



## Elaine Giles Cleveland

September 14, 2013

Elaine Giles Cleveland, age 55, of Buford, GA passed away on Saturday, September 14, 2013 after a nineteen- month battle of ovarian cancer. She was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Jerry Cleveland. She is survived by her husband of thirty-four years, Al Cleveland, Buford, GA; children, Erin Cleveland Roberts and husband, Brian, Cumming, GA and Anna Cleveland, Athens, GA; parents, David and Joyce Giles, Buford, GA; brothers and sisters-in-law, Mike and Connie Giles, Birmingham, AL and Steve and Ann Giles, Greenville, SC; sister and brother-in-law, Melissa and Mack Sheddan, Gainesville, GA; mother-in-law, Kay Cleveland, Hartwell, GA; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Chris and Karen Cleveland, Cumming, GA; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Elaine was born November 26, 1957 in Atlanta, GA. She was a 1975 graduate of Campbell High School and a 1979 graduate of Georgia Southern College with a Bachelor's Degree. She was a retired teacher from Buford City School System after thirty-one years of service. She was a former member of First Baptist Church of Buford where she was involved in many activities and was a member of Buford Presbyterian Church. A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home with Dr. Corey Ingold, Pastor from Buford Presbyterian Church, officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, 2501 Oak Lawn Avenue, Suite 435, Dallas, TX 75219, [www.ovarian.org](http://www.ovarian.org) in

memory of Elaine Cleveland.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Elaine Giles Cleveland*

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“ *To Elaine's much loved family:  
Elaine was truly an inspiration to all she came in contact. Her love of God was evident in everything she did. Elaine's commitment to her faith, her family, and her friends served as an inspiration to those with whom she came in contact. I will miss her! I count my self very fortunate to have been in her life.*

**Gayl Glenn Kelly** - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Mike has kept us posted on her battle and we have prayed for her every day in our "Stand up" meeting. We will continue to pray for the family during this time of loss. God Bless each and every one of you. Brenda Bryant*

**Brenda Bryant** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Heavens doors open rip Mrs Cleveland you were amazing teacher at Buford high school. I am a former student of yours giving you honor on this day. I know you're will be forever in your family hearts. God is good at all times.*

**angela hosch sadler** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

K(

“ *Megan and I are so upset to see your mother go. She was the most positive and caring person I knew. I will never forget how much she helped me with my Meggie during my years in Seabrook. I have her soup recipe (in her handwriting) that Meg loved so much. I will be making it today in her honor. Love you girls!*

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**Kathy Colvin (Finley)** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *I'm so very very sorry for your loss. May you find strength in your loving memories to help you through each passing day.*

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**Arlene Rothstein** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Al-*

*May God give you strength and comfort during this time. My prayers are with you.*

*Jenny Anderson*

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**Jenny Andeson/Flambeau** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I just learned of the passing of Elaine, and I am so sorry. She was such a lovely lady and a wonderful teacher who will be missed by all whose path she crossed. God bless you and comfort your hearts in your time of loss.*

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**Darlana Lord** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Anna, I am deeply saddened to hear of your loss. Reading the other comments here I can see what a special lady your Mom is. I know you'll have many great memories to hopefully help you through this tough time. My thoughts with you and your family. --Craig

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**Craig Westwood** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ The service today for Elaine was so remarkable in depicting the beautiful, impactful life she lived. What a legacy she has left for all of us in the way she loved and cared for so many people. I was one of the blessed ones to have worked with her at BHS for 14 years. She taught me so much in the way she loved kids and our school and community. Meeting her mom and dad, her brothers and sister, and seeing Al, Anna, and Erin today was so moving. I could feel your loss and yet your strength as a family was so present. Please know that she will never be forgotten and that our prayers will remain for you all as you try and adjust to this life without her. With love,  
Dexter Wood

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**Dexter Wood** - September 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Bruce Akins** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. May Elaine's beautiful memories comfort you in the days ahead. May God ease your hearts with the hope at John 5:28. He longs to reunite you together in the future Paradise. May he give you strength to cope with your most devastating loss.

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**Shirl** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Thoughts and prayers for the extended Cleveland family. Mrs. Cleveland was a wonderful teacher and mentor and she was one of my teachers in her very first year at Buford. She will be missed by many but her lessons and influence will be remembered forever.

*Rest in peace Mrs. Cleveland and God Bless the Cleveland family.*

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**Molly Fisher-Kinhead** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ Elaine was a wonderful colleague to work along side offer so many years. I am leaving today fora trip and will miss seeing the family, but you are all in my thoughts and prayers!

