



## Teresa "Trixie" Mau

March 26, 1957 - December 20, 2023

Teresa Mau, 66, of Kankakee, passed away after a long battle with cancer on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at home.

Teresa was born March 26, 1957 in Kankakee, the daughter of Brunell and Angela Dupuis.

She was a graduate of Bishop McNamara High School and Illinois State University. Teresa began her teaching career in 1979 and worked for the Bradley Elementary District 61 for 39 years. She retired in May of 2018. She was a dedicated teacher who enjoyed her job, planning lessons and activities, and tutoring. She was an inspiration and a mentor to many beginning teachers.

Teresa, or Trixie as she was affectionately known by her family and friends, loved to clown around and make people laugh. She loved traveling and visiting historic places, antiques, and going to flea markets. Her hobbies included collecting angels, rocks, and folk-art painting. Teresa and her husband operated a hobby business selling their wood crafts for many years. She especially enjoyed painting Santa Clauses and angels. She was a parishioner of St. Martin of Tours Church, now known as John Paull II Catholic Church for many years.

She is survived by her husband, Michael, whom she married on June 23, 1984 at St. Martin of Tours Church; her daughter Lauren (Chindanu) Ozuah of Waxahachie, Texas; her son Zachary Mau (April Fern) of Tinley Park, IL; sisters, Diane (Don) Giles of Henderson, NV and Rosemary O'Connor of Normal, IL; sisters-in-law, Laurie Mau and Cheryl Fozzard; brothers-in-law, Doug Mau and George Fozzard; mother-in-law, Evelyn Mau-Buono; eight nephews and four nieces; one beloved granddaughter, Kamarachi; as well as her little dog Max.

Teresa was preceded in death by her father, Brunell Dupuis; mother, Angela Dupuis; brother Edward Dupuis.

At Teresa's request there will be no services with cremation rites being accorded. Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care in Bourbonnais.

A Celebration of Her Life will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, from 3pm to 7pm at Bonfield Lion's Club in Bonfield, IL.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR **23**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bonfield Community Center/Lions Hall  
148 S. Stanford Ave  
Bonfield, IL 60913

# Tribute Wall

LT

“ *Trixie was my coworker and friend. She definitely knew how to light up any meeting or training session by simply asking a question, or two, or three. All her former students were blessed to have her as their teacher. She will truly be missed by many.*

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**Liz Tschopp** - December 23, 2023 at 05:18 PM

KR

“ *I was fortunate enough to teach at Bradley East while Teresa was there. She was a delightful person to be around and I am very grateful to have known her.  
God bless you Michael for your loving care.  
Karen Riml*

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**Karen Riml** - December 23, 2023 at 03:07 PM

RG

“ *Teresa will be remembered for her smile and laughter. Such a sweet lady 💕  
Sending my condolences to her family.*

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**Rosanne Gianotti** - December 23, 2023 at 09:51 AM

JG

*I know you were good friends I'm sorry!*

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**Joseph Giacchino** - December 23, 2023 at 04:14 PM

BB

*I was fortunate to work with Teresa and a great group of teachers for seven years at Bradley West school! I have many fond memories of good times with great people. I send my condolences to her family and friends.  
Bill Bos 💕*

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**Bill BOS** - December 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM

JN

“ Jodi Norton lit a candle in memory of Teresa "Trixie" Mau



Jodi Norton - December 22, 2023 at 11:47 PM

JN

“ Trixie was my coworker, my friend, and my supporter. She filled many mornings with quick questions and lunch times with hilarious stories. She made us laugh everyday! She was a say it like it is kind of person and that is what I loved most about her. She knew how lift you up! She was a great teacher! She was a wonderful friend. I've missed her everyday since she retired. She made work fun. 🧡

Jodi Norton - December 22, 2023 at 11:44 PM

JG

“ Joseph Giacchino lit a candle in memory of Teresa "Trixie" Mau



Joseph Giacchino - December 22, 2023 at 04:06 PM

DJ

“ Dorothy Jones lit a candle in memory of Teresa "Trixie" Mau



Dorothy Jones - December 22, 2023 at 02:45 PM

DJ

“ I remember years ago coming to my house. My husband and I had rescued a little black cockapoo from the animal shelter and Teresa came over to adopt the puppy from us. I was so happy that we were able to send that puppy to a happy home! RIP TERESA! DOROTHY JONES

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**Dorothy Jones** - December 22, 2023 at 02:43 PM

SF

*I was so lucky to have worked with Teresa for many years at Bradley West Elementary School. She gave me so many smiles as I would hear her singing in the school hallways or her classroom. Now Teresa is bringing many smiles to her family and friends in Heaven. RIP my dear friend.*

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**Sue Follansbee** - December 22, 2023 at 03:35 PM