



## Marla Lou Hendrix

April 14, 1942 - April 24, 2020

Marla Lou Hendrix, 78, of Bald Knob went to be with the Lord Friday, April 24th. She was at her home when she passed peacefully from this world into the next. Marla was born to the late Linnie Kendall and Veo Bennett Kendall of Bald Knob on April 14, 1942. She is survived by her daughter, Tammela Butler Reichel and son-in-law Jim Reichel of Redmond, WA.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Lindy Franklin Kendall of Niles Michigan (1992) as well as her first husband, Christopher Davol Butler of Bald Knob (1973) and her second husband, Robert Nile (Bobby) Hendrix of Bald Knob (2018).

About a year after her graduation from Bald Knob High School in 1960, Marla married Davol Butler. Together, they had one daughter, Tammela. Davol succumbed to his injuries from an auto accident in September of 1973. Then, after a lengthy 3 month courtship, she married Robert in May of 1975. They were married for almost 43 years before his death in January 2018. Marla was a member of Central Baptist Church in Bald Knob. She was a dedicated Sunday school teacher for over 40 years, initially for the children of First Baptist and finally for her beloved Ruth Class of ladies at Central Baptist. Her first love was her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whom her faith was grounded, then her family, and then her church. She had such a heart for the elderly and those who were hurting, being quick with a pot of soup or a card filled with scripture and encouraging words. She was a natural born caregiver caring for her mother-in-law, then mother, and finally for Robert as they each

neared the end of their lives. She also tended to "adopt" widow ladies in her neighborhood and church, checking in, taking food, running errands and most importantly being their friend. Her love knew no limits.

Marla was a skilled homemaker and dedicated mother. She designed her kitchen and even some of her furniture which she then had built. She took great pleasure in beautifully decorating her home. Some might be surprised to know that through the years Marla wrote songs, poetry, and even plays and skits for church. She was quite creative but never considered herself to be so. Marla loved with all of her heart and her departure will leave a hole in the hearts of the many who loved her.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Central Baptist Church of Bald Knob or Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

\*Graveside services will be live streamed on the Powell Funeral Home Facebook page\*

Visitation will be Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral Home in Bald Knob. COVID-19 restrictions are in place during these hours.

Graveside services will be Thursday, April 30 at 11:00 a.m. at the Shady Grove Cemetery Pavilion and social distancing guidelines will be observed.

Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. [www.powellfuneralhome.net](http://www.powellfuneralhome.net)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **29**. 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Bald Knob)

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## Graveside Service

APR **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Shady Grove Cemetery

Bald Knob Lake Road

Bald Knob, AR 72010

# Tribute Wall



“ Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Marla Lou Hendrix



Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services - April 29, 2020 at 10:10 AM

TK

“ My Aunt Marla is very thoughtful God loving person. I wish I could have got to see her more often but we lived far apart, but what I did know that she was very caring & very intelligent woman & I am going to miss writing letters to her. every year on April 14th I will remember that is when my Aunt Marla Birthday. I am truly going to miss her. I remember joyful times that I had with my Aunt Marla & my cousin Tammy when I came to visit, those were very special times in my life that I will never forget. she will always be in my heart & my memory as my favorite Aunt we are all going to miss her. Love Tony Kendall

Tony Kendall - April 30, 2020 at 01:04 PM

SO

“ Marla was a great friend, prayer warrior, and Sunday School teacher. We will miss her sitting on our pew on Sunday mornings. Thank you, Lord, for taking care of her.  
George and Sandra Odom

Sandra Odom - April 28, 2020 at 11:30 PM

AR

“Tammela, your mom lives on in your quiet, compassionate spirit and love of the Lord, a legacy she passed on to you, and that you pass on to those with whom you come into contact. I know how much you miss your mom and am glad you could spend the last months of her life together with her. Romans 8:38-39: “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen and Amen. Hugs to you, sister. I can tell you had a wonderful mom (and still do, as I'm sure she's watching over you from heaven!)

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**Anna Rector** - April 28, 2020 at 02:34 AM

AR

“Anna Rector lit a candle in memory of Marla Lou Hendrix



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**Anna Rector** - April 28, 2020 at 02:21 AM

EM

“Our last conversation was one I will not soon forget. We talked about our Lord. You are a dear friend and will be missed. May you rest with Jesus now. May you family find comfort knowing you are with our Lord. Thank you for being my friend.

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**Edye and Steve McQueen** - April 28, 2020 at 01:34 AM

SS

“ My husband and I attended Central Baptist years ago with Marla and Bobby. They were truly a Godly couple and we enjoyed their friendship. Our sincerest sympathy to their family and friends.

Sylvia Summers - April 27, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Marla Lou Hendrix.



April 27, 2020 at 09:12 PM

JR

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting Marla. Just her fabulous daughter. All my love to you Tammela during this difficult time. Know that I am thinking about you and praying for you.

Julie Ramsey-Blankenship - April 27, 2020 at 08:16 PM

RG

Tammela and Jim,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. I know God will take care of you during this time of sorrow. His love, strenght and refuge will be given to you during this difficult time. May God bless you always.

Roberto Gonzales - April 27, 2020 at 08:30 PM

AJ

Tammela and Jim, so sorry for you but happy that she doesn't have to endure any more pain. Happy to know where she is.

Anita Jackson - April 27, 2020 at 08:56 PM

TH

*Tamara , your mother was a sweet, loving, Godly women. When my husband passed away recently, she sent me a lovely note. I so appreciated it. Made my bleak days a little brighter*

**Teresa Hanney** - April 29, 2020 at 04:41 AM

EM

“ *Ellen Boyce Massey lit a candle in memory of Marla Lou Hendrix*



**Ellen Boyce Massey** - April 27, 2020 at 04:00 PM

FH

*Great woman, praying for the family 🙏*

**Franklin hathaway** - April 27, 2020 at 08:11 PM

DM

“ *Marla. Was such a sweet woman. She was a kind neighbor. Who brought us soup when gene was l'll. And cards to Me after he passed. God bless you Tamara. You have been such a great caretaker for your mom these past months , what a great daughter you are.  
My she rest is peace . Deb Miller*

**debbie miller** - April 27, 2020 at 12:44 PM

CC

*So sorry to hear this. Prayers for you Tamara. She was so kind to my mom and Sister. When they was ill she brought over soup always asked about them. And sent cards to us. She will be missed she was loved by many for sure.*

**carrie collison** - April 27, 2020 at 01:15 PM

AB

*I have many treasured memories of this lady. She invested so much in my life and many others. I will look forward to seeing you again Ms. Marla.*

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**April Buckwalter** - April 27, 2020 at 09:04 PM

LB

“ *Marla was my Sunday School teacher while I lived in Bald Know. She was a wonderful, caring, Christian lady. After I moved to Fayetteville Marla called me to check on me because she heard I was sick. I appreciated that call more than I can express with words.*

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**Linda Staggs Belue** - April 27, 2020 at 11:41 AM

GD

“ *There was no finer Christian woman than Marla. She will be greatly missed. Prayers for her family.*

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**Glenda Downs** - April 27, 2020 at 11:25 AM