



## Susan Teddy LaFollette

May 10, 1946 - November 17, 2010

Susan "Sue" LaFollette, 64, a 17 year Wenatchee area resident, passed away on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 at Central Washington Hospital, following an extended illness.

She was born on May 10, 1946 in Seattle, the daughter of the late Thomas and Kerube (Steensland) Bromley. She spent her early years growing up in the North Seattle area prior to the family moving to Bellevue when she was a young girl. There she was able to enjoy having her own horse, "Peanuts" on their land. She attended Bellevue schools, Highland Jr. High and graduated from Bellevue High School in 1964. While in high school, Sue worked in the summers as a Camp Counselor at the Spirit Lake Episcopal Church Camp. Following high school, she continued her education at Whitman College in Walla Walla where she was a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority. She enjoyed being one of the only girls that had a car, her 1951 Nash, affectionately known as "Spud", a car she has today. She transferred to the University of Washington, where she received her B.A. in 1968, later earning her Master Degree in Speech Communications and Education. Following her graduation, her first teaching job brought her to Wenatchee, where she went to work at Eastmont High School. She met Robert Michael "Mick" LaFollette while in Wenatchee and they were later married on June 10, 1970 at Bellevue, Washington. They made their first home together in Spokane for one year before moving to Bellevue, where she became a Teacher at Bellevue High School. Sue became the Head of the English Department, taught Speech,

Literature, Debate and Humanities A.P. classes. Following her retiring, they moved to make their home in Wenatchee in 1996. They have since remained in the Wenatchee Valley.

She was a passionate teacher and a coach with the school debate teams. She enjoyed the outdoors, going to the ocean, fly fishing, gardening, parks, motorcycles, snowmobiling and boating. She had always been an avid dog lover.

She is survived by her husband, Robert M. "Mick" LaFollette, Wenatchee; two step-daughters and their husbands, Renee' & Larry Caudle, Dryden and Dana & Rob Cox, Kent; her sister-in-law, Carolyn (John) Sprout, Wenatchee, her close friend & caregiver, Betsy Peirce, Wenatchee and five step-grandchildren, Rachael and Haley Caudle both of Dryden, Mitchell, Madison and Jacob Cox all of Kent. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Heritage Memorial Chapel on Wednesday, November 24th at 1:00 p.m. with Chaplain Scott Langager officiating. You are invited to sign in, leave a message and view photographic memories of Sue by visiting [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) . Friends who wish may make memorial donations in her name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Arrangements are in care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mrs. Lafollette was my favorite teacher in High School. Her humor and wit made my classes with her fun. She wrote an incredible recommendation for me which I credit to admitting me into Amherst College. Her kindness to me, underlying her sarcastic wit and humor, kept me going through High School. I wish I could have told her this while she was living but my life took many twists and turns so I never got back in contact with her. Anyway, thank you Mrs. Lafollette for your wonderful teaching and presence and influence on my life.*

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**Charlene Oh Ronquillo** - December 07, 2021 at 12:33 AM

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“*You are remembered well by me as well as others in my family, both my sisters, Nicole (BHS 1988) and Shannon (BHS 1995), were in your classes. You have made an impact and will continue to in my life as well as my children. I push them to do well and think. Because of you, English, Reading and Philosophy are my favorite subjects and I look for the underlying meaning.*

*Thank you ever so much!*

*Mary (Newsum) Yoho  
BHS Class of 1995*

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**Mary Yoho** - December 02, 2010 at 02:35 AM

JS

“ It was many years ago, but I still remember Mrs. LaFollette as one of the spunkiest teachers I had at Bellevue High. Her enthusiasm and teaching skill made an impact, and I went on to major in English and have a career in communications. Know that Sue made a difference! God bless you all.

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**Julie Fornia Saathoff** - November 28, 2010 at 04:36 AM

BR

“ Bob, You and Susan spent so many years serving others. You are a strong person and you will continue impact people in a positive way. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bruce, from your BHS Family!

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**Bruce Robinson** - November 23, 2010 at 01:33 PM

LM

“ Bob and Family,  
It was such a pleasure to get reacquainted with Sue at Bellevue High School, where we went to school together in the 60's and worked together in the 90's. You were both such dynamic teachers, with great influence on your students - you made a terrific team together. Sue will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was truly a remarkable person. My best to you all.  
Linda Larson Myers

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**Linda Larson Myers** - November 23, 2010 at 11:43 AM

AR

“ Dear Bob, I was saddened to hear of Susan's passing. I remember the last time I saw her here in Chelan she was enjoying our memories of "rebel rousing" at the staff meetings. You two have always been the best of the best. I will miss her.

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**Ann Rees** - November 23, 2010 at 10:48 AM

JS

“ Dear Bob and family,

*I struggle to find the words to convey the influence Susan had on my life. I got a good grade on my very first college essay, and Susan deserves a lot of the credit for that -- her class prepared me so well for college, but also for life. Almost 20 years later, I still recall things I learned in her class, and I will never forget the way she challenged me to raise "a mental sweat" in my academic work. To this day, "The Great Gatsby" remains one of my favorite books and that is largely because of her. I can't read it without hearing her voice, or picturing her leading us in discussion about it.*

*You and your family remain in my thoughts and prayers. Susan's life was a gift to so many, and I will treasure my memories of her.*

*Fondly,  
Jeanne Sharp  
Bellevue High School '94*

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**Jeanne Sharp** - November 23, 2010 at 10:42 AM

CC

“ *Bob (and family),  
It's so hard to know what to say. I have often thought of you and Sue since I graduated from BHS in '93, and didn't stay in touch like I intended to.*

*Sue was one of my favorite teachers in high school. I remember how fast her wit was, how encouraging she was to me, and how she tossed koosh balls at students who weren't paying attention. Probably wouldn't get away with that now :) She was one of the reasons I was an English minor in college. Every class with her was an adventure.*

*Bob, I wish I could be there with you on the 24th, but know that I am with you in spirit. And I hope when you are feeling up to it, drop me an email, or call 425-283-9130*

*begin\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting 425-283-9130 end\_of\_the\_skype\_highlighting. I would love to catch up.*

*I'm sending you big hugs, and my love, from here in Pullman.*

*Casey Choate, BHS class of 1993*

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**Casey Choate** - November 22, 2010 at 12:31 PM

CA

“ *Bob and family,  
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this very difficult time.*

*Camille~*

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**Camille Aumell** - November 22, 2010 at 06:25 AM

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“ *A very special lady and very special husband. Two people to be admired. She was a joy to be around. At peace now. She will be missed at the rod runs. Our thoughts and prayers to Mick and family.*

*Denny and Sandy English*

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**Dennis English** - November 22, 2010 at 02:36 AM

KM

“ *Bob,  
People say "time heals", but unfortunately it doesn't. It does, however, create a scar to cover the hurt and allow us to go on with our lives. You gave Sue your love, time, and caring. Your love was obvious by the way you did everything you could to enrich her life during her long illness. May your memories bring you comfort through the difficult times. Karen and Jack*

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**Karen and Jack McFall** - November 20, 2010 at 01:49 PM