



Mrs. Anita Porter Conrad

June 19, 1936 - April 3, 2018

Anita Porter Conrad, 81, of Plant City, Florida, born on June 19, 1936 in Waldo, Ohio, entered into eternal rest on April 3, 2018. She attended Welcome Baptist Church, and was a member of Brandon Elk's Lodge. She served over 39 years as a teacher in Ohio and Florida, having retired from Pinecrest Elementary. She loved her family, and she enjoyed photography, traveling, and ballroom dancing. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Henry S. "Buddy" Conrad, Jr.; daughter, Jaye Mestre (Juan) of Tallahassee; grandchildren, Jessica Lynn Mestre of Tallahassee, Victor Conrad Mestre (Karen) of Olympia, Washington, and Cecilia Lea Mestre Slack (Brandon) of Orlando; siblings, Marilyn Schnebly (Cliff) of Valrico, Dr. Ned Porter (Kitty) of Franklin, Tennessee, and Larry Porter (Marlene) of Whitehouse, Ohio; dog, Jazz; and many other family and friends. The family will receive friends on Monday, April 9 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at 11:00 A.M. at Welcome Baptist Church, 11308 Welcome Church Street, Lithia; where a committal will follow at Welcome Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Southeastern Guide Dogs at guidedogs.org (4210 77th Street East, Palmetto, FL 34221). Expressions of condolence at www.HopewellFuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Welcome Cemetery

2437 Welcome Road
Lithia, FL

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **9**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Service

APR **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Welcome Baptist Church
11308 Welcome Church Street
Lithia, FL

Tribute Wall

CR

“ She was my 6th grade teacher at Vernon in Marion. Probably the reason I became a teacher. I always wondered what happened to her and if she ever married. One of my favorite teachers. We were her last class at Vernon and we walked down Indiana Avenue to give her a going away gift.

Cindi Moore Reeves - December 29, 2022 at 10:02 PM

SP

“ Just watched an old episode of Leave it to Beaver titled “Beaver’s Crush”. A story about Beaver’s boyhood crush on his pretty new teacher. This brought back memories of being in Miss Porter’s 6th grade class at Vernon Elementary School in Marion, Ohio in 1962. I think this was one of her first teaching jobs. All the boys thought we had hit the jackpot.

She would join us at recess and shoot baskets and throw the softball. She had a lasting impact on our education and future lives. We were so blessed to have her guidance. Our sincere condolences to her family and friends from the Harding High School graduating class of 1968 as we celebrate our 50th reunion later this summer.

Stephen Prater, PE

Stephen Prater - May 11, 2018 at 09:22 AM

JS

“ *Henry and Anita became our neighbors several years ago. We were blessed to develop a friend relationship, always greeting each other with a caring hello and looking out for each other. There are no goodbyes for us. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having known someone like Anita. Henry, may tender memories soften your grief.*

Oscar and Josie Sanders

Josie Sanders - April 08, 2018 at 05:22 PM

WJ

“ *William Jeffery purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Mrs. Anita Porter Conrad.*



William Jeffery - April 07, 2018 at 10:39 AM

BF

“ Our first meeting with Anita came in 1984 when we moved to the Lithia area and our oldest daughter was put in her class for second grade at Pinecrest Elementary. That class was a second and third grade combination for that school year which had to be a bit of a challenge. Then about seven years later, she and Henry built a new home across the street from us and we were neighbors for about 18 years. And much to our surprise, Anita was from a small town in Ohio that was near where my sister and her family lived. And to top it off, we found out that Anita's father had taught my sister's husband and his sister in the Prospect schools. So it is a small world after all, that she would teach our daughter all those years later and become a neighbor and friend. We often marveled how she and Henry were so active in their retirement years, how they loved to travel and we'd watch them go out on their daily bike rides, plus work in the yard (in the Florida heat). We were sad to see them move but understood they needed to downsize their property to a bit more manageable size.

