,
Even though I did not get the honor of meeting Ms. Polk, she was a topic of many conversations held with Sheila. What a wonderful Mother she must have been to generate such lovely memories that will live on as her family celebrates her life. Take a memory and keep it close every day and your mom will always be there. For Sheila, it may be the shared laughter and conversation over their daily cup of java shared together. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Love,
Deb and Don Volkmer

Deb Volkmer - November 03, 2014 at 09:26 AM

KM

“ Dear Family of Alice Polk, My heart was deeply sadden to hear that Alice has passed away. I feel blessed to have met her during her stay in North Carolina through her daughter and my sweet friend Sheila. Alice was one of the warmest, sweet, witty and one of the most inspirational women I have ever met. I am sure that I am one of the many lives that Alice touched during her life. May the memories of your mom forever live in your heart. My sincere condolences go out to all of you!

Love & Prayers,

Kelley Miller

Kelley Miller - November 02, 2014 at 07:15 PM

LH

“ FAYE WAS A VERY SPECIAL MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY VERY SWEET,KIND,FUNNY AND COMPASSIONATE. SHE WAS BLESSED WITH WONDERFUL CHILDREN SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL LESLIE HENIGAN

Leslie Henigan - November 02, 2014 at 04:03 PM

JW

“ I'm glad that picture was used for Mom's Obituary. It's a great picture. I remember when it was taken. I also remember being "struck" by its beauty even as a young boy. I loved my mother and she will be missed.

Jimmy Womack - November 01, 2014 at 03:27 PM

PD

“ I echo Bill's words and look forward to sharing some wicked gumbo in Faye's honor.
And thanks for the two great pictures of a beautiful person.
Love, Peg

Peg Doherty - October 31, 2014 at 03:10 PM

BP

“ Funny, wry and well loved I can vouch for. Sorry to say, I never had the opportunity to enjoy her wicked gumbo. She led a life well lived, and I will miss her.
Much love to you all. I am in awe at your efforts and loving care for her.
Bill Phelan

Bill Phelan - October 31, 2014 at 07:23 AM

JJ

"An artist exists to remind us of the beauty of life."
She did that very well !
Jim Coy Francis Sheehan, Jr. of the postcards

Jim Coy Francis Sheehan, Jr. - October 31, 2014 at 08:24 AM

BC

Dear Shelia and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom was such a delightful lady. Precious memories will keep her close. I hate I missed the gumbo! Love and prayers, Bonnie

bonnie cauble - November 01, 2014 at 08:36 PM

KM

To all of the love ones of Ms. Alice Polk, I had the pleasure of meeting Alice during her stay in North Carolina. She was a delightful and beautiful lady with a gentle soul and a kindred spirit. She will be forever missed - but her beautiful life will continue to live on through all the memories she left with everyone that knew her. I am glad that I had the opportunity to know Ms. Alice. With my deepest sympathy, love & prayers.

Kelley L. Miller

Kelley L. Miller - November 01, 2014 at 09:46 PM

TP

Dear Shelia, So sorry to hear of your loss. I heard you speak such kind words about your Mother. You and your family are in my prayers. With deepest sympathy!!

Tina Phelps

Tina Phelos - November 05, 2014 at 10:21 AM

LR

Shelia and John,

I know you Mother was a precious and kind lady. You took such good care of her over the years. May the wonderful memories of her life live on in your hearts forever. Much love, Landrea

Landrea Rhyne - November 06, 2014 at 07:39 AM

JK

Faye was my friend and I find this final tribute difficult to write. She was an artist, a person who saw beauty in everyday life that most of us totally missed. I learned so much from her, not just about art, but about life. In her 77 years she lived more and experienced more than some of us could do in three life times. I always compared her to a book with many chapters, each one of them just as interesting as the next. I've heard her called a gentle soul, full of grace and beauty. And she was gentle, but not meek. She was quiet, but not introverted. She loved having people around. She was most alive when surrounded by those she loved. She loved and had great pride in each of her children. She cherished each visit, letter, phone call. Through each of you Faye lives on. I found it particularly comforting that William's little Vivian was born about the time of Faye's passing. The circle of life continues and you may see little things in her that will remind you of your mother. It may be her wry sense of humor, her beauty, her gentleness or something completely unexpected. I will miss my friend, but I would not wish her to stay longer. She fought a difficult battle and she deserves to rest. I hope she and Ernest are enjoying the Mississippi State Football season. I'm pretty sure they are. Love to each of you. Judy Kotrlík

Judy Kotrlík - November 11, 2014 at 11:48 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Alice Polk



Summersett Funeral Home and Cremation Center - October 30, 2014 at 04:07 PM