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**Pat Nash** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I am very saddened to hear this. Mrs. Cleveland was an awesome teacher and friend. I remember all the times we talked when I would come to baby sit and also our chats in school. She was always someone that understood without judgment. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

*Cyndi Smith*

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**Cyndi Smith** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I send to you my personal condolences for a loss that you will never recover. I taught with Elaine many of her teaching years at Buford High School and spoiled her children, Erin and Anna. She was always a loving, soft spoken person who never had a harsh word to say about anything or anyone. Her kind spirit will always remain in my memory. May God bless you and keep his arms around you during this trying time.

Love

Marjorie Wilson (Ms. Marge)

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Marjorie Wilson - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Mrs. Cleveland will be missed by everyone who knew her. She was a wonderful person and teacher. She taught me so much and was always there for me during those crazy high school years. I am praying for all of you and am so sad for your loss.

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Christina Woods - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ Al, girls, & family,  
I taught with Elaine for 25 years & we shared so many good, bad, & ugly times. She was a kind & giving person to her friends, family, & students. Her faith was always strong even to the end. She will be missed, but she will never be forgotten. I recall the BHS Christmas parties at my house, sitting in the teacher's lounge, teaching across the hall from her, taking the girls for ice cream at DQ in the Mustang, & other memories flood through my mind. So many of her friends will mourn her loss with you. If I can be of any help in any way, I am there! You all have & will continue to be in my prayers.  
Debbie Loftice

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Debbie Loftice - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ MRS. CLEVELAND WAS A VERY LOVING AND CARING TEACHER. SHE HAD A GREAT IMPACT ON MANY LIVES

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**BOBBIE MOORE** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ *To the family of Mrs. Cleveland:  
I am so sorry for your loss. Mrs. Cleveland was my 9th grade English teacher and she was always so warm and caring. She made English fun and she encouraged us all to do our best and if we needed a little extra help she was always willing to be there for us. My family's warmest thoughts and prayers go out to her family! God Bless.*

*Kristy Nix*

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**Kristy Elmore Nix** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Mrs. Cleveland was my English Teacher, when I attended Buford High School. She was a lovely lady who was loved by many of her former students.*

*She aspired us to be much more than just average. Aspiring us to reach to our fullest potentials. She was quite fond of her students even after they graduated.*

*Her warm smile was welcoming to see while walking down the halls.*

*She was a true gem and will be missed by so many.*

*To her family, friends, former students, and all who knew her, I offer my sympathy. We have lost a very dear soul and we will truly miss her.*

*Thank you Mrs. Cleveland, It is with love, I sign this book for you. I loved you very dearly.*

*Angela Rose Casper Hernandez. C/O 1995*

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**Angela Rose Casper Hernandez** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Elaine was a wonderful person. Erin and Anna my thoughts and prayers are with you*

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**Marie Porter** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ AI, Erin, Anna, and Elaine's family,

*Elaine was such a wonderful daughter, wife, mother, teacher and friend. I'm not sure how we will all get along without her, but Elaine would want us to keep moving forward each day and want us to make a difference in the world each and every day. We must try to live as Elaine lived her life - always with a positive attitude and being kind and loving to everyone. Elaine was my very dear friend for over 30 years, so I share your sorrow. Please know that I will always be happy to help you in any way - because I love you and want to, and I also know Elaine would do anything for my family if the situation were reversed.*

*Love,  
Gail Aiken*

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**Gail Aiken** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Dear AI & Girls,

*Elaine was a precious, precious soul, she was always so kind to everyone and a lovely personality. I enjoyed working with Elaine at Buford High School. May the Lord give you comfort and strength during this time.*

*Glenda & Tony Harrison*

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**Glenda Harrison** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ AI:

*Please know that your friends are all thinking of you and hoping that you will find some peace.*

*Your friend,*

*Jim*

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**Jim & Cyndy Pearce** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *To the Cleveland Family,  
Mrs. Cleveland was a wonderful lady and I know Heaven received a precious Angel on Saturday evening. She was a special teacher, friend, & coworker. I had her for 9th grade English and then worked with her when I returned to Buford to work. I was so glad I got to see her I will greatly miss her. My prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

*Amy Denson Moody*

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**Amy Moody** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *AI and family ~ I am so saddened to hear this news. I pray that God lifts you up and comforts you.*

*All of our love,  
Lisa and Scott Hubble*

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**Lisa Hubble** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

HN

“ God chose a beautiful rose for his garden. Mike and family know that her life has just begun. She is now sitting at her Savior feet, free of pain and sorrow. Know that she is watching and protecting from above, every time you see a rainbow she is sending her family a smile.

*God bless you and family*

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**Helen Norton** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ I AM SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS VERY SAD TIME.