We extend our love and sympathy to Henry, and the extended family. The loss is so great, but we are thankful her suffering is over. We pray for everyone 's comfort at this time and strength in the days ahead, as everyone will surely miss this sweet lady!

With love,
Betty and Dave French

Betty and Dave French - April 06, 2018 at 04:14 PM

F"

“ From All of the "Owens" purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mrs. Anita Porter Conrad.



From All of the "Owens" - April 06, 2018 at 01:25 PM

JN

“ Jim and Nova purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mrs. Anita Porter Conrad.



Jim and Nova - April 06, 2018 at 11:10 AM

KF

“ Certain teachers are special. It’s amazing how you can remember them, even years later.

Anita was a kind and gracious lady. I will never forget being in her second grade class. I made the switch from private to public school that year, so it was definitely a transition for me. I was six years old and scared because I didn’t know anyone. Anita was warm and lovely, making me feel welcome from that very first day. Throughout my elementary school years, I would find her often in the hallways or near the departure area for the buses. I’d run over to her and she’d envelop me in the biggest hug. She’d always smile and laugh as she exclaimed, “there’s my little hugger!”

Later, she and her husband Henry (and their beloved doggies) ended up being my family’s neighbors for many years. I feel like I knew her nearly my entire life. My heart is so saddened for her family and friends. I count myself as among the many who were so blessed and fortunate to have been taught by her, and to have known her.

Kimberly French - April 05, 2018 at 09:16 PM

LS

“ Mrs Anita Conrad was my 4th grade teacher. I recall her like no other through all of my years of school. She was a teacher that had rules and expected them to be followed but a teacher that cared about the children in her classroom. Heaven's getting a beautiful angel.

Lee Stewart - April 05, 2018 at 07:37 PM

 Arlene Southall

“ She was my son's teacher. I remember she told me that he told her he was going to make straight A's on the next report card. She said he worked so hard every day, and when she did the grades, he was 2 points from all A's. She struggled what to do, but said she just couldn't give him a B when he had worked so hard, and she was worried it would discourage him. She gave him the A and I was so thankful. She thought about the individual child instead of group think. RIP and soar with the angels.

Arlene Southall - April 05, 2018 at 07:01 PM

BD

“What a blessing, privilege and joy to remember Mrs Conrad as my teacher, my fellow sister in Christ, and my encourager & inspiring supporter. Mrs Conrad had the patience of Job as I had great difficulty learning my multiplication tables. She never gave up on me and with her teaching, my daddy’s pressure applied to my behind, and lots of flash cards WE did it! As I grew up and moved my church letter to Welcome she became my fellow church goer. It was wonderful to have our child to adult relationship mature into two adult women reminiscing about school days and enjoying worshiping the Lord together! She never missed an opportunity to be an encourager to me regarding my music. Whether it was a special song I’d sang or duet Claybo and I’d sang or played on piano and bass she made sure to let me know her feet were tapping and how very much she enjoyed it! Mrs Anita Conrad was an inspiration to those of us who have to “strive to be meek and gentle”... For her it was a gift she possessed and anyone who knew her for a moment or a lifetime will be quick to tell you ..”She was one of the sweetest women I’ve ever known!” I’ll see you Mrs Conrad when We all get home....

Becky Varnum Davis - April 05, 2018 at 04:20 PM

MH

What a precious person! What a loss for the world and a gain for heaven! I was privileged to know and work with Anita for many, many years. She was a gifted teacher who could reach children that others could not. She was a meek, gentle, humble colleague who made everything around her better. I will love and miss you , Anita, but so happy that I will see you again.

Martha Hood - April 05, 2018 at 04:37 PM

MM

My cousin Anita was a beautiful person with a beautiful soul. She would watch over her younger sister Pam and I when we played together at family reunions. Every member of the Strine family will be forever indebted to her for the FABULOUS Strine Family Cookbook and family history, a project which she so lovingly put her heart and soul into. Anita's mother, Miriam Porter, was one of 8 Strine siblings that grew up in Waldo, OH.

Mary Stine Miller - April 06, 2018 at 01:11 PM