



Loyce Lee (Brown) Collenback PhD

November 24, 1934 - September 12, 2020

Loyce Lee (Brown) Collenback PhD passed away on September 12, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas. She was born on November 24, 1934 in Tyler, Texas to Glynne Brown M.D. and Evelyn Via Brown. Mrs. Collenback was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William G. "Bill" Collenback; sisters, Joyce Wiley and Evelyn Squyres. She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Koncak (Randy); sons, Glynne Collenback (Helen) and David Collenback; 9 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 10:00am at Western Hills Christian Church. Interment will follow at Mission Retama Cemetery. The funeral service will be broadcasted live on Facebook at Western Hills Christian Church San Antonio. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Western Hills Christian Church Collenback Youth Fund.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH
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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230
(210) 349-1414

Cemetery Details

Mission Retama Cemetery

15940 Lookout Road
San Antonio, TX 78202
(210) 967-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I had Dr. Collenback in spring 1965 at Lee for Analytical Geometry (they weren't teaching calculus in high school at that time). I must admit she spoiled me with her teaching of math because when I took my first classes of calculus and analyt at university, I realized that my profs were not as good as she and my desire to major in math was quashed. She will be sorely missed.

Dr Doug Hall - November 04, 2022 at 05:45 PM

DN

“ 1 file added to the album Dr. Collenback



Dat Nguyen - September 24, 2020 at 02:12 AM

BB

“ Doctor Collenback taught almost all of my generation as well as my parent's generation, and taught us well and with a dry sense of humor. She will be missed.

Brian Bankler - September 21, 2020 at 04:51 PM

KW

“ Dr. Collenback was an outstanding math teacher - her calculus course was more advanced than the first year of calculus at Rice U. We learned things from he that came up in 200-level courses! She really cared if we understood the material and put time into making the difficult concepts clear. And she had a wry sense of humor. Yes, math humor.

This is a huge loss, but her spirit will live on in all of her lucky students.

Kyle Wagner - September 19, 2020 at 07:42 PM

RJ

“ Loyce was a dedicated Board member of the Disciples Outreach to the Mentally Ill (DOMI. Inc). She served as Treasurer for many years and at her retirement was named Treasurer Emeritus. Loyce made frequent trips to our DOMI halfway house in Austin and to our seventeen unit duplex unit, Bud O`Keefe, located in San Antonio. Her commitment to provide safe and comfortable housing to the recovering mentally ill was exemplary..

Robert L. Jones, DOMI, Inc Chair

Robert Jones - September 18, 2020 at 04:16 PM

RS

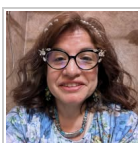
“ Such a wonderful person who inspired generations of students, including myself, to be more than we could imagine, almost forty years later, I can still hear her voice, and remember trying to keep up with her work on the chalk board - still the fastest chalk board writer I've ever run across. Thank you to her family for sharing this wonderful lady with all of the knuckleheads at Lee - she inspired generations of students and through those of us who passed through her class, she helped change the world.

Robert Sanderson - September 17, 2020 at 10:02 PM

BA

“ Dr. Collenback was such an inspiration that calculus soon became my favorite school subject. The experience led me to take advanced calc in college, which, after her example, was an inevitable disappointment. Her course combined rigor and clarity with enough good humor that she allowed us to take time off for a calculus-themed party during class time. Although I went on to become a musician, math and the clarity of thought she instilled remain an important part of my life to this day.

