

# MuthanaLETHAONUA MAURENE

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Obituary



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Lethaonua Maurene Davis (formerly Muthana) was born January 3, 1954 in Fort Eustis, Virginia and passed away from a year-long battle with cancer on March 10, 2022 in Bakersfield, California.

Maurene resided in Lubbock, Texas, and Barstow, California before she entered Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico. After graduating, she moved to Delano, California and started her career in education with the Delano Union Elementary School District (DUESD). She started as a middle school counselor

and later decided to earn her Masters in Educational Administration at California State University Fresno. Maurene then became a Vice-Principal, Principal, and eventually the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction for DUESD. Throughout her 35 year long tenure, she touched many lives as an educational leader. One of her greatest accomplishments as an administrator was opening up Morningside Elementary School in Delano, California and leading the school to earn the first Distinguished School Award in DUESD history in 2006. Maurene was passionate about educating the youth of Delano and being a part of the community in which she worked and lived. She was also a part of several community groups, including Kiwanis.

After retiring, Maurene enjoyed traveling with her husband Leonard to all 50 states and abroad, and spending time with her family, grandchildren, and friends. She loved the beach, cooking, listening to a variety of music, playing cards with friends and family, and scrap-booking. She was an amazing mother to her two children, Kaley and Ryan, and grandmother to her five grandchildren, Sean, Ali, Mason, Logan, and Connor. The impact that she had on the Delano community, family, and friends is immeasurable. It is certain that those who knew her will miss her.

She was preceded in death by her father James Lancaster, her grandparents Lethaonua and G.M. Russell, her stepson

Jason Davis, sister-in-law Jancie Gruber, and brother-in-law Roger Stephenson.

Maurene is survived by her mother Hazel Dean Pedersen, her brother Kim Lancaster and wife Tammie, her sister Teresa Hebert, her brother Greg Pedersen, her husband Leonard Douglas Davis, her in-laws Mike and Katherine Pounds, Dave and Jacki Rickels, Debra Stephenson, and Bill Gruber, her stepson Danny Davis, her daughter Kaley Hawkins and husband Blaine, her son Ryan Muthana and his wife Theresa, and grandkids Sean Davis, Ali Davis, Mason Davis, Logan Hawkins, and Connor Hawkins, and a multitude of extended family and friends, all of whom loved her and will dearly miss her.

In lieu of cards or flowers, anyone wishing to may make a donation to Hoffmann Hospice Home.

A funeral will be held at Greenlawn Funeral Home Southwest (2739 Panama Lane) on Monday, March 21st at 2pm. Her final resting place will be at the Bakersfield National Cemetery during a ceremony closed to immediate family.

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