*" LOVED ONES ARE IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER "*

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**PAT LEWIS** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Dear Mike and family sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. May the peace that passeth all understanding be with your family at this time. God bless each and everyone .

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**gayle mccooy** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Mike,

*May the Lord God give you and your family the strength and courage in this time of your loss. Also may he give you the support that you all need from kindhearted, nice, helpful and thoughtful people that you need in your Life.*

*sincerely,  
Carolyn Brown  
Activity Director  
Wesley Manor*

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**Carolyn Brown** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *So saddened for the loss. My brother John had her as a teacher and he thought the world of her. Please know her family is in our prayers. Godspeed.*

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**Jim Cheeley** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *To the Cleveland family, so sorry for your loss. You will found comfort from the promise made at "John 5:28,29".*

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**Sandra Rhodes** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ *Prayers for the family. She was taken way too young. Be strong and know that she is in a better place and fully healed.*

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**Eddy Thompson** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *She was a great lady. I hope to attend the service tomorrow.*

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**Benjamin Carr** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Mrs. Cleveland You will truly be missed.. You touched so many lives with your kinds words..you always had that beautiful smile on your face!!!*

*Love you always  
Suzette Bailey  
Class of '88*

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**Suzette Bailey** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *My heart was saddened by hearing of the loss of Mrs. Cleveland. She was my English teacher at BHS. I fell in love with English and writing in her class. She was a great teacher, and will be greatly missed. My heart and prayers are with her family, friends, and everyone whom had the pleasure of meeting or being taught by her. Heaven has welcomed a wonderful Angel.*

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**Lena Brown** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ *I'm am very sadden to hear of her passing, I'm so sorry and many prayers said for the Cleveland family!*

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**Brad Altone** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Al, Erin, Anna and other family members, you are in my thoughts and prayers. Elaine's life touched many, many people, and all whom she touched were better for having known her.

Anne Day

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Anne Day - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I just realized that all my thoughts of Elaine are happy thoughts. She was so proud of her daughters, and shared Erin's wedding photos with us. Lunches in her office at school, on the clandestine side sometimes, were always filled with happy talk. In the upGrade program, designed for students who were behind in their assignments, she always went the extra mile, and I enjoyed helping her, though she did the organization part (organization was one of her strong points :-). When I see her in my head, I see her smiling, and that's the way I will always remember her. Al, Erin, and Anna, my heart is with you in this difficult, difficult time. Elaine was a very special person, and we will all miss her, but we are all so glad to have known her.

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Karen Harkins - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Anna and Cleveland family I am so sorry to here of her passing. I did not have her as a teacher, but she was a great person to be around. I graduated in 07 and so I now work at Kroger and I would see her every other week until recently again I am so sorry to here she is gone. BHS 07 We will miss you Mrs. Cleveland

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Rainey E - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ *Great TEACHER that showed nothing but love and compassion for ALL students!! You will be greatly missed(Buford lost another GREAT 1)... Rip luv!!!*

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**Kesicha Haynes Blow** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *She Was a Great and Wonderful Teacher and She Pushed Me Into The Person That I am Today by Helping Speak The Proper English. I'm Going To Miss Her, I'll See Her Again When I Reach The Promise Land :)*

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**Juvar Grant** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Mrs. Cleveland was my 9th grade English teacher. I have many fond memories of her class and her caring way. She is one of the inspirations that led me into a career in teaching. Prayers to the friends and family of this dear lady.*

*Kim Davis ~BHS class of '92*

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**Kimberly Davis** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *We're praying for all of you during this difficult time and extend our love and deepest sympathy to the Cleveland and Giles families. We were honored and blessed to know Elaine.*

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**Susan & Chad Lockhart** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ I would like to take this opportunity to send my heart felt live and deepest sympathies to the Cleveland Family. Mrs . Cleveland was my english teacher and I will never forget hiw dhe always encouraged me to always be the best I could be by always working hard. She may be gone but never forgotten.

**Aundrea Griffin-Malcolm** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Praying God will comfort your family during this difficult time.

**Lacrecia Smith** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

IM

“ Mrs Cleveland was a very special teacher; she had a genuine love for her students and her students loved her in return. I will forever cherish her memory.  
*Ira Moon-Studivant*

**Ira Moon-Studivant** - September 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Praying for your family through this difficult time, You were and amazing teacher, mother and friend. Loved by hundreds you will be greatly missed.

**Mishelle Walker** - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ The Cleveland family,  
I am very saddened to hear of Mrs. Cleveland's passing. I was in the very first class she taught at Buford High School. She was a very kind, compassionate person. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. *Mark Doster*

**Mark And Shannon Doster** - September 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM