

## What Will Matter

A Tribute to a Teacher's Life  
By Michael Josephson

Ready or not, some day it will come to an end.  
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.  
All the things you collected, whether treasured or forgotten will pass to someone else.  
It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.  
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.  
So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans and to do lists will expire.  
The lesson plans, staff meetings, parent conferences and school house politics that once seemed so important will fade away.  
The annual parade of fresh faces will end and the noises of chattering children, shuffling feet and slamming lockers will be heard no longer.  
It won't matter how much you earned, the car you drove or the street you lived on in the end.

### So what will matter? How will the value of your life be measured?

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.  
What will matter is not your competence, but your character.  
What will matter is every act of dedication, passion and example that enriched, empowered and enlarged young minds.  
What will matter is not how many people you taught, but how many lives you touched.  
What will matter is the way you honored your parents, loved your children, and supported your friends.  
What will matter is not your memories, but the memories of those who loved you.  
And what will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom, and for what.  
Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.  
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.  
Choosing to teach is choosing to live a life that matters.

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*In Memory Of*

*Julia Ann  
Love McAfee*

October 28, 1960  
October 3, 2019



Julia Love McAfee, age 58, resident of Oakland, Tennessee and wife of Ronnie McAfee, has gone home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday morning, October 3, 2019.

Julia was born October 28, 1960 in Memphis, Tennessee, the daughter of the late Robert and Pat Love. She received her degree in education and loved her job, teaching Spanish for over 25 years. She enjoyed traveling, gardening, board games, camping, writing letters, cooking and special times with her family and friends. Julia was known for her generosity and was always there as a friend for those in need. Her Christian faith was central in her life and she will be remembered for her devotion to her family.

Mrs. McAfee is survived by her husband of 26 years, Ronald Rhea McAfee; her son, Mordecai Luke McAfee; her brother, Dr. William Love and his wife, Karen; and several beloved nieces and nephews. She also leaves many precious and dear friends.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Penuel Ridge Retreat Center, 1440 Sams Creek Road, Ashland City, TN 37015.

Condolences may be left on our online guestbook at [www.PeeblesFuneralHome.com](http://www.PeeblesFuneralHome.com).

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***Entered This Life***

October 28, 1960

***Departed This Life***

October 3, 2019

***Celebration of Life Service***

6 P.M. Tuesday ~ October 15, 2019

Warren Community Church

Somerville, Tennessee

***Officiating Minister***

Bro. David Reeves

Midway Baptist Church

Whiteville, Tennessee

***Song Selections***

Just As I Am / Lord, I'm Coming Home

Won't It Be Wonderful There

How Great Thou Art

The Only Name (Yours Will Be)