Bill Alves - September 17, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ Doc. Collenback was a legend and giant in my mind. She taught me PreCalculus at Lee. I strived for perfection in her class and she raised the bar and challenged us to reach for it. I went on to get my PhD in Mechanical Engineering and work for 21 years now at NASA. She wrote the recommendation that allowed me to attend the Texas Academy of Math and Science after her class where I was able to take Linear Algebra and Multivariable Calculus before I graduated 12th grade. She scheduled a tour to visit an engineering lab so we could see how math is used in the real world. My sister had her class too as did my Brother. My sister is now a Sr Chemical Engineer at Valero (for 23 years) and my brother is the only music conductor I know who took Calculus 3 and Differential Equations in college for fun. Doc Collenback is legend status is our eyes, was an amazing teacher, and is no doubt shining down over us from the heavens in the night sky as the very bright star she has always been. My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

Laurie Carrillo - September 17, 2020 at 01:24 AM

DD

“ *The first time I met you was at your beloved husband’s funeral. Your daughter, Sharon, is a dear friend of mine. I remember sharing my impressions with Sharon, wishing I had known your husband and wanting to get to know you. It is my great loss. However, I have gotten to know the people that you love. You raised an amazing family. You are obviously a source of strength and inspiration to everyone Blessed to know you. You leave behind amazing people who open their hearts and homes graciously. They are genuine, intelligent and loving. What a wonderfully lucky lady you were. Your greatest legacy is a family that loves each other and cares for one another. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS FOREVER*
Dawn Delgado

Dawn Delgado - September 17, 2020 at 01:20 AM

JU

“ To my other Mother,
For that is who you were to me.
There will never be another,
Who saw what you could see.

I felt like I'd come home,
And my children too;
No longer did we roam,
Struggling to “fit”, “try” and “do.”

I always was in awe,
Of your kindness, poise and grace.
You truly lived God's law,
Displayed upon your face.

The world's a little dimmer now,
But heaven's gained a star.
And when I wonder why and how,
You'll answer where you are.

I always had a saying,
About you dear mum,
You were, and always will be;
a woman among women.

Julieanna - September 17, 2020 at 12:03 AM

PT

“ Mrs. Collenbach was my absolute FAVORITE teacher at Lee!!! I was fortunate to have her for math for four years. She wrote a wonderful scholarship recommendation for me that I still have. Heaven is a better place with her there!

Pamela Robinson Tedman - September 16, 2020 at 10:35 PM

MM

“ Loyce was a very good friend, and an important asset to the local American Association of University Women (AAUW). She was treasurer and financial advisor to the local AAUW branch, and also served on the board of AAUW Texas. A wonderful hostess, she invited branch board members several years ago to an over-night planning session at their ranch south of San Antonio. She will be remembered fondly by many of her AAUW friends.

Condolences to her family and friends,

Mynda Holman McGuire

Mynda Holman McGuire - September 16, 2020 at 06:12 PM

MS

“ We spent many years enjoying the friendship of Loyce at Western Hills Christian Church. She was an every Sunday attender and greeter with her wonderful smile. Always ready to take on any task and to encourage all of us to share in the work of the church. Through her leadership, the church grew and served the community well.

We are grateful for the blessing of having known Loyce and her husband Bill.

W.D. & Mary Scott

Mary Scott - September 16, 2020 at 01:13 PM

CP

“ My 8 years of teaching speech/drama at Lee High School were some of the best years of my life. Loyce was there before I arrived and after I left. It is so wonderful to read the tributes from her former students. I can assure you that she was admired not only by her students, but by her fellow teachers as well. She will be remembered for many years to come as the epitome of great teaching.

Carole Crouch Parker

Carole Crouch Parker - September 16, 2020 at 11:35 AM

VG

Mrs. Collenback was one of the fabulous math teachers I was so fortunate to have had at Lee HS. For me, she inspired learning and excellence that I've always remembered. Condolences to her family and may she Rest In Peace.

*Val Gavito
Lee Class of 1966*

Val Gavito - September 16, 2020 at 06:18 PM

MP

“ Dr. Collenback was a teacher that excelled at connecting with us, her students, and made Calculus and math actually enjoyable for many of us. She was also a caring, supportive, encouraging woman who, perhaps unknowingly, was a role model for me as a girl. She inspired so many and I never felt science and math careers were beyond my gender's reach. She truly was the best teacher I ever had. We lost a wonderful person, educator, and mentor with her passing. May her family and friends find a small comfort in the knowledge that she had an extremely positive impact on so many of us, her student, when we needed it during those tough high school years. She will be missed dearly.

Melissa Peffers - September 16, 2020 at 11:26 AM

BL

Nicely written. I was lucky enough to be her student, then later a colleague. She was a wonderful professional and positive role model.

Betsy Landry - September 16, 2020 at 09:01 PM

SR

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. My heart is with you during this difficult time. Dr. Collenback was a wonderful person and an inspiration to generations of students.*

Stephen Riden - September 16, 2020 at 11:16 AM

KP

“ *As I read the other tributes to Mrs. Collenback, I can add nothing to the accolades except to make them go on as long as the explanation of pi. I had Mrs. Collenback for Science at Lee in the mid 60's. She was such an inspiration for me and she is one of the first teachers to ever tell me I was talented. I think I still have that report where I drew a volcano exploding and she wrote those kind words. I've thought many times of that statement that she made to that insecure student. I can still see her standing at the chalkboard and I remember me being mesmerized at the way she wrote out an explanation. I knew then that she was MIGHTY smart. My sincere condolences go to her family. You can be proud of her lasting legacy. May God give you peace.
Kathy Kenagy Perales, Robert El. Lee '65.*

Kathy Perales - September 16, 2020 at 01:24 AM

RG

“ I had Dr. Collenback for accelerated Geometry, Trigonometry/Analytical Geometry and Calculus my Freshmen, Junior and Senior years, respectively at Lee High School. All of this hard work set me up for doing well in the Civil Engineering program at the University of Texas at Austin.

I have served as President of the Dallas Branch of the American Society of Civil Engineers (1000+ members). I am now a Professional Engineer and own and operate a Civil Engineering firm in Dallas, Texas. My professional reputation is of utmost importance to me.

Often I think of Dr. Collenback. She left an indelible mark mark on my life in a very good way. She caught me cheating on a take home Calculus exam that was supposed to be on our honor (no collaboration, only independent work, and she gave us 3+weeks to finish it). I have regretted doing that do this day (I am now 61 years old}. It was a good lesson to learn, not necessarily out a book. She was the right person to teach it to me. One that I did not learn until my Senior year. But just in time, before I moved out into the big, bad world.

I am sure Dr. Collenback could have made loads of money some where other than a public school. I can't thank her enough for being there at Lee High School in 1977. I love her and will never forget her.

Sincerely,

*Richard W. Gee, P.E.
Class of 1977
Robert E. Lee High School
Coppell, Texas*

Richard Gee - September 15, 2020 at 11:40 PM

BR

“ *Dr. Collenback was my Calculus teacher. I was a real math nerd in high school and absolutely loved her class. She was the first person in my life to encourage my love for math. I will always remember her encouragement and kind words as I decided to major in math in college. My condolences to her family.*

Brenda - September 15, 2020 at 11:29 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Loyce Lee (Brown) Collenback PhD.*



September 15, 2020 at 11:06 PM

KA

“ *Such a good teacher. She made learning fun and I always looked forward to her class. So sorry about her passing:(
Karen Burns, DVM
Lee class '90*

karen - September 15, 2020 at 10:00 PM

BA

“ *Dr. Collenback was my calculus teacher at Lee HS. We students were always so impressed by her amazing intelligence, and she was able to help us master a very difficult subject. I'm so sorry to hear of her loss.*

Ben Adler - September 15, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ I met Loyce through AAUW where she served as Treasurer for both San Antonio and Texas. She was an inspiration. Even though I was an adult, I felt like one of her students....learning from her. Earning Dr. Collenback's respect was important. She was an amazing woman.

Malinda Gaul - September 15, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ I graduated from Lee n 1976 and Mrs. Collenback as we called her in those days was an amazing teacher. Her calculus class included the top students in the senior class - I struggled in her class but she wouldn't let me quit. She encouraged me and challenged me. She was tough but so kind and always professional. Taking college business calculus was a breeze after the rigors of her class! You have my deepest sympathy for you loss.

Laura Dielmann Davies - September 15, 2020 at 07:45 PM



“ Loyce was my math department head and inspiration for what became a long, meaningful math teaching career for me. She and Bill headed a tennis league for teachers that I enjoyed and played with them, as well as attending sporting events at UTSA with them. Having the math department out to their river house for an annual get-together was such a welcome event and treat. One of my blessings for decades was receiving the annual Christmas card and letter from Loyce and Bill, then Loyce. Loyce made a big difference to many people for many reasons. Among the many things I will remember the most will be her dedication to students and colleagues, her great love of her family and their accomplishments, and the smiles on her and Bill's faces every time I saw them together. I will miss you, my friend. My condolences to all whom she touched. Until we meet again, rest in peace.

Ron Simms - September 15, 2020 at 06:10 PM

JD

“ My condolences go out to Lois's family. Loyce was my friend and we played many tennis matches together. We also played bridge and she was a member of the Money Matters Two investment club. No only did Lois play tennis. but she played golf and was an accomplished bowler. She was truly a renaissance woman. I am sorry her obituary didn't mention her brilliant career as an educator at Robert E. Lee High School. I am sure she had great influence on the students that she taught. I recently lost two other tennis friends that knew Loyce. I hope they are playing some heavenly tennis matches now. Rest in Peace, Loyce .

June Deckard - September 15, 2020 at 05:40 PM

JL

“ Dr. Collenbach was my calc teacher senior year 84/85. She was such an outstanding teacher and I have fond memories of my time in her class. She was truly one of a kind. Sad to see her go. Wishing peace and comfort to her loved ones.

Jay Lathen - September 15, 2020 at 05:24 PM

PF

“ Loyce was my dear friend and colleague in the mathematics teaching profession. She excelled in every way, from organizing national mathematics teachers' conferences held here in San Antonio to teaching trigonometry from the textbook I wrote—better than I could teach from it! Her effectiveness is witnessed by the compliments her former students have written about her. Best wishes to family and friends.

Paul Foerster

Paul Foerster - September 15, 2020 at 02:43 PM

LA

“ Doc Collenback was my Pre-Calculus and Calculus teacher in the early 0's. She taught us so much more than math. She was always available to help students succeed and really instilled a growth mindset in us. A wonderful educator, she will be missed.

Laura - September 15, 2020 at 10:59 AM

MC

“ Dr. Collenback, along with very few teachers from my high school days, epitomized what greatness a teacher can be. Through my days as a student, then through my children's school days, I have not seen any teacher more dedicated than Dr. Collenback.

I will be forever grateful for having been her student at one time. She invested in her students and saw potentials in all of her kids. Thank you, Dr. Collenback, in believing in all of her students. RIP

Marian Chen-Hah - September 14, 2020 at 10:03 PM

AM

“ Mrs. Collenback was the sweetest, most caring person I knew. A smart woman who I had the pleasure to get to know. Prayers for her family and she will never be forgotten she left a place in my heart.

Amber - September 14, 2020 at 09:42 PM

JS

“ She was my teacher 42 years ago. I learned so much more than Analytical Geometry and Calculus in her class. I loved her incredibly dry, droll sense of humor. She didn't suffer fools - and we were quite often fools! She made you work hard, and it was worth it. RIP & Thank You

John Sweeney - September 14, 2020 at 09:41 PM

BP

“ *RIP*

Our son. Michael J. Peffers, said he would have been in deep trouble at West Point had it not been for Dr. Collenback.

Bob Peffers - September 14, 2020 at 03:36 PM

RM

“ *Loyce was such a wonderful caring person. She always had a smile for you. I.m glad she is at peace. My heart goes out to all the family. God bless all of you. Ruth Marler*

Ruth M. Marler - September 14, 2020 at 10:37 AM