



Angela May Mates

August 8, 1979 - June 17, 2022

Angela May Mates, 42, a lifelong resident of Fort Myers, FL passed away Friday, June 17, 2022 at Joanne's House at Hope Hospice. She was born August 8, 1979 in Fort Myers the oldest daughter of David D. and Rita M. (Tracey) Southwick III.

Angela graduated from Estero High School, Class of 1997 before earning her bachelor of science in nursing degree from Florida Southwestern College. Her career as a nurse was spent in the pediatrics' unit at Health Park Hospital and she was most recently working as an instructor at the Medical Academy at South Fort Myers High School. Angela was very involved with HOSA – Future Health Professionals, enjoyed being a Girl Scout leader and was part of the first altar server class at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community where she was a faithful parishioner.

She is survived by her husband, Claudiu A. Mates; children, Miguel Menendez, Olivia Menendez, Elizabeth Menendez, Adrian Mates and Victoria Mates, all of Fort Myers, FL; parents, David D. and Rita M. Southwick III of Fort Myers, FL; siblings, Shaun (Marilyn) Southwick of Stuart, FL, Dana (Jeffrey) Estes of Bonita Springs, FL, Nicholas (Tracy) Southwick of Mobile, AL, Kristina Southwick of Fort Myers, FL, Michael (Megan) Southwick of Davenport, FL and Andrew (Gabriela) Southwick of Zephyrhills, FL; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her nephew, Jonathan Estes and her Aunt Diane Cramer.

Her family will receive friends on Thursday, June 23, 2022 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Dr., Fort Myers, FL 33967. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 7:00 PM.

She will be laid to rest on Friday, June 24, 2022 by the family in a private ceremony.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Angela Mates Memorial Scholarship Fund for graduating seniors from Bonita Springs High School who are actively involved in HOSA and are pursuing a career as a health professional. Contributions can be sent to The Foundation for Lee County Schools, 2266 Second Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 and mark it for the Angela Mates Scholarship or include a note/letter directing the funds to the scholarship.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Palm Royale Cemetery

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, FL 34119

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 23. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Angela May Mates*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Angie was a great person. I've known her growing up and had the pleasure of working with her at South. We attended the HOSA conference together in Orlando. So sorry to hear of her loss. She was a fantastic teacher, and will be missed by all! RIP Angela*

Christine Monroe - June 24, 2022 at 03:29 AM



“ *When I was Victoria's teacher back in 2019-2020, Angela was an incredible blessing to our class. She was always willing to serve in all capacities. She was not only a parent volunteer but eventually became a confidant as we went into one of the most difficult school years. Still, virtually, she was more than willing to help and encourage me in ways that helped me continue on. Praying for her family in this difficult time and believing that she has found absolute healing and is rejoicing with her Heavenly Father.*

Stephanie D'Amico - June 23, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Angela May Mates.*



June 23, 2022 at 02:56 PM



“ *With Distinction* was purchased for the family of Angela May Mates.



June 23, 2022 at 12:18 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Angela May Mates.



June 22, 2022 at 11:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Kristina Southwick - June 22, 2022 at 08:55 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Angela May Mates.



June 22, 2022 at 07:53 PM

MK

“ Thank you for being such a great teacher and mentor. You helped me through some hard times and you treated me like your own daughter. I loved every second I spent with you and I will miss you terribly. I will always beat myself up for not keeping in touch and I'm sad I never got to tell you where I ended up in school, pursuing a career and degree in the cardiovascular field. Thanks to the amazing EKG class you taught in high school, I fell in love learning about the heart and decided to pursue a degree in it. You believed in me when nobody else did and helped me reach my fullest potential. I'm so glad I met you. You truly are an inspiring woman. So I thank you again for being such a great and loving teacher. I will miss you terribly. ❤️

Makayla K. - June 22, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Angela May Mates.



June 22, 2022 at 12:47 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Angela May Mates.



June 22, 2022 at 11:42 AM

CB

“ Angela was one of the first people I met on my first travel assignment at the Children's Hospital in 2006. This was before Golisano was built. She welcomed me to the unit and always had kind words and a ready smile for a girl from Pennsylvania who was a long way from home. She was an excellent Nurse and provided compassionate care to the children and their families. My deepest sympathies to your family.

Cindy Blackburn - June 21, 2022 at 07:06 PM

SO

“ Mrs. Angela was my girl scout troop leader throughout my entire childhood as well as my close friends mother. She was an amazing person with a huge heart, from all the HOSA memories and girl scout memories, to all the rides home and sleepovers at her house she was always there for me. She was a huge inspiration and will always be close in my heart.

Sonni - June 21, 2022 at 07:06 PM

KM

“ I moved to San Carlos Park the summer that I was 7 years old and met Angela in my second grade class. Thirty five years later I'm a better person for knowing her. We went to school together, church, CCD, and eventually raised kids together too. I had the pleasure of having her as my son's nurse when he was in the PICU and never missed a year of girl scout cookies thanks to her. Our daughters became friends in elementary school and we were able to reconnect through their friendship. Angela was truly one of a kind and I have never met anyone with a more positive outlook on life. She never stopped giving. She blessed our community with her gifts and will forever be missed.

Kelley McMicken - June 21, 2022 at 03:07 PM

KD

“ I met Angela through her involvement with HOSA and fundraising at Germain Arena. Even during crazy events and long days she usually had a big smile. She loved her HOSA kids but didn't let them slack off. I also knew her daughters as they were recruited to help!! She was an amazing spirit and will be truly missed. She will live on in her children and all of those children whose lives she touched.

Karen Dimock - June 21, 2022 at 02:44 PM

CT

“ Chris, Jill & TCAA purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Angela May Mates.



Chris, Jill & TCAA - June 21, 2022 at 01:48 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Angela May Mates.



June 21, 2022 at 12:02 PM