



## Constance "Connie" Murphy Hatfield

July 30, 1934 - March 16, 2019

Constance "Connie" Murphy Hatfield, 84, a long-time resident of LaPlace and Norco, LA, passed away Saturday, March 16, 2019.

Constance Janet Joiner was born July 30, 1934 in Cotton, GA, the daughter of Hershel and Eloise Joiner. She was a graduate of Andrew College in Cuthbert, GA, class of 1953 and Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA, class of 1973 & 1974 where she earned both her Bachelor of Arts and Master's degrees in Early Childhood Education. She married Norton Hendry Murphy in 1953 and they made their home in many places starting in Mount Pleasant, GA, Murfreesboro, TN, Atlanta, GA, Panama City, FL, and then settled in LaPlace, LA in 1969. After Norton passed in 1989, Connie married Thomas "Tommy" B. Hatfield of Norco, LA, in 1993. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaPlace.

Connie taught Kindergarten at LaPlace Elementary for 20 years from 1975 until her retirement in 1995 where she was beloved by both parents and students alike. She enjoyed traveling and visited most of the 50 states and many European countries over the years. Connie was grounded in her faith and devotion in the United Methodist Church, which carried her through many rough and difficult times. Devoted to her family, she loved hosting large family gatherings. She was truly blessed and had a wonderful smile that could light up a room.

Survivors include her husband, Tommy Hatfield of Norco, LA; her three children, Norton "Tony" Murphy Jr. and his wife, Kushmala, of LaPlace, LA,

Teresa "Terri" Murphy of LaPlace, LA, and Kelly Murphy Gifford and her husband, Gerald, of Cumming, GA; two sisters June Green of Shelby, NC, and Gloria Murphy of Bainbridge, GA; and seven grandchildren, Misty and Charles Milioto, Rafferty and Rylie Gifford, Uttra, Gansham and Somraj Ri and seven great grandchildren who brought her much joy throughout the years. She will be missed by Tommy's children Tom, Jim, Glen, Dan and Bob Hatfield along with their spouses, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, Connie was preceded in death by her first husband, Norton. H. Murphy, Sr. and sister, Nancy Hickey of Camilla, GA.

The visitation will be held at Millet Guidry Funeral Home, 2806 W. Airline Hwy., LaPlace on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and at First United Methodist Church, 301 Bamboo Rd., LaPlace on Thursday, March 21, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with the service to immediately follow at 1:00 p.m.

A visitation will be held at Sutton Chapel United Methodist Church, 3942 Vada Rd. (Hwy 97), Bainbridge, GA on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Graveside Service to immediately follow in the Sutton Chapel Cemetery.

Please consider a donation in her memory to the National Kidney Foundation, 8200 Hampson St, Suite 425, New Orleans, LA 70118 or the American Diabetes Association, P. O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215.

# Cemetery Details

## Sutton Chapel Cemetery

3942 Vada Rd. (Hwy 97)  
Bainbridge, GA 39817

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Millet Guidry Funeral Home  
2806 W Airline Hwy  
Laplace, LA 70068  
(985) 536-7700  
info@milletguidry.com  
<https://www.milletguidry.com>

## Visitation

MAR 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
301 Bamboo Road  
LaPlace, LA 70068

## Service

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MAR **21**. 1:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
301 Bamboo Road  
LaPlace, LA 70068

## Visitation

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MAR **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sutton Chapel United Methodist Church  
3942 Vada Rd. (Hwy 97)  
Bainbridge, GA 39817

# Tribute Wall



“ *Constance "Connie" Murphy Hatfield*

October 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *I just saw this notice about Connie. We worked together at LaPlace Elementary for 10 years. She was a lovely person and a wonderful teacher. I am so sorry to hear of her passing and send sympathy to her family.*

**FRANCES JOLLEY** - April 13, 2019 at 01:25 PM



“ *I pray God's strength for the family, for friends, all those associated & connected to Ms. Connie. I had the Pleasure to serve Ms. Connie here @ Summerfiled in Hammond LA. Her smile would light up the room & the Love you could see in her eyes... You are & will continued to be missed.  
Rest in JESUS Ms. Connie💕💕💕*

**Sharon Brooks** - March 22, 2019 at 06:50 AM



*Thank you so very much for all you did for my mom. Your kind words are comforting to us. Terri Murphy*

**Terri Murphy** - March 24, 2019 at 10:37 PM

RR

“ Rhonda Ruffin sent a virtual gift in memory of Constance "Connie" Murphy Hatfield



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**Rhonda Ruffin** - March 19, 2019 at 07:40 PM

WP

*My condolences to family and friends, may she RIP with God forever and ever Amen 🙏🙏🙏*

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**Willie Peranio** - March 22, 2019 at 02:58 PM



*Thank you!!*

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**Terri Murphy** - March 24, 2019 at 10:38 PM

