



Lori Elizabeth Newby

April 15, 1970 - November 11, 2010

Lori Elizabeth Griffin Newby, 40, passed from this life on Thursday, November 11, 2010 after a long courageous battle with cancer. A lifelong Searcy resident, she was born on April 15, 1970. She was a 1988 graduate of Searcy High School, and she graduated with a BA and Masters degree in education from Harding University in 1992. Lori began her elementary teaching career, teaching two years in Jacksonville, one year in Texas and 16 years in Searcy Public Schools. A talented teacher of fourth grade at McRae Elementary, she was loved and respected by her students and fellow faculty members. During the last four years of her struggle with cancer, Lori demonstrated a positive outlook, an encouraging attitude to others, and a strong will to fight her disease. She was a lifelong member of the Downtown Church of Christ. Lori was part of a strong, loving family. She was a faithful daughter, sister, wife and mother. She is survived by her husband, Jon Newby and their children, Ally and Griffin, of the home; her parents, Ray and Georganne Griffin of Searcy; one sister, Kim Mote and her husband, Roddy of Searcy; two brothers, Steven Griffin and his wife Wendy of Birmingham, Alabama and Chad Griffin and his wife Wesley of Greenville, South Carolina; and 16 nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her grandfather, Harold Griffin of Greenwood, Arkansas. She was preceded in death by grandparents, Wanda and George Hunter of Searcy and Jewel Griffin of Greenwood. The family would like to thank the Searcy community for their outstanding expressions of love and support throughout Lori's illness. They are deeply

grateful. Visitation will be Saturday from 5 to 7 at Downtown Church of Christ Family Life Center. Funeral services will be at West Side Church of Christ on Sunday, November 14 at 2:00 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home of Searcy. www.powellfuneralhome.net

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Newby Children's Education fund. Please make checks payable to Harding Academy and mailed to Harding Academy, Box 10775, Searcy, Arkansas 72149.

Tribute Wall



“ Ray - my heart is especially saddened by this news - - I'm sure that even when I saw notes asking for prayers, I didn't know she was your daughter. Just last week I asked Suanne and she told me. Words won't ever be enough to comfort you - believe me, it'll be a while. Do you remember that when we were Freshmen, I had a baby sister in the 1st grade back in Springdale? When she was 27, she was diagnosed w/breast cancer and died 4 years later, leaving two babies. Truly, I can feel, in a small way, the pain and awfulness your whole family is going through. My prayers will be with you for a long time.

Lots of love to you all,
JoAnn

February 10, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ Lori was an incredible person who went out of her way to be kind to my family and I. My son, Kyle, was in her 4th grade classroom, and he absolutely loved having Lori as his teacher. She was a very kind friend to my family and I and will be greatly missed. She was a blessing in our lives. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jon and the children and the Griffin family.

-Joan and Kyle Batten (Searcy, AR)
and Mr. Marvin Stendel (Mountain View, AR)

Joan Batten - February 10, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I fondly remember all the classes Lori and I had together while studying education at Harding. She was such a beautiful girl, both inside and out.

November 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Her smile will never be forgotten. Lori was one of the kindest people I have ever met. I only regret losing touch with all in Searcy. She was my "Dr.Phil" in highschool always willing to listen to our problems and the best darn Cheerleader EVER!

God Bless All!

November 17, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Kim, We have prayed for Lori and Sara has been so good to keep our Sunday school class updated with specific prayer requests needed on her behalf.
My heart is heavy and saddened in the loss of your precious sister. From everything I've heard and read, Lori was a wonderful woman as you are and it is so hard to be separated from those we love and those who have loved us unconditionally.
My prayers are with your family during this difficult time.

November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Lori was always a friend to everyone. She refused to judge someone on their appearance and looked deeper to find the jewel within. She was a friend to me and I appreciated her kindness and smile daily. Eventhough we lost touch throughout the years, I rememebered her for her laughter and kindness. Heaven is one angel larger now. I want to express my extreme sadness for all of her family. She was rememebered fondly by me and my parents, Sharon and Donald Peterson.

November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We will miss Lori and her beautiful smile very much. I always loved getting to talk to her and hearing about her kids and Jon. I told her many times how amazing she was with her faith and strenght, she will be missed. We Love You. Rest In Peace sweet Lori.

November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ She is SO loved .. and she will be SO missed. Your family is in my prayers.

November 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Lori as well as Mrs. Georgeann and Chad. However, I have known her threw positive conversations shared by many and as well as her family. I am so sorry that she has passed however I know that she will still be in your hearts and will be your guardian angel. Loss is never easy. With Gods help all things are possible. Cherrish the memories and no that there is an angel watching over your family. This is how I cope with the loss of my mother. I know that she is still with me as I no that Lori will always be with you all. May the Lord Bless you and keep you in His care.

November 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



*“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Lori fought such a courageous battle and we know she is with her Lord today.
May God give you strength each day.*

November 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ You all have been in our thoughts and prayers!!We hate that we cannot be there, but our hearts are with you! By the comments above, it is so obvious that the impact Lori had on the lives she came in contact with, was tremendous! She was an amazing mother, daughter, wife, sister, and friend. We will never forget her infectious smile, outgoing personality, and love for life. We love you all, Leslie and family

November 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM