



# **Margaret E. "Maggie" Lassiter**

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**M**argaret Elizabeth "Maggie" Lassiter, 61 years young, Eustis, Florida, passed away on August 25, 2015 in her home after a long courageous battle with cancer.

She was born in Chicopee, Massachusetts on June 29, 1954 she was the fourth daughter born to Richard and Helena Bernier.

Maggie was an inspiration of life. She married the love of her life, Michael Andrew Lassiter, 30 years ago. She achieved her masters degree in education and served her community as a teacher for Lake County Florida for 27 years. Maggie was a teacher on and off the field, shaping the hearts and minds of many.

Maggie is survived by her son Jason Griffin Linkous, his wife April, and grandchildren Karson (12), Karley (6), Kane (5). Husband Mike, mother Helena, and 7 wonderful and loyal siblings. 5 sisters and 2 brothers.

Maggie was a woman with great determination for life and a warm loving compassion for all of God's creatures.

There will be a gathering at the family home, 21211 Reedy Road, Eustis, on Sunday, August 30th at Noon.

We love you to the moon and back Meme'





## Events


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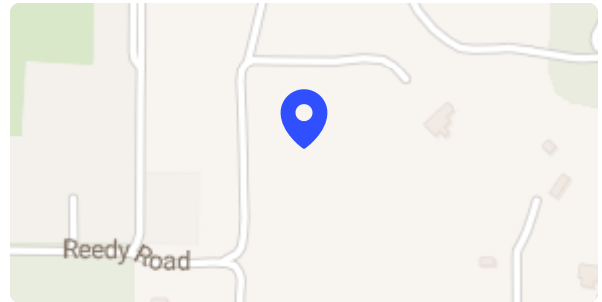
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### Gathering

 **Sunday**, August 30, 2015

 12:00 PM ET

 **Family home**  
21211 Reedy Road, Eustis FL 32736

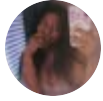




## Tribute Wall

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**Zykeriah Siler** posted:

I love and miss you everyday... sometimes I just wish I could see you again and talk to you and hold your hand.. I miss my favorite teacher, you always said how much you always wanted a daughter and just wished you could adopt me lol, but that's ok I call you mama for a reason. Sometimes I talk to you or really the sky because I know that's where you are.. one day we'll meet again. I just wish I could find you wherever you are in the world and just read to you and tell you everything.. I was coming back to Florida just for you to tell you how Georgia was but I was a few days late, it broke my heart but years later I'm doing ok, I graduated and I'm trying to be the best I could be.. imma miss you mama but until next time❤️ your Zy

January 18 at 4:33 AM



**Louise Tipping** posted:

Mike and Jason I am so sorry and shocked to learn of Maggie's passing just today. You won't remember me but I stayed with your family as part of the English Wilberforce College exchange in the 1990s with the high school Maggie taught at and I have treasured for over 25 years the happy memories of the warm welcome you all gave me. I saw in the school how loved Maggie was, such an inspirational teacher. She was so much fun. I remember how she adored you both, made you chillislaw dogs your favourite! and she was so proud of you Jason and your baseball! We lost touch but thinking of her always cheered me up. I hope you have both found comfort in the many loving words here from so many people whose lives she touched.

March 4 at 1:59 PM



**Kelly** posted:

Jason, I am so sorry. I was just told about your mom. I have no words for the pain you are going through. I want you to know that she was such an impact on my life and an amazing woman. I have always loved her.

October 9 at 8:59 PM



**Opitz-French** posted:

Maggie, Maggie, Margaret, Margarita. That smile, laugh, energy and devotion to your family as well as "your" children that have passed through your classroom doors will be in our memories. Love you Mags - Frenchie & Patti

August 30 at 1:45 PM



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**Latasha Tanner** posted:

My prayers are with your family I want you to know you inspired me to become a teacher and I'm so sad the world lost a Great teacher thank you for being you. You will be deeply missed

August 30 at 1:24 PM



**Zy'keriah Siler** October 17 at 8:34 AM

Mrs. Lassiter was my 6th grade reading teacher and I shared so many memories with her. I think about her all the time and I could just remember her holding my hand and talking to me. She was that one teacher I could connect with and she told me practically everything. She told us about her son Jason and a trick about his name like July August September October and November and I remember when it was around Christmas and she gave me a book. I read it all the time. It was 2011-2012. Before I left she said she was diagnosed with cancer and it broke my heart. I miss her sooo much. She was my #1 teacher and still is.



