



## Gary Lynn Tackett

April 30, 1949 - July 27, 2021

Gary Lynn Tackett, 72, of Searcy, Arkansas, passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at Unity Hospital. He was born April 30, 1949, in Glenwood, Arkansas to Dillard and Olene Tackett.

He attended school in Glenwood, and graduated from Caddo Gap, which he always referred to as "God's Country." He graduated college at Henderson State University and truly loved his Reddies. That is where he met the love of his life, Becky Mathis Tackett.

He began his coaching career in Altheimer, Arkansas in 1971 before moving to coach in Searcy, Arkansas in 1976. After coaching he worked at First Security Bank, TCBY, Searcy Industrial Laundry, and retired from the Office of Child Support Enforcement. Gary was still coaching and following "his kids" way beyond after his grandson graduated in 2015. He took the opportunity to attend any sporting event he could find. Everyone knew him as Dad, Papaw, Pap Pap, Jersey, and Coach T. Many of you have even been blessed by a special nickname from Coach.

Gary enjoyed playing golf, hunting at Camp 7 with family and friends, where he was called Red Devil.

Gary is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rebecca Ann Mathis Tackett, one

daughter, Amy Williams (James) of Searcy, one son, Terry Tackett, of Little Rock, his grandchildren, Hunter Wood (Jessica) and Haley Wood, all of Searcy, and Olivia Tackett of Little Rock; he is also survived by his sister, Gail Conaway (Bryan), of Crofton. Maryland , many nieces and nephews, cousins, in laws, one aunt and uncle, and everyone at Camp 7.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dillard and Olene Tackett, several cousins, and his best friend, Danny Davis.

Visitation will be held Saturday, July 31, 2021, from 11:00 to 2:00 at Powell Funeral Home in Searcy, Arkansas. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm, Sunday, August 1, 2021, at First United Methodist Church in Searcy.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)  
2602 W. Beebe-Capps Expy  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-7220  
searcy@powellfuneralhome.net  
<https://www.powellfuneralhome.net/>

## Memorial Service

AUG 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
304 N Main St  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 268-5896

# Tribute Wall



“ *Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Lynn Tackett*



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**Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - July 30, 2021 at 02:11 PM

LP

“ *Becky, Amy & Terry I am so sorry about your dad. He was a great man. I am from the Lonoke OCSE . Gary and I have talked many times about all of you and all the grandchildren, his coaching years and hunting. He will be deeply missed and loved him dearly. I am praying for all of you.*

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**Lori Purifoy** - August 02, 2021 at 12:01 PM

CY

“ *Becky, Amy and Terry- Our deepest sympathy for your loss. We just returned from the Memorial service but did not get a chance to visit with you. The memorial service reminded all of the many good times that Gary provided to so many. By the way- he called me Vern-Cliff and Vickie Young*

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**cliff young** - August 01, 2021 at 06:44 PM

CJ

“ *Becky, Sorry to hear of Gary's death. We think of you and Gary often and our lives on Foxboro. You guys were good neighbors for 16 years. We have not been back in 15 years. You and the family are in our prayers.. Clarence & Ann Johnson.*

Clarence & Ann Johnson - July 31, 2021 at 05:27 PM

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“ *Love, Julie Rand and the Class of 1981 purchased the Rose Tribute for the family of Gary Lynn Tackett.*



Love, Julie Rand and the Class of 1981 - July 30, 2021 at 11:05 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Tackett.*



July 30, 2021 at 09:49 AM

LF

“ *Love, Henri, Bill, Brenda and Family, purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Gary Lynn Tackett.*



Love, Henri, Bill, Brenda and Family, - July 29, 2021 at 11:35 PM

DF

“ Darrell & Wanda Short & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gary Lynn Tackett.



Darrell & Wanda Short & Family - July 29, 2021 at 06:23 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Tackett.



July 29, 2021 at 06:07 PM

PS

“ Paula Scott lit a candle in memory of Gary Lynn Tackett



Paula Scott - July 29, 2021 at 12:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Lynn Tackett.



July 29, 2021 at 02:13 AM

SM

“ *you were wonderful neighbors whom we  
always love; we are sorry for your loss* ”



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**Sonny and Pam Mullins** - July 28, 2021 at 07:17 PM