



Ava Theresa Shue Stafford

July 20, 1953 - August 9, 2020

Mrs. Ava Theresa Shue Stafford, 67, passed away Sunday, August 9, 2020, at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center in Salisbury.

A private service will be held at Lady's Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor Mike Roper will officiate.

Mrs. Stafford was born July 20, 1953 in Concord. She was a daughter of the late James Marvin Shue and Evelyn Correll Harwood Shue. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. She also enjoyed political advocacy.

Mrs. Stafford is survived by her husband, Robert "Kyle" Stafford; daughter, Kandace Callaghan and husband David of Cornelius; son, Brian Wacaster and wife Jody of Salisbury; three sisters, Myra Lynn Bannister of Rockwell, Ramona Dudley of Charlotte and Patty Lentz and husband Mark of Kannapolis; and two granddaughters, Katie Callaghan and Emily Wacaster.

Memorials may be sent to Lupus Foundation of America, North Carolina Chapter, 4530 Park Road, Suite 302, Charlotte, NC 28209 <https://www.lupus.org/northcarolina/node/264>.

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Jacqui - August 15, 2020 at 03:32 PM



“ Unfortunately, I didn't have the pleasure of meeting Ava in person. Only on Facebook. But she made my day every day with her feisty words! And I truly appreciated her kind nature and desire for a more just world. I know that she was very proud of her kids and grandchildren. I know that she loved her husband. She was a breath of fresh air. And I send my sincerest condolences to her family.

Tracy Wood - August 14, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Dear Ava: My life won't be the same on a daily basis now without you in it. You were an inspiration and a gift to me. We shared our love of our Grands, our families, flowers, birds, politics, the ocean, laughter and an overall joy of life. Thank you for letting me share personal things with you and uplifting me when I was down. I hope you felt my appreciation and love for you. R.I.P. my Soul Sister. There's a group of us with the intentions of "Getting Into Good Trouble" in honor of you.

Love to you always. †

Stormie Chames



Stormie Chames - August 14, 2020 at 01:07 AM



“ Debbi Custer lit a candle in memory of Ava Theresa Shue Stafford



Debbi Custer - August 13, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ The world lost a true warrior, in the fight for everything good, when my very dear "sister friend" Ava passed away Never in my life, have I experienced a friendship as close, deep or true, as I felt with hers. This is truly amazing considering that I only knew her on Facebook. She could reach through my computer screen and touch my heart, give me a warm hug, dispense advice, and help me maintain my faith and hope in humanity and for the future. There was not a single day, when opening my laptop, that I did not immediately look for her posts and comments. They were often one of the highlights of my day. She had a "huge" personality, quick wit and a wicked sense of humor. She was extremely generous in sharing her life with her friends, in photos and through her stories, as well as some choice and often hilarious words. Anyone could see and feel how much she enjoyed life and there was absolutely no doubt how fiercely she loved her family and her grandchildren. My thoughts and prayers will be with her family, during the difficult days ahead. At this time, her Facebook friends, are coming together to comfort each other and to carry on her legacy in fighting for the things that matter in our country. She will certainly live on in our hearts and minds for the rest of our days.

Debbi Custer - August 13, 2020 at 06:48 PM



“ I just can't believe you're gone and how I didn't realize just how much I looked forward to your words. You're a beautiful soul, a fighter, a friend with the remarkable gift of turning profanity into poetry...a gift to the world. What an honor to have known you.

ronda - August 13, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ Our prayers and deepest sympathies to Kyle and family in the passing of Ava. Both have been good neighbors for many years. She always showed compassion for those around her in spite of personal health issues. She will be sorely missed.

Danny & Cedora Coe

Cedora & Danny Coe - August 13, 2020 at 01:25 PM



“ I met Ava through Facebook and was enriched by her friendship. I enjoyed her posts and comments due to her humor, commitment to advocacy and love and devotion to family. She spoke of her special love for her granddaughters often. Ava is missed.

Veronica Blann - August 12, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ava Theresa Shue Stafford.



August 12, 2020 at 03:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ava Theresa Shue Stafford.



August 12, 2020 at 12:57 PM



“ Brenda Williams lit a candle in memory of Ava Theresa Shue Stafford



Brenda Williams - August 12, 2020 at 03:30 AM



“ Sister friend you'd call us. We were your tribe, you our leader and fiercest advocate for equality and justice. I admire you, you never failed to support my paintings with enthusiasm and admiration. Those who stood in your way were dissected and a tongue lashing would bring a foe to tears we could guarantee a laugh every day with you Ava and I never hesitated to message you when it came to advice or support. You loved your family fiercely, I loved that about you and your granddaughters were your everything. I miss you so much as I choke back tears everyday, yet I feel the warmth of your smile and your encouragement to continue my art when I lose faith. Forever in my heart Ava you will remain. I love you sista

Brenda Williams - August 12, 2020 at 03:25 AM



“ Staffard family I am so sorry for the loss of your wife, mom, and grandma. It was such fun to see how much she loved her little granddaughters on facebook. I hope she has found a peaceful way up to heaven. Hugs to your family.

Mary Bodendein - a Madison Wisconsin friend

Mary Bodendein - August 11, 2020 at 02:36 PM



“ Ava, you and I were friends through FB, but that mattered little to you. You gave us all something to hold onto in these turbulent times, your intelligence, your humor, your often colorful posts to make us laugh, but more importantly, your wise words to give us hope. You made us feel like we were a part of your family and you shared your beautiful family with us, and we came to love them as we love you. You will be missed, but a Spirit like yours can never be forgotten, and I know you will always be the Brightest Star in the sky still guiding all of us who love you dearly....rest now my friend.....you deserve it.....and know we will carry on for you.....Goodbye Sister Friend.... I love you.

Sharon Sutton - August 11, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Go with God, Ava! I read your fiery posts every day, and although we never met in person, I counted you as a friend. We will honor your spirit and your memory by voting the bastards out!!!

Stanley Mathews - August 11, 2020 at 01:08 PM



“ I will certainly miss all of your feisty posts, Ava. I know you fought 24 hours a day to keep our democracy intact. If anyone can pull strings up in heaven to save our democracy, it would be you. Rest easy my friend & know we will continue to carry the torch down here. Don't give God too much of a hard time...you made it home. I will always remember you for your wit & courage.

Deby Posluszny

Deborah Posluszny - August 11, 2020 at 12:56 PM