**Debbie Stivender** posted:

Mike and family, my prayers for comfort during this difficult time. Maggie was an unbelievable teacher and woman who touched so many lives. My daughter Jamie had Maggie as a teacher and never forgot what a wonderful person she was! God Bless and keep you all during this time and thank you for sharing her with us...she made us all better! Debbie Stivender

August 30 at 11:10 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Arrive in Style to the Lassiter family.



August 30 at 7:39 AM



**Joanne Keller** posted:

Mike, my deepest sympathy in the loss of Maggie. She is one of a kind and will be dearly missed by all of us. My heart holds each of your family members with thoughts and prayers for comfort, peace and knowing that she left behind a true legacy in all the children that she blessed with her teachings.

August 30 at 4:07 AM



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BA

**Ben Arthur** posted:

My heart hurts to know my absolute favorite teacher has passed. She is an inspiration to many and she is truly missed. She was a terrific role model and a great teacher. Thoughts and prayers to her loved ones. May she forever be remembered as the beautiful soul she was.

August 29 at 4:36 PM

JH

**Jim Hill** posted:

Mike, I am saddened for the loss of your best friend and soulmate. Having gotten to know Maggie over the years was a real treat. I certainly enjoyed her perspectives and she gave just enough sass to keep it all interesting.

August 29 at 1:42 PM

KA

**Katelyn** posted:

Ms. Lassiter was inspirational. She told me I could be anything I wanted to be. As I pursue my teaching degree, she has been on my mind. Her spunky personality and no nonsense attitude has always stuck with me. She was one of my favorite teachers and favorite people. She was truly life changing. I hope to be as monumental in my students' lives as she was in mine.

August 29 at 10:17 AM

RM

**Rene' Malacrida Mcquagge** posted:

Saddened to hear of Maggie's passing. She was a beautiful woman who I enjoyed spending time with at Jason's games in college. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this difficult time.

August 29 at 9:46 AM

TH

**Theda Heiserman** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

Maggie Lassiter was one of less than a handful of teachers that ever "got" my son. She was an inspiration to him and so many others...students, peers, parents and anyone she came into contact with. I remember seeing her as a "rogue" teacher as a parent from afar. I never appreciated that more than when my "rogue" child got her as a teacher! It's said that we never may know the true impact we leave on the world. If Maggie Lassiter had even an inkling, her heart must've been overflowing.



August 28 at 11:39 PM



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HS

**Heather Sammler** posted:

There are few people in life that make a lasting imprint on your heart. Mrs. Lassiter was one of those few. She could light up any room with her contagious smile and positive energy. I knew her as Mrs. Lassiter, my 6th grade teacher at Oak Park Middle School. Learning was never more fun. She put everything in to her teaching. Her door was always open for her students. We knew we could go to her for help and guidance in any situation. I found myself dropping in to see her often, even as I went on to 7th and 8th grades. I'd run in to her from time to time over the years in various places around town. It was if nothing had changed. She was still just as warm, still ever so delightful. She was a light here on Earth. Brightening the lives of any and all that she came in to contact with. I have never and will never forget her. She taught me way more than just English. She taught me about life. About nature. About compassion. I pray for her family and friends during this difficult time. She was so special and so dear to so many.

August 28 at 11:08 PM

JO

**Jean Opitz** posted:

To Mike and kids proud to be a cousin and will never forget Maggie's excitement of food and talent of preparation of it. She loved her family each and every one for their individual talent. Her love stays with us forever. May she rest in peace love you always cousin Jean O.

August 28 at 9:53 PM

CH

**Cassandra Hicks** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.



August 28 at 8:40 PM

MH

**Mary M Henderson** posted:

I remember and will never forget your thoughtfulness. And Your wonderful smile; Your smile would brighten a room; when someone was down or just needed a hand You were there. God bless you Margaret! May God comfort your sisters and brothers and especially Your mother through this great sadness. We will see You again and there will be a Great Celebration....I loved you and will love you forever.

August 28 at 5:56 PM



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**Sharilyn Scheiderer Lawrence** posted:

Jason: I have great memories of your mom in the house near the middle school! She always made us laugh:!) Thinking of you and your family

August 28 at 5:05 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Lassiter family.



August 28 at 1:31 PM



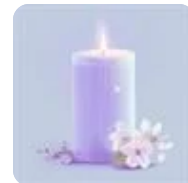
**Anonymous** sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Lassiter family.



August 28 at 1:27 PM



**Tracey Trambauer** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.



August 28 at 12:54 PM



**Tracey Trambauer** posted:

Loved Maggie! She said she received so much from my yoga teaching, but I actually received so much from her loving presence.

August 28 at 12:49 PM



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FL

**Freda Luevano** posted:

I was Maggie's proctor for 2 years in a row for FCAT. I loved every minute of it. Maggie had her own style of teaching that some just couldn't understand, I saw first hand how she loved her students and they loved her. We celebrated the end of FCAT with ice cream sundaes. Maggie loved the outdoors and nature when she planted her garden outside her classroom, it made me smile. My favorite was the sunflower just like Maggie. My friend you are truly experiencing "Amazing Grace." Maggie understands.

August 28 at 12:24 PM

DH

**Dave Henderson.** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

Margaret was my very first girlfriend. I used to dream about her all the time when we were kids. Such innocent days, you never forget your first love. I remember when my family moved from cherry point and traded "trolls" with each other to remind us of each other. I last saw Margaret at Disney World where she was driving the monorail. Her smile and face was radiant with beauty. I was deeply saddened because she had a boyfriend. The picture of Margaret I will carry with me to my grave is that smiling happy girl full of life driving that monorail. God bless the entire Bernier family. It was wonderful to grow up with you guys in our lives, and I want to express the condolences of the entire Henderson family. Stay strong and we will all be reunited one day in heaven, where the joy shall never end. Special greetings from my mom who was deeply saddened by Margaret's passing. Thank God we have hope in a loving Heavenly Father.



August 28 at 12:14 PM

MB

**Mary Bowman** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

Mike, What a blessing Maggie was to those she met along this journey. May God bless you and your family with many great memories and PEACE at this time. Mary Bowman



August 28 at 11:51 AM

BM

**Brenda Mulholland** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. Maggie was in my bunco group at one time. What a firecracker! You couldn't help but like her. I know she was a blessing to her students. May God give you comfort.

August 28 at 11:31 AM



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HC

**Honey Carey** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

August 28 at 9:12 AM



BS

**Becky Short** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

Mike - I am very sorry for your loss.

August 28 at 8:06 AM



IH

**Izzy Holcomb** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

August 28 at 7:20 AM



GS

**Gretchen Summers** posted:

I first met Maggie in August, 1996 when she was a six grade teacher at Oak Park Middle School. I believe it was her first teaching job. We grew to love Maggie that year due to her big heart and sunny disposition. Both of my daughters had Maggie as their sixth grade teacher at OPMS. I am so sorry for your loss, Mike. She was such a special person, and we will miss her.

August 28 at 5:15 AM

GA

**Ginger Adey** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

August 28 at 5:04 AM



GA

**Ginger Adey** posted:

So sorry for your loss Mike.

August 28 at 5:03 AM



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**Sandy And Carl Pettitt** posted:

Maggie you gave so much to so many! It is Heavens time to use your talents,your love, caring and happy personality. We will miss you and know your family and friends will be blessed with wonderful memories. Sandy and Carl Pettitt

August 28 at 4:35 AM



**Donna** posted:

Maggie was the one of the first people I met when I came back to Tavares Elementary, right from the start we were friends, two girls who like to color outside the lines. Miss you!

