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Contact: Jim Payne (FAA ATL FSDO) and Laura Salamanca (Advanced Aviation)

The following written statement was provided to FAA Inspector Jim Payne by Advanced Aviation CFI Laura Salamanca on 2/2/2023 (in [BLUE](#)):

My student and I departed our home field in the afternoon for an instruction flight. We practiced several maneuvers without issue and headed back to the airport. At about 10 miles north of the field, my student called ATC for clearance. I then had my student switch the fuel tank since that needs to be done periodically during the flight. We were heading to enter a left base for runway seven when the engine unexpectedly quit. I made sure that the throttle was in and that the mixture was full rich. I then transmitted two May Day calls but do not believe they were received. We made a safe landing but off the field, we later realized that the student may have inadvertently turned off the fuel while switching tanks.

Laura