



Dr. Kathy J. Ferguson (Shannon) PhD, beloved mother, loving grandmother, and award-winning educator, passed away on March 19, 2021. Born October 7th, 1955 in Lafayette, Indiana, Kathy was determined from a young age to better herself and better the world around her.

At 18 she enlisted in the Army and served in military intelligence. After meeting her husband, giving birth to her daughters, Bernetta and Celeste, and teaching them to read, Kathy discovered her life's work and went back to school to get her Bachelor's in Education. While continuing to be an officer's wife and raise her girls, she went on to get her Master's and became a Reading Specialist working at all levels, elementary up to high school. She later completed her PhD in Educational Leadership. Throughout her decades in education, her sharp wit, tenacious work ethic, and above all her compassion and desire to help vulnerable students earned Kathy respect and love. This dedication to her students was fully recognized when she was named the district teacher of the year for secondary education.

At home she created a warm, open space in her family for those in need, whether they be 2 or 4 legged. She adored spending time with her grandchildren. Whether making up lessons for them, going to the zoo, riding bikes or sledding, every moment she spent with them was one of the best of her life. She loved and lived enthusiastically.

Kathy is survived by her daughters Bernetta and Celeste, daughter-in-law Jasmine, son-in-law Steve, 4 grandchildren Lavinia, Hadrian, Cambria and Ilithia, numerous treasured cousins, and the scores of found family she loved throughout her years.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, March 30 at 5:00pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6110 NW Loop 410. We ask that you wear a mask if attending the service.

Donations in her honor to SNIPSA would be appreciated.