August 28 at 2:22 AM



**Kylie Flowers, Former Student** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Lassiter family.



August 27 at 10:18 PM



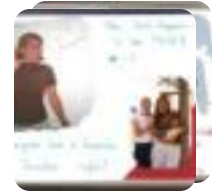
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**Kylie Flowers** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



The best teachers in this world leave their mark on us long after we've left the classroom. They are beyond passionate about education, instilling values into young minds, and possess a genuine interest in their students. I will never forget my 5th grade year in Mrs. Lassiter's class. She had such a zest for life and loved taking us outdoors for science projects and group experiments. She was a lover of all animals and we had two class pet bearded dragons. I fell in love with her positivity and her ability to relate with everyone. She taught us to stand up for what is right and to chase our dreams. To some it may sound cliché, but she truly inspired me to be the best version of myself. She was there for me after my mom passed away and taught me that it was okay to talk about feelings. She would let us stay in her classroom and spend time with her while cleaning up instead of going straight to the after-school program. She wrote me a letter when I graduated from high school and began a new chapter in college. Mrs. Lassiter absolutely radiated a light into everyone who entered her life. A special kind of light that positively impacts you years and years down the road. I know in my heart that this angel of a woman fulfilled her purpose on this earth tenfold. 15 years later, I find myself looking through an old scrapbook she had each of us create at the end of the school year. Sending prayers and love to her family and friends. I am so thankful to have known you Mrs. Lassiter -And I can't wait to see you again one day! Love, Kylie Flowers (5th grade student 2000-2001)

August 27 at 3:37 AM



**Annie Bernier-Akers** August 28 at 6:54 PM

Kylie, you have captured beautifully the essence of Maggie.



**Jeannette Phillips** sent an Engraved Tree Tag to the Lassiter family.



August 27 at 7:08 PM



**Jeannette Phillips** posted:

There are no words to express how sad I feel. Maggie was a force of nature, not afraid of anything. She taught me how to wash a floor, the right way. You can be assured that you touched and inspired many through the years. Love and Peace.

August 27 at 5:55 PM



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**Kathleen Saville** posted:

My love to Michael, Jason, April and the kids. I know you will have a hole in your lives. Hold on to all the good memories...speak of her often. I haven't lived near her in 45 years but enjoyed my visits to her farm! She introduced me to Zumba...and to the rimless glasses that I wear! My childhood memories have faded, I'm afraid, but remember she liked the Monkees! I am at peace with knowing that Margaret is in the loving arms of our Savior and that we all will be reunited one day. Love from us all, Kathleen, John, Christopher and Emily

August 27 at 5:40 PM



**Jeannette Phillips** shared an album called **Family Gathering Nov 2014.**



August 27 at 5:33 PM



**Dave Henderson.** August 28 at 12:30 PM

Such a fantastic family.



**Eduardo Pincay** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

I knew her as Mrs. Lassiter my 3rd grade teacher she was such a great person I moved to Orlando after fourth grade I always wanted to go back and visit her



August 27 at 5:15 PM



**Danny Harris Jr.** posted:

Rest in heaven Mrs Lassiter you were one of my favorite 6th grade teachers at Oak Park Middle School

August 27 at 4:57 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Lassiter family.



August 27 at 3:33 PM



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SH

**Stefanie Herb** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.



August 27 at 2:52 PM

SH

**Stefanie Herb** posted:

I will always have you in my heart my dear dear friend. May you feel incredible peace, joy and love dancing with the angels.

August 27 at 2:51 PM

TC

**Teresa Colon** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.



August 27 at 2:13 PM

SW

**Sherry Webster** posted:

Maggie your smile was always so contagious and working as your assistant was so much fun. The combination of you, Byron and Debbie couldn't be beat and you always made me feel an important part of the team. You touched so many lives and will be greatly missed. Prayers to Mike and family.  
Sherry Webster

August 27 at 2:05 PM

BL

**Brenda Leland** posted:

Maggie was such a fun spirit. I really enjoyed bowling with her in our Triangle Teacher's Bowling League. I know she was such an inspiration to all who knew her, especially to her students.