RR

“ Rhonda Ruffin lit a candle in memory of Constance "Connie" Murphy Hatfield

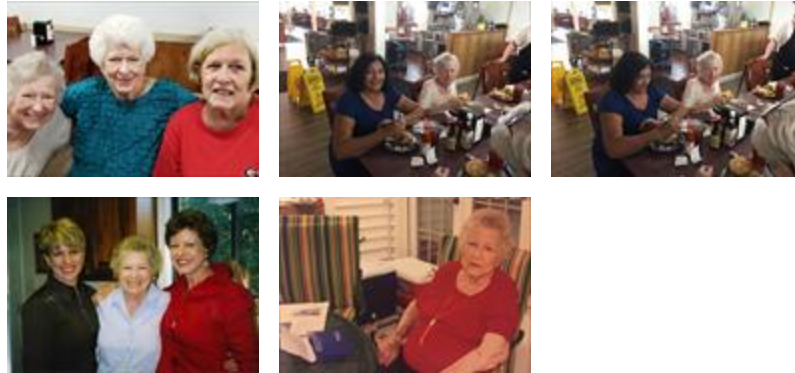


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**Rhonda Ruffin** - March 19, 2019 at 07:37 PM

RR

“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Rhonda Ruffin** - March 19, 2019 at 06:05 PM

RR

*Tony, Terri and Kelly, I am so sorry for the loss of your amazing mother, and my Aunt. I have always loved her and all of you so much and I always will. It is very important to me that all of us continue to keep in touch and stay close to each other. We have so many memories that we share from over the years and we can create many, many more if we work together. This was something that was always important to her and she always made every effort to make it happen.*

*I will never forget how excited she was when I graduated with my degree in education. Gloria and I made the trip to LaPlace from Bainbridge, GA and we filled my car with all kinds of teaching materials. Even though she had retired by this time, it was easy and exciting to see how much she had loved the children she had taught over the years and to understand the positive impact she certainly made in their lives.*

*I will miss her very much and never forget all that she meant to me.*

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**Rhonda Ruffin** - March 19, 2019 at 07:34 PM

MB

“ Tony, Terry and Kelly I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. I remember living next door to y'all in Laplace and she was the sweetest lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Marcia Roland Bonanno

Marcia Roland Bonanno - March 19, 2019 at 02:41 PM

VS

“ This was one of the most gentle and warm woman I have ever known. I love you Connie, always will. I will see you again one day. In Christ our savior, Virginia Sanders.

Virginia Sanders - March 19, 2019 at 10:04 AM

DG

“ Terry and Kelly,  
I am so sorry to hear about your Mom's passing. My brother was quick to pass on the news and what sad news, indeed. She was such a sweet lady and so nice to all us at Church during my years with the church and Choir. Know that she will always be in your heart and soul, guiding you until you come home again.  
Denise Goldman

Denise Goldman - March 19, 2019 at 09:42 AM

GM

“ GIpria Murphyatt.met lit a candle in memory of Constance "Connie" Murphy Hatfield



glporia murphyatt.met - March 18, 2019 at 11:18 PM

GM

*I loved my sister so very much and we always had good times together. Even tho she lived far away we always kept in touch. I will miss her so very much. She was always laughing and happy when we were able to be together. When we were younger you use to share and dress in each others clothes. I well miss her laugh so much. I know that you are with GOD now because you loved HIM so much. Good by for now, hope to see you later.*

*Your Sister/*

*Gloria*

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**gloria murphy** - March 18, 2019 at 11:32 PM

DU

*I am so sorry for your loss. Ms Connie was greatly loved and had a profound impact on those of us privileged to have known her. She will be greatly missed. Sending prayers and love.*

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**Debbie Upton** - March 19, 2019 at 09:32 AM

LP

*I am so sad to hear of the passing of such a sweet and wonderful lady. Mrs. Connie was my son's 1st grade teacher and what an amazing teacher she was! My prayers and deepest condolences to Mr. Tommy, Terri, and all of her wonderful family. God bless Mrs Connie.*

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**Lisa Millet Poncia** - March 19, 2019 at 11:31 AM

MR

*Tony, Terri, Kelly and family, we are so sad about the passing of your mother. She was the sweetest woman who always made us feel loved. Our prayers are with you during this time. Michael and Shirley Roland.*

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**Michael Roland** - March 19, 2019 at 03:12 PM

CH

*I was so very sorry to read of Connie's passing. I worked with Connie teaching kindergartners at LaPlace Elementary. She was such a pleasure to work with, always happy and positive. She was a wonderful kindergarten teacher that was loved by her students and their parents. Many prayers for comfort and peace.*

*Sincerely,  
Carla Hellmers*

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**Carla B. Hellmers** - June 28, 2019 at 02:31 AM



*Thank you for all your sweet comments. We miss her so much but know she is at peace and is with her Lord.*

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**Terri Murphy** - November 25, 2019 at 01:36 PM