August 27 at 1:57 PM



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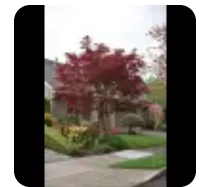
**Anne Bernier-Akers** posted:

My husband has asked who were my friends growing up? Coming from a large family, and being the third girl in the first group of four, my sisters were my friends, the Beatles, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy, JFK, the Temptations, Smokey Robinson and The Miracles, Atlantic Beach, Surf City, William Gaston Catholic High School, The Singing Nun, Julie Andrews, The Sound of Music, Help ... Memories of me and my friends, Mary, Kathleen and Margaret (Maggie), growing up. There were more happy times than sad and more constructive than bad. Maggie and I played "Barbies" together and when visiting sixth sister Patti, played "Beatles". Maggie knew how to make what we did exciting. We were never bored. The two of us would ride our bikes together on Saturday afternoons all over Jacksonville, NC. As we got older we helped each other as single moms, working, going to school and taking our children to their activities. Maggie was industrious and tenacious in her goals. She graduated with honors from Stetson and gave her son an example of a hard working parent. My visit with Maggie this past June was again a memorable visit. I don't recall any visit with Maggie that we didn't learn more about each other and love each other more. Maggie was ready. She understood Redemption and Salvation. Today she is with our Heavenly Father and his Son, Jesus. Dad (Richard) welcomed her with open arms.

August 27 at 9:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Red Leaf Japanese Maple to the Lassiter family.



August 27 at 8:51 AM



**Susan Cyrus** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

Maggie, you were an amazing person, such an inspiration to everyone at Tavares Elementary. You had a heart of gold and touched so many lives. You dearly loved your students and always put them first! Your sweet smile was contagious and you gave us so many fond memories! Our loss is Heaven's gain! Prayers for Mike and all of your family. Susan Cyrus Retired Principal and Friend, Tavares Elementary School



August 27 at 6:56 AM



**Theda Heiserman** shared an album called **New Album Name**.



August 27 at 5:21 AM



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SS

**Sally Strand** lit a candle in honor of Margaret.

My dearest Maggie, I will miss you. You gave so much to all your students and friends. You are an Angel in God's hands.Sally

August 27 at 4:03 AM



KB

**Kerry Berrong** posted:

I will always remember her energy and the way she made everything fun and full of life. Great teacher, cheerleading coach and head of yearbook. I can still see her flipping her thick wavy hair behind her ear in class. Definitely will be missed. Kerry - EHS Class of 95

August 27 at 3:38 AM

RU

**Ruth** posted:

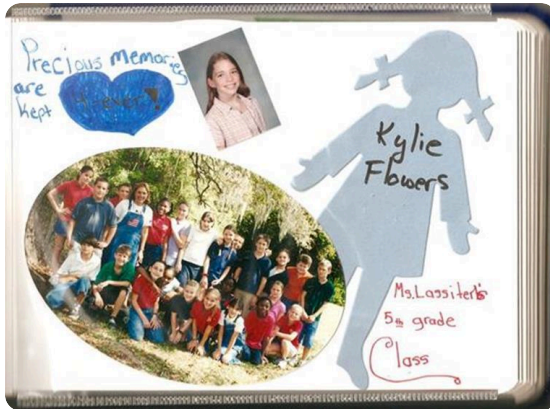
I have so many memories of Maggie's "million dollar" smile. She could light up the world and make me feel like a "million dollars" with that smile! She was a determined lady and would work tirelessly when she had a goal. When Mag had a goal, everyone around her would find themselves swept up with into her little tornado of energy to add to and help her accomplish her goal. Maggie made this world better through her presence.

August 27 at 3:37 AM



Kylie Flowers shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

August 27 at 9:26 PM



5th grade scrapbook in Mrs. Lassiter's class.



Always has been and always will be my favorite teacher.



## Media

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**Jeannette Phillips** shared a photo to the **Family Gathering Nov 2014** album. August 27 at 5:33 PM



Cousins Nov 2014 Maggie is center



**Dave Henderson.** August 28 at 12:30 PM  
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**Theda Heiserman** shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

August 27 at 5:21 AM



One of the few teachers that ever "got" him and made such an impact!!



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Margaret by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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